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Chancellor Reaves prioritizing for the academic year

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Chancellor Dr. Donald J. Reaves, who began his duties as chancellor on Aug. 15, met with the entire Winston-Salem State University faculty on Oct. 3 in the Thompson Center to discuss his priorities for the academic year.

Reaves started his speech by saying that all decisions made regarding the university are academically-based decisions.

Reaves discussed key points such as further developing WSSU as a historically black university and his various goals in order to achieve this success.

Highlights included improving retention and graduation rates, creating the ideal college student experience, better support services including faculty advising and customer service, and preventing

crime on and around the campus.

Faculty-specific priorities Reaves spoke about were having shared governance between the administration and faculty, and raising money for the university.

"By creating a culture of giving, more money will be given to the university by faculty and staff, students, alumni, and supporters," Reaves said.

"This culture of giving will help the university make the transition from a good institution to a great institution," he said.

Reaves also said he "I have met with SGA, and they suggested showing up at different events. In addition, I have an open door policy with students."

Reaves closed the meeting by acknowledging that he is very happy to be at WSSU.

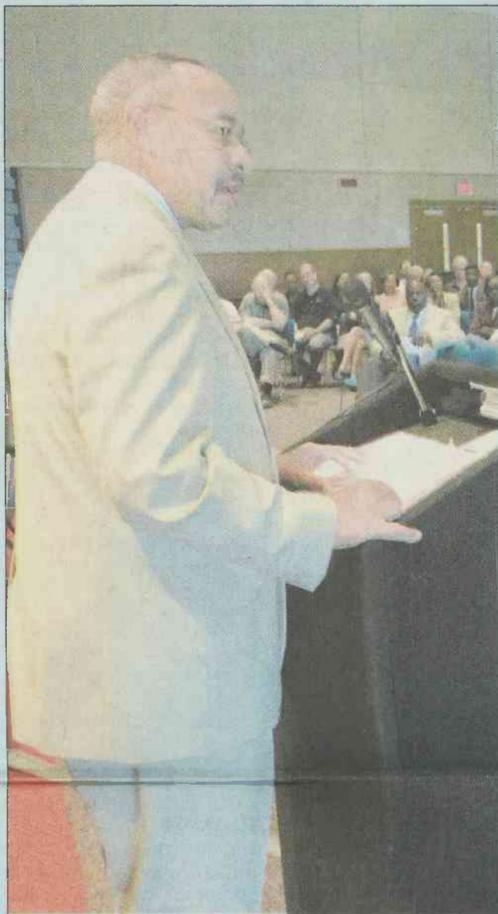


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Chancellor Reaves speaks to administrators.

Miss WSSU is HBCU's first runner-up

The 22nd annual Hall of Fame weekend took place Sept. 29 with its annual Competition of Black College Queens in Atlanta, Ga.

For the second year in a row, Winston-Salem State University placed high in the competition. Amber Joi Jefferson, Miss WSSU, from Baltimore, Md., was announced as first runner-up at the final competition. She competed against 34 other queens from Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the nation in oratory, talent, poise/projection, presentation and image.

In addition, Jefferson received a \$2,000 scholarship for placing as a runner-up. She is a WSSU Burke singer and performed the song, "I'm Here", from the hit Broadway play, "The Color Purple", in the competition. Jefferson, who has received two callbacks for auditions for the Broadway play, hopes to pursue that opportunity when she graduates.

She is the daughter of Manning and Beverley Jefferson, and is a senior majoring in Business Marketing. She is also a WSSU Choir scholarship recipient.

The goal of the Competition of Black College Queens is to showcase African American women who have already been recognized by their respective college or university with the coveted title of campus queen. The competition highlights the intellect, talent and personalities of these young women at HBCUs.

Additionally, the competition serves as a means to provide financial assistance to HBCUs by presenting scholarships to the winners of the competition.

Last year's Miss WSSU, Tiffany Turner, placed as second runner-up in the competition, making it the first time that the university made the semi-finals.

Space cowboys: Heroes of space travel to WSSU

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Space travel. Escaping this world to explore the vastness of the universe. As children, many people imagine themselves as astronauts, piercing through the highest clouds and leaving the Earth behind.

On Sept. 27, two men who did just that spoke at Winston-Salem State as part of the forum, "The Real Space Cowboys." It was sponsored by Omega U.S., creators of the Speedmaster, the watch that was actually worn on the moon. An actual "moon watch" will be auctioned off by WSSU at a future date.

"They are true heroes in the world of space travel," Winston-Salem mayor Allen Joines said of astronauts Scott Carpenter and native North Carolinian Charlie Duke.

Commander Carpenter entered the Mercury Program in 1966. He said that the testing of his aptitude to be an astronaut was interesting, but not painful.

"We were tested for everything," Carpenter said. "There were so many unknowns in space."

One of these examinations had him sitting in a

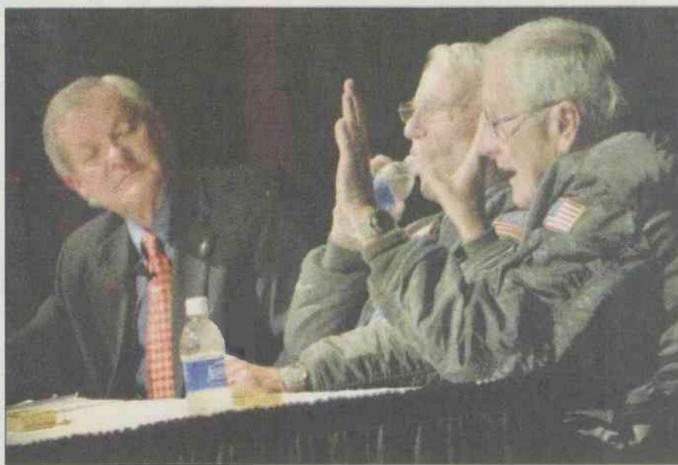


Photo by Garrett Garms

On Sept. 27 former astronauts Scott Carpenter and Charlie Duke visited Winston-Salem State and discussed their experiences with students.

chair, his feet in water filled with ice cubes, until he could no longer handle the sensation. Every form of stress possible for Carpenter to endure was tested by NASA.

Carpenter said one of his most grueling tests involved being dropped in the Sahara Desert for three days armed with nothing but a parachute and Band-Aids. He and a few others made tents and clothes out of the parachute material, surviving by eating lizards.

"That had nothing to do with being a space-cowboy," Carpenter said with a chuckle.

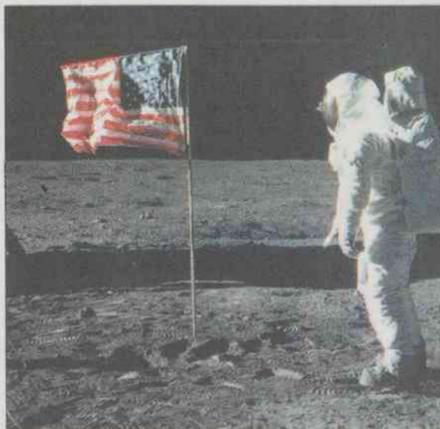


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Astronaut Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin poses on the moon during the Apollo 11 mission in 1969.

Student-athletes held to a high standard

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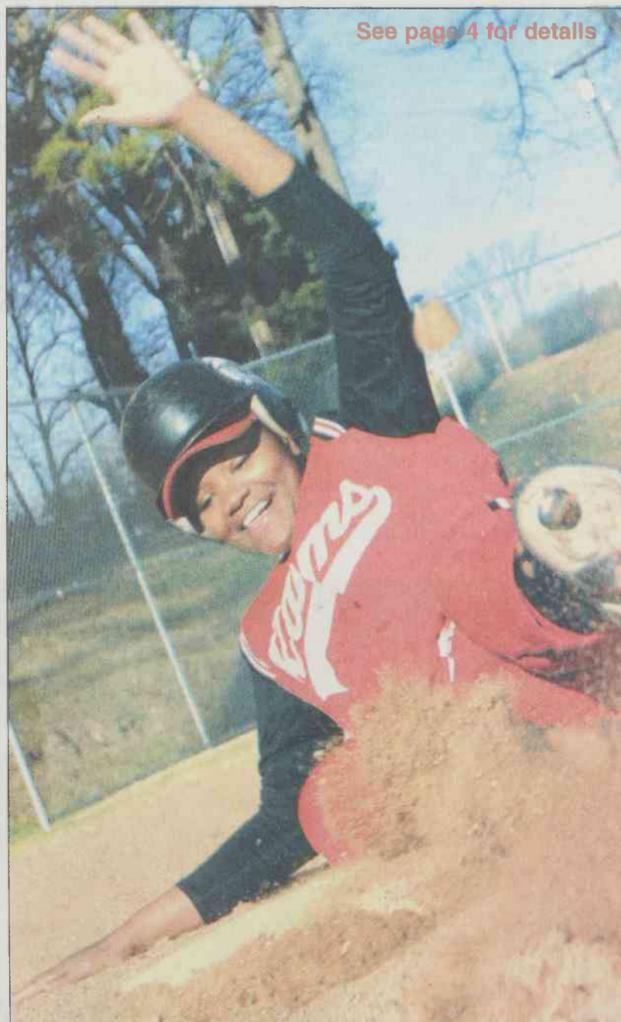


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Athletes at Winston-Salem State and around the country face pressure both on the field and in the classroom.