

## Montgomery clinches nomination in local primary

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Winston-Salem State student Derwin Montgomery, won the Democratic nomination for the East Ward seat on the Winston-Salem City Council.

In the primary election Sept. 15, Montgomery, a senior majoring in political science became the first traditional student in WSSU history to be nominated for that position.

"I don't know how to describe what I feel," Montgomery said the day after the election.

According to www.fcvotes.com, Montgomery won 56.68 percent of the votes against three competitors, including 16-year incumbent Joycelyn Johnson. He received 440 votes during early voting.

"Early voting put us in a great position coming into Election Day," Montgomery said.

Montgomery said he had a unique campaign strategy. He created a Facebook group called "The Committee to Elect Derwin Montgomery."

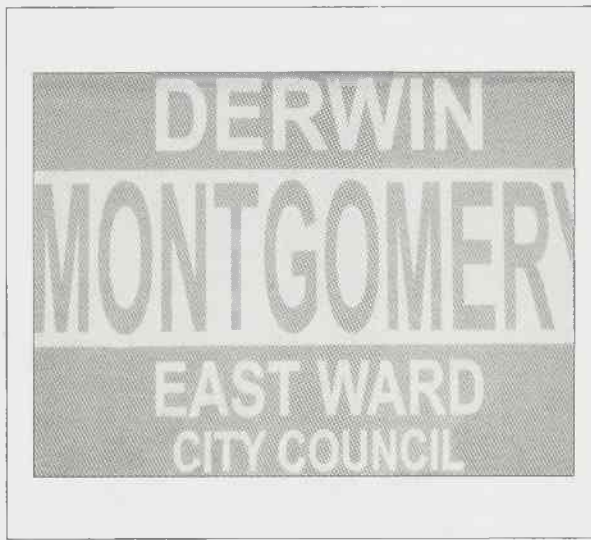
On campus, Montgomery campaigned with flyers, e-mails, and promotion from student organizations. He also helped register students to vote and started a carpool service to take students to the polls. Student leaders assisted him in carpooling.

"I decided to help Derwin take students to the polls," said Shaun Trotter, senior, exercise science major.

"This was a great accomplishment not only for me, but for the social science department and the

University as a whole," Montgomery said.

"The political science department, which is a part of Democracy Now, was very encouraging of my campaign." Montgomery said that the first issues he plans to address are public safety and economic



development.

"Public safety is directly related with Winston-Salem State," he said.

"We have to move from containing crime in the East Ward to eliminating crime in the East Ward. I plan to bring youthful energy and a new perspective

to the council."

Montgomery said that being a college student while running for office allowed him to have access to a base of people who are usually taken for granted.

"This election showed that college students can make a difference," he said.

Montgomery said he thinks that 75 percent of his votes were from WSSU students.

Larry Little, associate professor in the department of social sciences, was the first WSSU student to serve as a city councilman in 1977.

Little was one of Montgomery's advisers throughout the campaign.

"It's a great honor to see your students do well," Little said.

"This campaign inspired me; I wanted to help him in any way I could."

Little said that, as a part of the school's motto, "Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve," Montgomery is ready to serve in his own community.

"Dr. Little was actively involved in my campaign and constantly pushed me to be the best that I could be," Montgomery said.

"I appreciate all of his support."

In addition to his new position, Montgomery holds several leadership roles in campus organizations including Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Followers of Christ Under Salvation, and the Student Government Association Student Senate.

## WSSU mentoring partnership with local schools garnering successes

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Winston-Salem State has been partnering successfully with schools in the community to mentor students K-12.

The schools include North Forsyth High School, Carver High, Atkins High, and Ashley Elementary.

Arthur Hardin, coordinator of Community Services, said that WSSU students mentored 43 potential high school dropouts in a graduation preparation program for the 2008-09 school year.

Of the 43 at risk students, 42 graduated.

Programs such as these are not an isolated incident.

According to Hardin, Black Men for Change, has worked with Petree Elementary School for four years.

Black Men for Change is a WSSU organization geared towards community service, cultural awareness and social networking for black males.

Some of the mentoring programs at WSSU are organized through career services; however, Hardin said not all mentor interaction is reported.

"It's not about numbers," Hardin said. "It's about impact."

Faculty in the school of education, and the department of behavioral sciences and social work have implemented mentoring projects into their

courses.

The program -- *Graduate. It pays.* -- provides a chance for professors, staff and other professionals to mentor high school students who are on the verge of dropping out.

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According to Hardin, out of 77 at-risk students mentored last year, 72 graduated.

"The program is in need of caring adults," Hardin said.

Dr. Beth Day-Hairston, professor in the school of education and human performances, mentored students as well as incorporated mentoring assignments in her curriculum.

In a program known as *Girl Talk*, Hairston paired her students with fifth grade girls from Bolton Elementary School. Her students tell the girls about the importance of

education.

As a part of the program, Hairston's students gave the girls tours of the campus and dorm's.

"It is important to start young," Hairston said.

"We want this [*Girl Talk*] to be sustainable."

Mentoring youth can also provide benefits to those at WSSU. Hairston volunteered with ninth-graders and said her experience was "rewarding personally," and her students benefited as well.

"The community has really focused in on education," Hardin said.

"There is a big need [for mentors] in the east Winston community."

Dr. Manuel P. Vargas, professor and interim associate dean for the school of education and human performances, along with Dr. Dee Wylie, an educational consultant with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools started a program called *Rites of Passage*.

The program was created as a service to public schools to guide students with discipline problems.

Surrounding communities view a HBCU as a source of role models.

"As a HBCU we should help the community," said Hardin.

"It's important to remember where we come from, and

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| <p><b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2009</b><br/>10:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.<br/>Recognized Organizations Committee<br/>Community Service Day</p> <p>9:00 P.M. - 2:00 A.M.<br/>Kick-Off Homecoming Party<br/>Featuring The Dream, Dorough, and The New Boyz, DJ Cease Fire<br/>Hosted by Kyle Santillan, B-Daht, and Afrika (The 102 Jamz Morning Show)<br/>C.E. Gaines Gym</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2009</b><br/>6:00 P.M.<br/>The Sins of My Father (Gospel Play)<br/>Alpha Nu Omega<br/>K.R. Williams</p> <p>8:30 P.M.<br/>Lighting of the Sign<br/>Hosted by Ray "Mr. Breezeway" Johnson<br/>Thompson Center Hill (in front of the Rotunda)</p> <p><b>MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2009</b><br/>7:30 P.M.<br/>Homecoming Comedy Show<br/>Featuring DeRay Davis and Roz G<br/>Hosted by Marcus Combs<br/>DJ Cuttz<br/>K.R. Williams</p> <p><b>TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2009</b><br/>7:30 P.M.<br/>Casino Night<br/>Featuring Live Band and DJ Luke<br/>Hosted by DC Whitaker Gym</p> <p><b>WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009</b><br/>7:00 P.M.<br/>Coronation<br/>K.R. Williams</p> <p>9:30 P.M.<br/>Royal Ball<br/>McNeil Ballroom (Anderson Center)</p> | <p><b>THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2009</b><br/>9:00 P.M.<br/>The Red and Black Affair<br/>Featuring Jeremih and Gav Beats<br/>Hosted by Tap Money<br/>DJ Cuttz<br/>Millennium Center, downtown Winston-Salem</p> <p><b>FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2009</b><br/>2:00 P.M.<br/>Mini Parade/Pop Rally<br/>Hosted by B-Daht<br/>DJ Von Dutch<br/>Fine Arts Bldg/Clock Tower</p> <p><b>SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2009</b><br/>10:00 A.M.<br/>WSSU Parade<br/>Downtown Winston-Salem; 4th and Poplar</p> <p>2:00 P.M.<br/>WSSU vs. Hampton Football Game/Tailgate<br/>Bowman Gray Stadium</p> <p>4:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.<br/>RAM Den Reunion Gathering<br/>TC Pitt</p> <p>7:30 P.M.<br/>NPHC Homecoming Step Show<br/>K.R. Williams</p> <p><b>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009</b><br/>7:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.<br/>Pancake Breakfast<br/>Applebees</p> |
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