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1st HBCU filmmaker contest

WSSU students take first place



Photo by Jaye Cole

From left: Adrian Bryant, Leslie Miles, Antonio DeGraffenreidt and Justin Long celebrate with smiles after winning first place in the HBCU filmmaker contest.

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More than one million online-voters chose two Winston-Salem State students in the 2011 Honda Battle of the Bands HBCU filmmakers' contest Jan. 23.

Mass communications majors, Leslie Miles, a junior from Mount Olive, N.C., and Antonio DeGraffenreidt, a senior from Henderson, N.C., submitted a two-minute documentary video highlighting the WSSU's Red Sea of Sound marching band.

The first-ever filmmaker's competition was open to all communications, journalism and film students from eight HBCUs. The contest was designed to highlight the creativity and skills of the students of the HBCU's commu-

nications departments.

Miles and DeGraffenreidt had more votes than Tiffany Edmondson from Jackson State, whom Miles said was her biggest competition.

After being encouraged by faculty, the two entered and completed the video within a week.

Although pleased with the finish product, both shared that there were changes that they wanted to make. Miles said that she wanted to incorporate historic WSSU bands but could not because of the deadline.

"There were a few glitches that could be noticed by a professional," DeGraffenreidt said.

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WSSU hires new assistant provost

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A new member, Denise Pearson, was added to Winston-Salem State's administrative team as assistant provost Jan. 4.

Pearson was hired in the midst of state-wide budget cuts.

Pearson said she has wanted to serve at a HBCU since she was a graduate student. "WSSU was on the top of my list," she said.

In her new position, Pearson will work closely with Provost

Brenda Allen.

"I am part of Provost Allen's strategic plan to dedicate more human capital toward addressing the needs and interests of the faculty," Pearson said.

She said that her position had been in the works for a while.

"The need to recruit someone dedicated to faculty affairs was probably identified when Provost Allen arrived on campus nearly two years ago," Pearson said.

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University attracts one of best high schools in the country

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As a child, Charmaine Shuford decided failure was not an option for her.

She grew up in Washington, D.C., where the urban life of many minorities often serve as a measure of how much they will achieve academically, and in life. Being a young, black girl in one of America's most blustery metropolitan, she chose to pursue a path of success rather than mediocrity.

Shuford, now a junior mass communications major at

Winston-Salem State, is an active member of the Red Sea of Sound, Mozik Modeling Troupe and Tau Beta Sigma, National Honorary Band Sorority.

Despite her extracurricular activities, she manages to keep her GPA well above 3.0. Even her peers recognize her positive drive and demeanor.

"Charmaine is a very kind person. Her spirit is always high, and so energetic," said Justin Long, one of Shuford's classmates.

Long is a junior mass communications major from Concord, N.C.

Shuford's story began in middle school, where she was interviewed — and accepted — into the highly acclaimed Hyde Leadership Public Charter School.

According to the K-12th grade charter school's website, Hyde's goal is to develop socially responsible leaders while transforming public education. The school accomplish those goals through character development, academic rigor, and family renewal.

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Biggest charitable donor

Michael Jackson's profits from his single "Man in the Mirror" went to charity. In 1992 he founded the Heal the World Foundation, which brought underprivileged children to Neverland and made donations worldwide. He is in the Guinness World Record book for Most Charitable Donations. He has won Most Successful Entertainer of All Time for his 13 Grammy Awards, 13 No.1 singles, and the sale of more than 750 million albums worldwide.
Source: www.biography.com

First black newspaper

Freedom's Journal, the first black newspaper, was founded by John Russwurm and Samuel Cornish in 1827. The purpose of the paper was to fight for liberation and rights, demonstrate racial pride, and inform readers of events affecting the African-American community. Because there was a small readership, the paper stopped printing in 1830. There are almost 60 black-owned newspapers in the United States.
Source: www.libraryspot.com

First black reporter

Thomas A. Johnson was one of the first black reporters at Newsday, and later at The New York Times. He was one of the first black journalists to work as a foreign correspondent for a major daily newspaper. Johnson was a founding member of Black Perspective, an early organization of black reporters in New York, and a member of Black Enterprise magazine's founding board of advisers. The subjects he covered had nothing to do with race. He died in 2008.
Source: www.nytimes.com

