

Smith-Jennings promoted to director

Mycki Smith-Jennings, a native of Winston-Salem and 1969 graduate of Winston-Salem State University has been promoted as director of the Warren F. Kaynor Regional Vocational Technical High School in Waterbury, Conn. The school offers core academic courses and training in 11 trades, ranging from cosmetology and hairdressing to carpentry and machine-tool manufacturing.

Smith-Jennings is a former teacher in the New Haven school system and former assistant director at the state's E.C. Goodwin Regional Vocational School in New Britain. She started her job at Kaynor on July 1.

She is the first African-American female director in the state and the first African-American appointed as assistant director in her previous position.

Smith-Jennings said chief among her goals in her new position is "to continue changes already taking place to turn the school into one that will train students for tomorrow's jobs and turn out tradesmen to compete in today's global economy."

The changes that she will make include modernizing the school's curricula to reflect advances in the workplace.

For instance, automotive mechanics has been changed to automotive technology to reflect the increased specialization required to repair cars. The school's teachers this fall will also be asked to expand the list of career opportunities for their students to include many new technologically current jobs.

She finished her post-graduate work at the University of Connecticut in educational administration and is completing her doctoral degree in urban studies at the University of Massachusetts.

Smith-Jennings graduated from Bishop McGinnis in 1965 and attended WSSU where she graduated with honors. Her educational achievements are profiled in *Who's Who Among College Students*.

"If you can conceive that success is possible, then you will receive success," said Smith-Jennings.

"It's a matter of being persistent and remaining true to yourself. As you keep your sights on a goal, you must remember to pull someone else up with you," she said.

"My sister, Sandy and brother, Warren Jr. were a part of my support system. My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Smith gave me good values and morals that has carried



Pictured (left to right) are Mycki Smith-Jennings, Tim Jennings and their daughter, Gygi Jennings.

me throughout my life. I had a lot of people who believed in me and supported me in my decisions."

Smith-Jennings says that she still has a strong commitment to

WSSU. She plans to bring her family to Winston-Salem to attend the upcoming homecoming festivities.

"It's good to come back to where I began," she added.

40th Anniversary



Pastor Reuban and Anta (Stanback) Gilliam of Winston-Salem were given a surprise 40th anniversary dinner on Sunday August 25 in their home. Hosts for the occasion were some of their children. Special guests included other family members, members of his congregation and friends from Asheboro, High Point, Kernersville and Greensboro. Pastor Gilliam is the pastor of North Winston Baptist Church in Winston-Salem.

Starting the new school year off right

When we think of starting a new school year, we believe that the student comes into the classroom eager and ready to learn, and that the teacher's responsibility is to impart knowledge to students.

walk, how to talk, etc. By the time kindergarten day has arrived, as parents, we are mighty proud that our little gifts can tie shoelaces and go to the bathroom alone. Ready for school now? Not quite.

suggestions of educators.

Is this too much? No. A life is involved. Committing is crucial.

A new commitment on the part of educators should begin with each new year. A commitment to be open to new ideas or approaches, a commitment for teaching every child with the same vigor, a commitment to educate parents about the learning process, a commitment to teach and respect every child. It really takes exceptional people to do all of the above.

Parents, these exceptional people need your support and commitment educating, learning, and teaching. Teachers, parents need your commitment to having open minds, providing a setting for good parent, teacher, and child communication, and providing a positive learning environment for children.

And what of the community and our leaders? Rave reviews go to countless business partners who are involved with many school systems.

These partners often provide manpower, time, and materials to schools. Their commitment to this community is to be applauded.

There are countless resources that help in the educational process. Some of these are social workers, counselors, listener volunteers, mental health workers, and other community agencies.

When we commit to our children, we also commit to a better tomorrow.

When we commit to education as a community, we complete the circle.

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This circle is not complete. Teachers, administrators, parents, students, and the community as a whole should be involved in this intricate circle of learning, and commitment.

Parents, day care workers, relatives, and friends are often involved in helping the child to tie shoe laces, eat with a spoon or fork, and do other transitional tasks. The child is taught manners, how to

As parents, we should be committed to teaching, counseling, exposing, and being involved in the whole educational process.

This means being involved in a productive way at school: taking the initiative to talk or communicate openly with teachers or administrators.

This can mean knowing your rights and your child's rights and being open to creative/productive

NASCD selects poster child!



The National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, Inc. is pleased to announce the selection of Patrina Laquis Davis as their 1992-1993 poster child. The panel of judges consisted of five well respected professionals who selected Davis from 21 young-men and women, ranging from age 5-11, whose picture and bio was submitted by local sickle cell chapters throughout the United States. Patrina Davis is 5 years-old, enjoys singing and dancing. Davis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kirk Garfield, who also have four other children. Only Patrina has sickle cell disease, however, four of the other family members have the sickle cell trait.

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