

Hamilton on road to becoming officer

A&T student graduated from Mount Tabor in 2004

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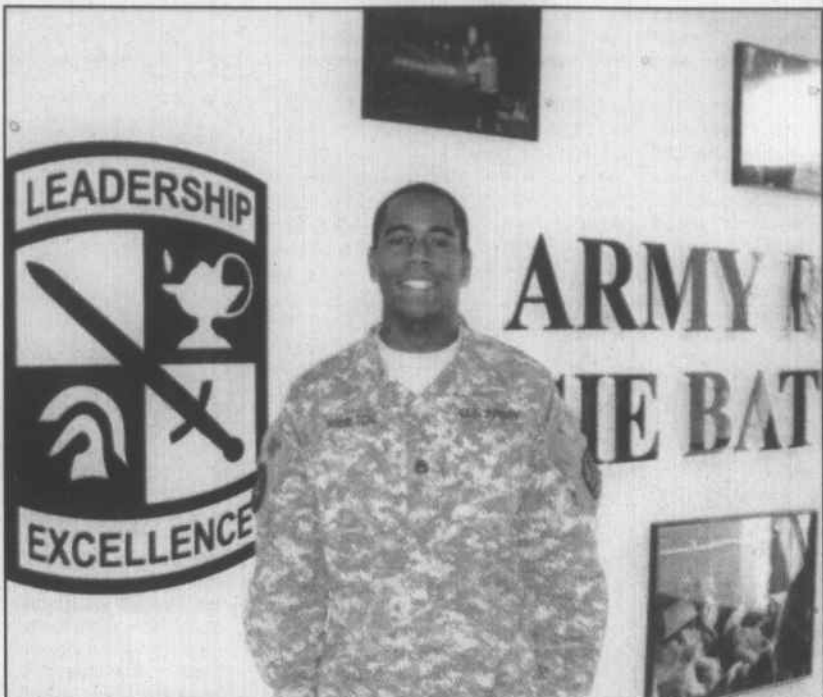
Elias D. Hamilton graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) Leaders Training Course (LTC) in Fort Knox, Ky.

LTC is four weeks of intense classroom and field training. The course is an accelerated version of the two years of leadership development training cadets receive in the basic course. By transforming themselves through this rigorous training, cadets qualify for enrollment in Advanced Army ROTC on campus - provided they have two years of college remaining (undergraduate or graduate).

Cadets in LTC experience the Army firsthand, receiving the kind of leadership development training that is unmatched by any other program.

The four weeks and four phases of LTC can lead to cadets becoming an Army officer.

Hamilton is a student at North Carolina A&T State University. He is the son of Jackie L. Hamilton of Winston Salem and is a 2004 graduate of Mount Tabor High School.



Elias D. Hamilton recently completed LTC training.

UNCG among Princeton Review's 'Best 366 Colleges'

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The Princeton Review has included The University of North Carolina at Greensboro in its 2008 edition of "Best 366 Colleges," a distinction received by only about 15 percent of the nation's four-year colleges.

The guide quotes students who praise UNCG for offering a "high quality of education at a significantly reduced rate, while having the smaller classes allowing closer bonds between faculty and students."

The guide surveyed 120,000 students (about 325 per campus on average) attending the 366 colleges. The 80-question survey asked students to rate their schools and report on their campus experiences.

In a sidebar to each college's profile, the book lists topics students frequently agreed on in the survey. The UNCG students gave the university high marks for its computer facilities, library and athletic facilities.

Other North Carolina schools in the guide include Catawba College, Davidson College, Duke University, Elon University, Guilford College, N.C. State University, UNC Asheville, UNC Chapel Hill, Wake Forest University and Warren Wilson College. The complete list is available at www.PrincetonReview.com.

"We chose schools for this book primarily for their outstanding academics," said Robert Franek, a Princeton Review vice president. "We evaluated them based on institutional data we collect about the schools, feedback from students attending them, and our visits to schools over the years. We also consider the opinions of independent college counselors, students, and parents we hear from year-long."

Princeton Review, a New York City-based company best known for its test preparation courses, education services and books, first published its "Best Colleges" guide in 1992.



Bro. Bailey



Bro. Ervin



Bro. Brower



Bro. Lewis



Bro. Ferree



Mrs. Benjamin White Warren

Sigmas

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Brower has been a member for more than 50 years. He still is proud that the fraternity's membership is so diverse.

"Some were lawyers, doctors, ministers, school principals, teacher, morticians, accountants and other skilled professionals. With such a diversity of empowerment, Sigma men were distinguished as being the most visible, service-oriented fraternal group in our city for many years," Brower said.

All the Sigma men and the chapter as a whole earned high marks from State Director Quentin Goodwin.

"This chapter was created in 1923. It is the oldest chapter in the southeast region," he said. "These brothers have set an example of what a model chapter should be. I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to you."

Three Distinguished Community Awards were presented to Dr. Jerry Drayton, pastor emeritus of New Bethel Baptist Church, for his 62



Annie Brown Kennedy

years of service to his church; Annie Brown Kennedy, a lawyer and former member of the N.C. House of Representatives, for more than 50 years of accomplishments in

the law profession; and Darryl Hunt, for the strength and dignity he showed after spending more than 20 years in prison for a murder he did not commit. Hunt now runs a foundation to help free other wrongfully-accused men and women. Dr. John Mendez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, presented Hunt's award, calling Hunt "a gift to this community" who is willing to "seek truth and seek it steadily."

Sigmas Reginald McCaskill and Scott Abdul-Salaam served as masters of ceremonies for the event, which featured entertainment by dancers from Positive Image Performing Arts and Zenobia Fernell, who dedicated the song "Wind Beneath My



Rev. Jerry Drayton

Wings" to all of the honorees. Warren Newkirk provided music during the dinner and during the video presentation of the honorees prepared by Robert Brower Jr.



Mr. and Mrs. Darryl Hunt

Photos by Felicia Piggott

Franklin

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first five episodes. In the second half of the season, the contestants will perform live and viewers will have the chance to vote for their favorite contestant via phone and text messaging at the end of each show.

America's next best gospel singer will be on Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Grammy Award-winning gospel superstars Bebe Winans and duo Mary Mary who will serve as judges and mentors.

"Sunday Best" is our opportunity to celebrate our own," said Franklin. "The phrase that the best talent is from the church can no longer be an opinion. It must now be a reality."

Franklin is the biggest-selling contemporary gospel artist in Soundscan history and is credited with revolutionizing urban inspirational music and bridging the gap between the faith community and urban mainstream culture. The musical trendsetter has garnered five Grammy Awards, 11 Doves, 34 Stellars, 4 NAACP Image Awards, two BET Awards and a 2006 American Music Award.



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