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students rose 17 percent and there was a 150 percent increase in fundraising.

She served as president and CEO of The Freeman Group, Inc., a consulting group, after parting ways with Livingstone. As the founder of The Freeman Group, Inc., she has provided contractual consulting services for various organizations since 2004, including serving as a senior fellow at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, providing fundraising consultation for a \$14 million capital campaign.

"I am honored to have been chosen to lead this historic institution," Dr. Freeman said. "It is a rare opportunity in the 21st century to succeed the founder of a university."

Freeman recently served as the vice president of development at the Foundation for Independent Higher Education, an organization representing 650 private colleges and universities and 36 fundraising organizations. She also founded and served as program director for the Kellogg Collegiate Women of Color Leadership Development Institute.

Freeman has served in many leadership positions at Norfolk State University, Southern California College and Orange Coast College, both in Costa Mesa, Calif; Morgan State University, East Tennessee State University and North Carolina A&T State University.

Dunston is WSSU's first Bunche Society Member to study abroad

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem State University Ralph Bunche Society (RBS) scholar Antoinette Dunston has received a \$5,000 scholarship from the Ralph Stokes Fund to study in France next semester.

Dunston is a junior Marketing major with a minor in French from Townsville, N.C. She currently has a cumulative 3.4 GPA. This experience abroad will be Dunston's third, but this will be her first experience abroad as a Ralph Bunche Society Scholar.

Dunston's first study abroad experience was the summer of 2006 in Chambéry, France. Her second was



Antoinette Dunston
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last summer in Benin and Ghana. She will spend the spring 2008 semester at the Université d'Angers in Angers, France. She will there Jan. 14 - May 26.

"I will be studying French to complete my French minor. Because of my scholarship from the Phelps Stokes Fund, I don't have any out-of-pocket expenses," said Dunston. "I am very grateful for the opportunity to study abroad again and for the scholarships that I have received."

Dunston said after she graduates she plans to join the Peace Corps and hopefully return to Africa to help out in any way she can. After her tour in the Peace Corps, Dunston said she hopes to land a position within the

government, but if that does not work out, she wants to return to France to teach English.

All of Dunston's trips have been coordinated through WSSU's Office of International Programs.

Named for one of the nation's most important proponents of international understanding and cooperation and the first person of color to win the Nobel Peace Prize, the Ralph Bunche Society is designed to cultivate students' global citizenship, foreign language skills, and Bunche's values as an internationalist. WSSU is the first university in the nation to serve as a host site for a pilot program named in Bunche's honor.

Hanchells

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Winston-Salem to the new home in Clemmons' posh Waterford community.

The family moved from Washington, D.C. two years ago and says that the incident was their first brush with racially-motivated crime.

"I've never been the victim of any type of crime, living in the inner city, so moving to the suburbs, it was a shock that it would happen out here," said Victoria Hanchell, a native of Chicago who serves as assistant director in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at Winston-Salem State University.

Even Binford, who hails from a generation that was far more accustomed to such atrocities, says that she had never experienced such a thing.

The incident also came as a surprise to Major F. Brad Stanley, media liaison officer for the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department, who says he has only seen a handful of racially-motivated crimes occur in the county over the course of his 15-year career.

Stanley visited the Hanchell home last Thursday.

"It appears that this is an isolated incident," he commented, adding that technically, the crime would be classified as vandalism since property was damaged. "We've



The Rev. Tejado Hanchell with his wife, Victoria, their daughter, Zaria, and Victoria Hanchell's mother, Cheryl Binford, stand outside of the family's home in the Waterford community of Clemmons.

not had any similar incidents reported up in that area."

With the exception of the incident, the Hanchells say they have been greeted warmly by local residents.

"I've been in the community and had experienced no problems," Rev. Hanchell said. "Even when we moved to this community, our neighbors ... welcomed us."

Although the Sheriff's

Department doesn't anticipate any further incidents, they are taking every precaution, Stanley says.

"What we have done in the interim is increased our visibility in the neighborhood and in the Village of Clemmons," he revealed. "(The Village has) taken this very seriously as well and have actually hired some additional officers to be in the area at different

times since this incident."

An investigation is currently underway.

Despite the menacing tone of the incident, the family says they are not completely unnerved and that it is business as usual in their household.

"We take proper precautions, but we're not afraid," the reverend said. "Because we're people of faith, we have

that peace that only God can grant in the middle of a situation like this.

"We refuse to allow the actions of a small segment of society to cause us to change our way of life, to cause us to change our outlook, even during the holiday season," he added. "This will not steal our joy or make us feel any less than."

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