



Members of the award-winning dance troupe.

# Dancers take home platinum

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The competition team of iDa, a local dance school in Winston-Salem owned and operated by Kent and Angela Beatty, competed in the Showstoppers Dance Competition held April 18-20 in Concord.

The dancers range in age from 7 - 16 years-old. Many of them have never danced competitively before. However, the group brought home four platinum awards and five gold awards. The platinum dances were choreographed by Angela and Kent Beatty, April Harris and Jessica James. The dancers were all invited to compete in Showstopper's National Competition, which will be held June 29 - July 5 in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The Institute of Divine Art (iDa) partners with the ART Company of Winston-Salem State University to provide an environment that allows dance to be expressed as a form of communication, a form of celebration, and a tool to influence and teach. The iDa recognizes that there are varying degrees of excellence and freedom when it comes to dance arts, and strongly feels that the undeveloped talent of a young artist in its simplest form is a powerful tool that if guided and developed in a moral and ethical way, can be a powerful force in the art community.

The director and artistic director believes that "iDa is for the true artist that looks beyond all barriers, commonalities and similarities to celebrate the unique differences of all artists," in order to produce "Works of Art."

The Institute of Divine Art will host its 3rd Annual Dance Recital on June 1 in Dillard Auditorium on the campus of Winston-Salem State University at 6 p.m. The recital is free and open to the public.

The iDa dancers will accept donations of canned goods, school supplies, nonperishable food items, and new toys, all of which will be donated to charity.



Pride Landrey Shore

# Shore accepted into A&T honor society

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Pride Landrey Shore received the affirmation of graduate membership to the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University.

He is pursuing a Master of Science degree in industrial technology with a concentration in construction management.

Shore is married to Kimberly. They have a daughter, Grace. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Pride E. Shore.



Business Achievers Mary King and Tim Watson.



## Achievers

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ects. Last week's gala also honored nearly two dozen business professionals who have committed to spend the next year as Black Achievers mentors.

Program leaders brag that Black Achievers has a near-perfect success rate. Nearly all the teens who have participated in the last 11 years have gone on to college and successful careers.

Candice Benbow, a Black Achievers alumna, is an example of that. Benbow is now the Black Achievers Program Director at Winston Lake. She credits the program with her success and says that the many longtime volunteers who help run Black Achievers gave her strong examples to follow.

"They encouraged me and they inspired me," she said.

Benbow advised this year's crop of Black Achievers to use the tools they have gained and to follow the sage advice of those who have worked to make them better young men and women.

"Life's absolute best is on the way for you," she said.

The Achievers also got an earful of advice from Darryl R. Matthews Sr.

The General President and Chairman of the Board of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Matthews delivered the gala's keynote address. He devoted much of his remarks to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., one of many prominent African-American "Alpha Men."

"What would Martin think?" Matthews asked, borrowing and altering the famous "What Would Jesus Do?" phrase.

Matthews answered the question himself, stating that **Phi** would be displeased about the way such as black children were labeled as being **Phi** because in **Phi** academically and even about black fraternities and sororities who devote most of their time and energy to step shows rather than service and academic pursuits.

"What if we spent just a fraction of that time in a business plan competition?" Matthews pondered.

Alpha Phi Alpha is leading the effort to build a memorial to Dr. King on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. When completed, the memorial will be the mall's only monument dedicated to an African American.

Although about \$94 million of the memorial's estimated \$100 million price tag has already been raised, physical progress on the actual structure has been slow. Matthews said bureaucratic red tape is behind



Robert Norris, left, and Harold Martin with honoree Davida Martin.



Chief Pat Norris greets Mayor Allen Joines.



Adult Achiever honoree Deborah Fountain.

the delay, with the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, the Department of the Interior and the DC Department of Parks and Recreation putting the project through hoop after hoop.

"We are on schedule as much as we can be," he said. "It will be built, and it will be built soon."

During the gala, honors were also presented to local black businesses and community icons. Police Chief Pat Norris, Fire Chief John Gist, County Attorney Davida Martin, County Commissioner Walter Marshall and Business trailblazer Brenda Diggs

received Distinguished Service Achievers Awards. Mary King, the owner of Keona's Boutique on Fifth Street; Granthum Johnson, director of Hooper Funeral Home; William Hairston, owner of Hairston Enterprises; Ernie Pitt, publisher and co-founder of The Chronicle; and Tim Watson, one of the operators of the family-owned The Peanut House; received Minority Business Achievers Awards.

The Honorable James A. Beaty Jr., a U.S. District Court judge who is also known for his mentoring work with young people, received the Lifetime Achievement Award.

After a list of Beaty's lengthy accomplishments - which includes his 1994 appointment by President Clinton to the U.S. Middle District of North Carolina bench - were read, newly-appointed Forsyth County District Court Judge Camille Banks-Payne, who emceed the event, proved that everyone needs mentors, regardless of age or station in life.

"Judge Beaty, I want to be like you when I grow up," Banks-Payne told the elder judge.

This year's other Teen Achievers are: Willard Brown (Wachovia Scholarship Winner), William Burnette


(N2K Scholarship Winner), Everett Dumas (Wachovia Scholarship Winner), Brittany Gaulden (Barbara Hayes Scholarship Winner), Latisha Hardee (Barbara Hayes Scholarship Winner), Jeremy Hunt (N2K Scholarship Winner), Charon Miller (Wachovia Scholarship Winner), Perry Rowdy (N2K Scholarship Winner), Conisha Solomon (Wachovia Scholarship Winner), Ryan White (N2K Scholarship Winner) and Christopher Young (Wachovia Scholarship Winner).

This year's Adult Achievers are: Brian Anthony, KJ Bland, Tamie Caldwell, Gwendolyn Collins, Bernard Coulter, Jamma Etter, Shawan Gabriel, Sophia Kennedy, Johnathan Martin, Nisa McMillan, Patrice Mitchell, Dori-Ann Morrison, Darryl Prince Jr., Lisa Redmon, Marcie Rowdy, Annette Scippio, Kerry Wiggins, Deborah Fountain, Marcus Lane, Katherine LaNeave-Whicker and John Teschemaker.

District Court Judges Lisa Menefee (clockwise from left) Larry Fine, Denise Hartsfield, George Bedsworth and Victoria Roemer.

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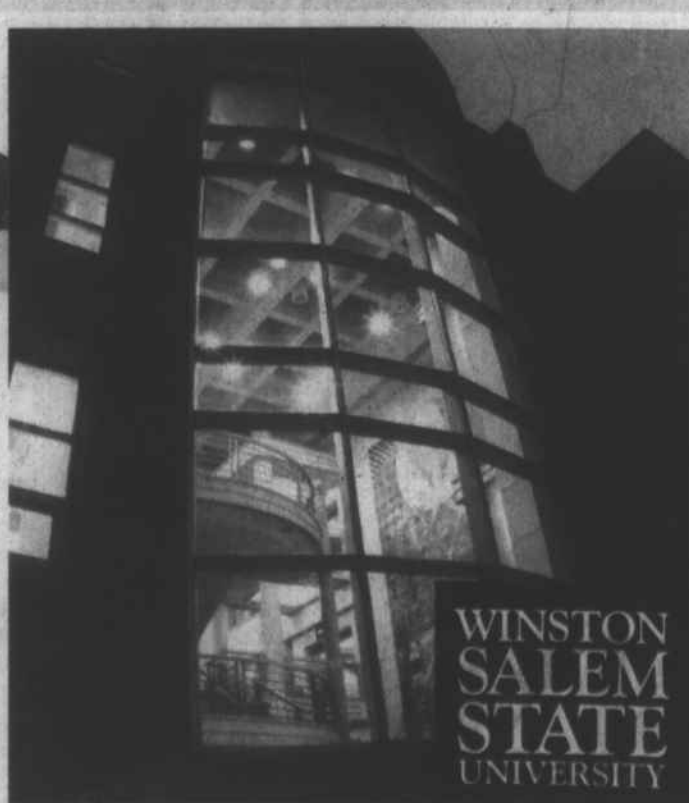
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