

Bolton students get some "Girl Talk"

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Bolton Elementary School Counselor Rinita Williams, along with Assistant Principal Debbie McIntyre and Principal Doreen Sorensen, offered an after school enrichment mentoring program for girls at the school.

Once a week, the young students met for "Girl Talk." The girls interacted with mentors to receive valuable information and encouragement. The program aims to help ease the transition from elementary to middle school for the girls and expand learning opportunities in a safe, caring environment.

Williams wrote a grant proposal and received funding through the Winston-Salem Foundation and Wal-Mart. The support allowed the girls to take part in a variety of activities through the program. Outings included visits



The girls prepare to dine at the Piedmont Club.

to Salem College, the community service project Piedmont Club and other local themed around Earth Day. The girls also did a Girl Talk also included many creative events, such as arts and crafts and professional dance lessons.

Reagan's Brianna Holland selected for NSHSS

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The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) has announced that Ronald Wilson Reagan High School student Brianna Holland has been selected for membership. She is a member of St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church. Her parents are Cletis and Barbara Holland.

The society recognizes top scholars and invites only those students who have achieved superior academic excellence.

The announcement was made by NSHSS Founder and Chairman Claes Nobel, a senior member of the family that established the Nobel Prizes.

"On behalf of NSHSS, I am honored to recognize the hard work, sacrifice, and commitment that Brianna Holland has demonstrated to achieve this exceptional level of academic excellence."



Holland

said Nobel. "Brianna Holland is now a member of a unique community of scholars - a community that represents our very best hope for the future."

"Our vision is to build a dynamic international organization that connects members with meaningful content, resources, and opportunities," stated NSHSS President James Lewis. "We aim to help

students like Brianna Holland build on their academic successes and enhance the skills and desires to have a positive impact on the global community."

Membership in NSHSS entitles qualified students to enjoy a wide variety of benefits, including scholarship opportunities, academic competitions, free events, member-only resources, publications, participation in programs offered by educational partners, online forums, personalized recognition items and publicity honors.



The former Carolyn Denise Burns.

BURNS AND SPELLER TIE THE KNOT

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Carolyn Denise Burns and Vance Maurice Speller, both of Winston-Salem, were married at 4 p.m. on June 7 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. The Rev. John Mendez and the Rev. Frank Lowery officiated the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Tynie Burns and the late Johnny Burns Sr. of Winston-Salem. The bride received her master's degree in guidance and agency counseling from N.C. A&T State University and is an account executive with ValueOptions, Inc. and in private practice with Sims Consulting & Clinical Services.

The groom is the son of Carol Adams Speller and the late James Speller Sr. of Philadelphia. He is a graduate of Frankford High School and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. The groom is a correctional officer for the State of North Carolina and a security specialist.

The bride was escorted by her cousin Mr. Mitchell Burns Jr. The maids of honor were Sharon Burns and Denise Thompson, both of Winston-Salem. The matrons of honor were Celeste Frazier, of Stanley N.C., and Deborah Muhammad of Winston-Salem. The bridesmaids were the bride's niece, Johnna Burns, and friends Darlene Steele, Jewel Venable and Sarah Bullock, all of Winston-Salem; Iris Fewell of Greensboro; and Rita Boone of Edgewood, Md. The flower girl was Avianna Burns of Winston-Salem.

The best men were the groom's brothers, Adrian Speller of Philadelphia, and Jamie Speller of San Antonio, Texas. The groomsmen were Ryan Speller, Greg Adams and Craig Speller of Philadelphia; Michael Prioleau of High Point; Anthony Frazier of Stanley, N.C.; James Speller Jr. of Clinton, Md; and Terry Jones of Pfafftown. Ushers included Anthony Waddy Sr., Will Pledger and junior ushers Saeed Muhammad and Anthony Waddy Jr., all of Winston-Salem. The ring bearer was the bride's son, Johnnie Morrison Jr.

A bridal shower was hosted by the maids and matrons of honor and bridal attendants. A rehearsal dinner hosted by Mitchell Burns, Martin Colson, Ronald Burns and Robert Adams, the bride's cousins. Ceremony music was performed by ENVISION. Reception music was provided

ed by DJ Leroy Richardson.

The wedding reception was held at the Enrichment Center and catered by Spellbound Caterers. The floating reception at Emmanuel was catered by Wandella Ridgill-Rice. The wedding cake was provided by Terry Jones' Cake Services. Photography provided by Belton Photography. Videography by Mikal Muhammad, Robert Adams and DeNorris Belton. Floral arrangements and the wedding were coordinated by Spectacular Events, under the direction of Mr. Gary Blaylock.

The couple will live in Winston-Salem.



BROTHERS' SALUTE

WSSU Photo

The Rev. Jesse Jackson joins Rudy Anderson (left) and Clarence McKee in showing some Omega Psi Phi pride earlier this year at Winston-Salem State University. Jackson was in town to take part in events for the installation of WSSU Chancellor Donald Reaves. Anderson works in the school's marketing department, and McKee, who attended N.C. A&T State University with Rev. Jackson, runs the WSSU's Upward Bound and pre-college programs.

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