

# NCSA thanks couple for their support

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Patricia Athey "Patty" Brown and Dr. Malcolm McDougal Brown have been presented with 2008 Giannini Society Awards by North Carolina School of the Arts.

Given in recognition of meritorious service to the School of the Arts, the Giannini Award is one of the School's most prestigious honors. Previous recipients include founders, board members, alumni, volunteers and former chancellors.

The Giannini Society was established in 1989 and was named in honor of Vittorio Giannini, a founder and the first president of the School of the Arts. Today, more than 500 individuals and families participate in this important program. This gift club recognizes supporters beginning at the \$1,500 level.

The Browns were presented their award by North Carolina School of the Arts Chancellor John Mauceri at the school's annual commencement ceremony in May. The award was presented "in recognition of their passion and dedication to the North Carolina School of the Arts."

The Browns became actively engaged in the life of the School of the Arts soon after moving to Winston-Salem from New York in the late 1980s. Since that time, their impact on the School has been significant.

The Browns have been members of the Giannini Society since 1991, and the



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Malcolm and Patty Brown receive their award from Chancellor John Mauceri.

Founders Society since 2000, when they established The Patricia and Malcolm Brown Endowed Fund for Theatre Training. The fund provides a merit scholarship for School of Design and Production students

and underwriting for the School of Drama senior actor presentations in New York and Los Angeles. Through the years, they have made significant gifts to three other scholarship funds at NCSA.



Yasmin Gay with members of Swing Phi Swing.

## Fellowship supports effort to help Haiti

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Yasmin Gay, along with the sisters of Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship's Rukiya Busara Piedmont Triad Graduate Chapter, has lent her support to an effort to help the devastated island nation of Haiti.

Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, where Rev. Seth O. Lartey is the pastor, is leading a local effort to gather clothes, food and supplies for Haiti, which is suffering from extreme poverty and food shortages.

Members of the fellowship felt that it was imperative that they participate. They hosted a successful food drive supporting the Goler project and received support from throughout the community.

"When you feed the mind and body of a child, you awaken the spirit and soul," said Gay. "Hopefully my efforts, along with the efforts of the community and the divine ladies of Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship, will have fulfilled the minds, bodies and spirits of the children in Haiti."

## Males and females sought for Ebony Fashion Fair scholarship competition

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The Winston-Salem Urban League is beginning its search for local teenagers (between the ages of 14 and 19) to compete in the 2008 Velma H. Friende/Ebony Fashion Fair Scholarship Competition.

Open to both females and males, contestants will compete to win college scholarships in the amounts of \$1,000, \$500 and \$300. Students interested in participating are required to attend an informational meeting hosted by the Urban League with their parents/guardians on July 29 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Urban League headquarters, 201 West Fifth St.

The application deadline for

the competition is Sept. 5. Applications can be completed on-line at [www.wsurban.org](http://www.wsurban.org) or picked up at the Urban League office.

The winner of the prestigious title of Mr. or Miss Ebony Fashion Fair will be crowned at the Ebony Fashion Fair Show on Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. at the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

Tickets for the show are \$30, and will go on sale July 29.

For more information, call Patricia Sadler at the Winston-Salem Urban League at 336-725-5614 or e-mail her at [www.wsurban.org](mailto:www.wsurban.org).

## Busy fiscal year ends for sorors

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The Theta Mu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., has exemplified "Greater Service, Greater Progress" in the past year.

The chapter hosted its annual Youth Symposium on March 15 at the Shepherd's Center Senior Enrichment Center. The symposium focused on challenges that teenagers encounter, such as violence, drug abuse, and teenage pregnancy. The event discussed and highlighted ways that young people can confront these issues. Teenagers from LINKS and the Y-ARTS program took part.

Also in March, the chapter contributed to the "Wee Savers" fundraiser, which the chapter incorporated with the annual The Little Miss/Mr. Sigma Pageant fundraiser. Theta Mu Sigma also donated money to Heifer International, an organization devoted to ending hunger worldwide. With the contribution made by the chapter, a family will receive much needed nourishment.

On the health front, chapter members took part in the Heart and Stroke Walk late last year. Members also worked to raise awareness on National Black AIDS/HIV Awareness Day. In December, the Theta Mu Sigma chapter took part in the Buckle up America project by handing out flyers about child seat safety at a local arts store. In April, the Theta Mu Sigma Chapter participated in the March of Dimes' March for

Babies fundraiser. The chapter has made charitable contributions to the Battered Women's Shelter, the Children's Home, the Elderly Home, the Bethesda Center, Brenner Children's Hospital and the Vision House.

Members joined other local sororities and fraternities at a Thanksgiving Breakfast hosted by the Winston-Lake YMCA. Also for the Thanksgiving holiday, the chapter participated in an Adopt-A-Family program.

The chapter's volunteering efforts included donating

time to the Habitat for Humanity Restore and Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful. Theta Mu Sigma also participated in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Pan-Hellenic Council's recognition of its National Founders and the chartering of the local Council of the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

Members say that without the support of the local, national and international organization, the chapter would not have been able to be as active as it has been. Among those who contributed to the chapter's programs are Dominos Pizza, Papa John's, Food Lion, Chic-Fil-A, Wal-Mart in Kernersville and JCPenney in Hanes Mall.

As the fiscal year comes to an end, sorors are making plans to attend their Boule, which will be held July 18-24 in Detroit.



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