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Photos by Layla Farmer

Charlene Gaudlen presents special honors to Barbara Hayes (right photo), John Davenport (below) and Sandra Hughes.



Community Calendar

Black Chamber meeting

The Winston Salem Black Chamber of Commerce will meet on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. at the Hewitt Business Center, 1001 S. Marshall St. James Davis of Regional Identity Theft and Associates will host a seminar, "Five Areas of Identity Theft and How to Protect Your Clients." Contact Randon Pender at 336-575-2006 for more information.

Kids fashion show

A Children's Fashion Show will be held at the Children's Museum of Winston-Salem, 390 S. Liberty St., on Friday, May 29 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. It will feature the latest spring and summer fashions from labels like BenPhil's, McCall's, Gazoodles and Buttons. A light lunch by California Fresh Catering will be included. Tickets are \$20 per person, which includes admission to the museum. Vendor opportunities are also available. Call 336-723-9111, ext. 206 for more information.

Job fair

Innovation Professional Staffing, LLC will host a job fair for mental health professionals on May 21 from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 3-6 p.m. at 1001 S. Marshall Street, Suite 181. For more information, call 888-723-0076 or go to www.ipstaff.org/.

Auditions for Black Rep production

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company (NCBRC) will hold auditions for "Don't Bother Me I Can't Cope," which will be staged to celebrate the 30th anniversary year of the NCBRC and the 20th anniversary of the National Black Theatre Festival. Auditions will be held on Saturday, May 16 from 1-7 p.m. in the Arts Council Theatre, 610 Coliseum Drive. Auditions are by appointment only. Call 336-723-2266 to schedule an appointment.

Collins b-ball camp

Winston-Salem State University Coach Bobby Collins will host a basketball camp this summer from June 22-25 at Atkins High School. The cost is \$150 and lunch will be provided. For questions, call the Men's Basketball office at WSSU at 336-750-8841.

Indians sign-ups

Winston-Salem Indians Football and Cheerleading registration/sign-ups will be held on and May 16 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at East Winston Shopping Center. On June 6, June 27, July 11 and July 18 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Ray Agnew Sports Complex, a doctor will be available to provide physicals for \$15. All youths ages 5 to 15 are invited to join. For more information, contact Tanya Delph (Cheerleading) at 336-774-6735, Leonard Green (Football) at 336-765-7515 or visit www.leaguelineup.com/indian2002.



The Art of Achieving

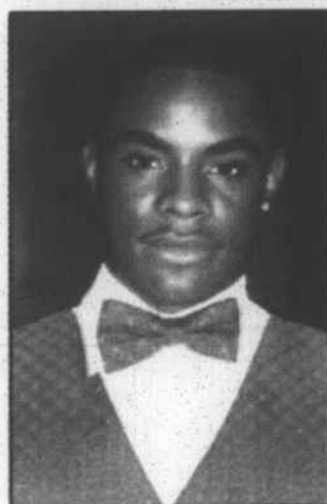
Y program celebrates another crop of soon-to-be college students

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

Eleven teens and nine adults were honored at the Winston Lake Family YMCA's 12th Annual Black Achievers in Industry and Business Awards Gala last Friday evening at the Benton Convention Center.

The students, all high school seniors, were recognized for their active participation in the Black Achievers program, which provides personal and professional development opportunities through workshops, college tours and interacting with adult Achievers, who hail from a variety of professions. The adults were lauded for aiding the young participants by serving as mentors and volunteers.

"One of the YMCA's priority goals is to develop caring communities," Curt Hazelbaker, president and CEO of the YMCA of



Thomas McEachin, Gabrielle Ellis and Blake Coleman

Northwest North Carolina, told the adult Achievers. "Through your actions, you are showing our youth what they can be and the potential that exists within them."

A staggering 98 percent of youths who take part in Black Achievers go on to an institution of higher education. Two groups of students fall under the Black Achievers umbrella. The Collegiate Achievers program is geared towards high school students, while the Youth Achievers program serves middle schoolers.



Bishop Sheldon McCarter gives remarks.

Mentoring the students in the Youth Achievers program has been a favorite activity for Achiever Blake Coleman, a senior at Carver High School. The program has helped him become more comfortable seeing himself as a role model for others, he said.

"It boosted my self esteem up," he related. "(I enjoy) being a leader to the younger achievers."

Coleman introduced Superior Court Judge Todd Burke, who served as the evening's keynote speaker.

"You are here because you desire to be somebody," Burke told the students. "Nobody can make you be (successful) ... you must decide for yourself that you want to do something positive with your life. I suggest that you do something remarkable."

Watching the teens complete the Black Achievers program was bittersweet for Program Director Spencer McCall, who has volunteered with the program for the past four years.

"These students, they are just an outstanding group of teens ... I think the YMCA can be proud of what they've done," he remarked. "They are so dedicated and serious, but a fun group. They are eager to learn."

Gabrielle Ellis, an aspiring attorney, says Black Achievers taught her "how to carry myself as a young adult and how to interview and talk to people."

"I knew what I wanted to do, but I didn't know how to do it," added Ellis, who credits Black Achievers with helping her land two jobs.

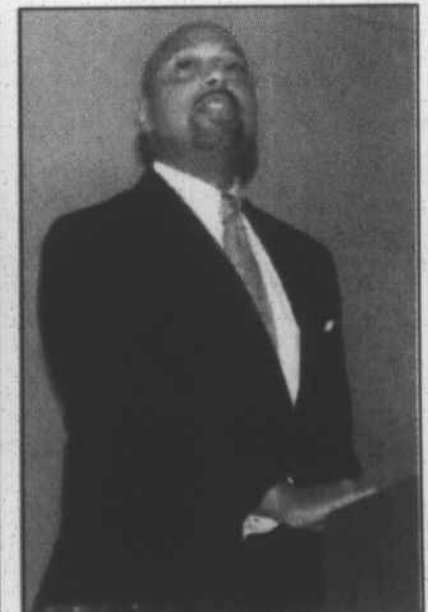
See Achievers on B8



Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke.



105.7 Kiss FM's Brian Anthony.



Judge Todd Burke speaks.



YMCA CEO Curt Hazelbaker.