

# CAREERS

## Briefs

### Shaw graduate named president of New York college

Dr. William L. Pollard, former president of the University of the District of Columbia, has been appointed president of Medgar Evers College by the Board of Trustees of The City University of New York.



Pollard

During his 40-year career, which has included illustrious positions in the public and private higher education arenas, Dr. Pollard has worked to promote public universities, garnered millions of dollars in funding to support initiatives such as faculty recruitment and fostered crucial ties with both alumni and the community at large.

"I am very excited about this opportunity to serve CUNY and Medgar Evers College," said Dr. Pollard of the new position. "I would be remiss if I did not say as well thanks to the students and the faculty of Medgar Evers College who spent a considerable amount of time helping me get oriented and raised the kind of questions that helped me to think through what we had before us. I could not leave without thanking Edison Jackson for leaving the institution in the shape that it is now in, allowing me to continue on this path."

Pollard served as vice president for the Office of Access and the Advancement of Public Black Colleges and Universities for the National Association for State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. He has also worked at Syracuse University and Grambling State University. Pollard earned his M.S.W. from the University of North Carolina School of Social Work, and a B.A. from Shaw University. He is married to Merriette Chance Pollard and they have two sons, William L. Pollard II and Frederick Toussaint Pollard.

### College will fund capitalism course with BB&T grant

A \$500,000 grant from BB&T to Guilford College will support programs exploring the ethics of capitalism, including a new interdisciplinary course, a faculty-led discussion series on selected books, scholarships and a speaker series.

Beginning in the fall semester of 2010, Guilford will offer a course entitled "The Moral Foundations of Capitalism," which will focus on the theoretical, practical and ethical approaches to a free market economy. Faculty-led discussions on selected books and authors will be presented annually for upper level students.

In the course, students will read and discuss the ideas presented by Ayn Rand, chiefly her classic philosophical novel "Atlas Shrugged," and also John Maynard Keynes, Milton Friedman, Paul Krugman and others. In keeping with Guilford's heritage, Quaker teachings and testimonies on the principles of money and capitalism will also be discussed.

The capstone course will be open to seniors in all academic majors, and will be taught by faculty from the business management, economics and political science departments.

In addition to funding the course, the BB&T grant will support as many as three students each year in the existing Principled Problem Solving Scholars program with a focus on ethical approaches to capitalism within the community. A combination of courses and engaged learning opportunities will offer each student a scholarship, support for an internship and individualized skill development.

### Willie Gary files suit over D.C. train crash

Prominent attorney Willie Gary announced last week that he will represent Ivey Epps and her mother, Bernea Bell, in a lawsuit against the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. The women were among those aboard two trains that collided in Washington, D.C., early last week. Nine people were killed and dozens were injured.



Willie Gary

A legal team led by Gary contends that Epps and Bell were victims of negligent inspection by the Washington Area Transit Authority, who they claim did not properly maintain, repair, and inspect the brakes on the Red Line metro train. As a result, the suit states that their clients sustained severe and painful injuries when their train unexpectedly collided into another metro train. The suit argues that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority failed to remove railcars from service, in spite of the fact that the it had knowledge that they were not suitable for passenger travel due to faulty safety equipment.

"This is a very sad and unfortunate occurrence," stated Gary. "Hundreds of people rely on the public transportation system in the D.C. area and it is a trusted mode of transportation. It is up to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to take the necessary steps and precautions to ensure that their passengers are safe. They owe it to those who rely on them to keep the passengers safe."



Steve Harvey greets American Airlines pilots.

## LEARNING TO SOAR

Comedian, black pilots give kids weekend to remember

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Over Father's Day weekend, 100 African-American boys from around the country got to experience life through the eyes of a pilot.

It happened during the first-ever Steve Harvey Mentoring Weekend; an event hosted by the comedian/actor/radio host at his Dallas ranch with support from Fort Worth, Texas-based American Airlines.

Harvey created the mentoring weekend to support boys ages 13-18 who are being raised without fathers in their homes. During the camp, they visited the Dallas-based C.R.P. Future Pilots Flight School, which is sponsored by the airline and exposes young people from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to careers in piloting and aircraft maintenance.

Harvey also called on celebrity friends, business leaders and other corporate sponsors to lead seminars on topics that included getting in and staying in college, making the best impression and other areas of self-development.

"My hope is that these boys left the ranch so inspired that they, in turn, will set the example for other young men in their neighborhoods," Harvey said. "The weekend was a complete



The 100 boys chosen for the weekend.

success, and I appreciate everyone who contributed to making it happen."

African-American aircraft mechanics and pilots from American and American Eagle also participated in the event. And about 30 pilots flew in from around the country to meet the campers. Several retired pilots, including Capt. Dave Harris, the first African-American to fly for a commercial airline, also joined the group. American and American Eagle have some of the most diverse flight crews in the industry.

"Our kids are our greatest national resource," said Capt. Mark Hettermann, American

Airlines vice president of flight and chief pilot. "For anyone who cares deeply about their futures, this was a great day. The Steve Harvey Foundation, the C.R.P. Future Pilots Flight School, American Airlines and American Eagle collaborated to create what could easily be a life-changing event for these kids."

An online tribute, which can be found at [www.steveharvey.com](http://www.steveharvey.com), chronicles the entire weekend with a special section devoted to the day at the flight school, where the students showed off their school and demonstrated skills they have learned in piloting and aircraft maintenance.



John Wester

### N.C. Bar Association elects leader for 2009-10

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

John Robbins Wester of Charlotte was installed as the 115th president of the North Carolina Bar Association on Saturday, June 27, at the 111th Annual Meeting of the NCBA at the Grove Park Inn in Asheville.



Wester

He replaces Raleigh attorney Charles Becton, who during his year-long term was the Association's first African-American president.

"I am deeply honored that the members of the North Carolina Bar Association have entrusted me with this opportunity for leadership," Wester said. "I will strive to uphold the great traditions of this association and the profession it serves in the days ahead."

Wester grew up in Rockingham and graduated from UNC as a Morehead Scholar. He received his law degree with high honors from the Duke University School of Law, where he was an editor of the law review and inducted into the Order of the Coif.

Wester has since called Charlotte home, devoting his entire career to Robinson, Bradshaw & Hinson, where

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### Bauer elected new WSSU Trustees chair

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Scott Bauer, chair and chief executive officer for Southern Community Financial Corporation, has been elected chair of the Board of Trustees for Winston-Salem State University.



Bauer

Bauer, formerly vice chair, is replacing Nigel D. Alston, who had served as chair since 2007. Alston is rotating off the Board after eight years of service.



McNeil Miller

Other officers elected at the recent Board meeting include:

Karen McNeil Miller, president of the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust, vice president; Martin B. Davis, corporate chief information officer for Wachovia and an alumnus of WSSU, secretary; and RaVonda Dalton-Rann, executive assistant to the chancellor at WSSU, assistant secretary.

In addition to Alston, other members rotating off the Board are Brooke Burr, a partner in Leonard Ryden Burr Real Estate, and Harold T. Respass, who served as the student representative and president of the WSSU Student Government Association.

### SWEET!

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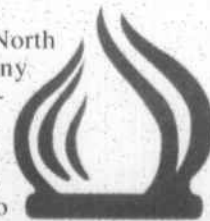
A Norfolk, Va., Farm Fresh Supermarket shopper is overjoyed recently as Candy company Reese's picks up the bill for her groceries. Norfolk won an online contest to be named "America's No. 1 Reese's-loving city," and as a result, the company came to town to give away more than \$40,000 worth of free gas and groceries. The event kicked off Reese's Loves You Back national promotion, which will give customers a chance to win up to \$2.5 million in gas and groceries through December.

### BBB: company with fake W-S address is a scam

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Better Business Bureau Serving Northwest North Carolina says that the advance fee loan company Bloomfield Lending Group is advertising on the internet and purporting to be located in Winston-Salem. But the BBB says the company is not located in the city and is warning consumers that this is a scam. This company is targeting individuals, via the internet, who have poor credit history and difficulty obtaining traditional loans.

According to consumers, the company claims to be located at 514 S. Stratford Road, Suite 110, Winston-Salem, and that they have been in business for 10 years. BBB has confirmed there is no one located in that suite. The property manager confirms that space has been empty for several years. Telephone numbers provided by the company are not local numbers. The company claims to be licensed in the state of North Carolina, however, BBB can find no record of such with the NC Banking Commission. The company's Web site



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