

# A&T's Byrd to speak at WSSU

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Winston-Salem State University Lyceum Cultural Events will present educator/researcher/mentor Dr. Goldie S. Byrd on Wednesday, Oct. 14 at 10 a.m. in the Hall-Patterson Building, room 228, as a part of the Joseph N. Patterson Lecture and Assembly Series.

Her topic will be "Effective Mentoring of Underrepresented Students in the Sciences." This event will be free and open to the public.

Byrd is the Nathan F. Simms Endowed Professor of Biology at N.C. A&T State University. She is the former chairperson of the A&T Department of Biology. During her six-year tenure as chairperson, the department significantly increased external grant funding, increased

the quality and number of training programs for undergraduate and graduate students, expanded the undergraduate and graduate curricula, increased the number of students participating in research and entering doctoral programs, and increased research infrastructure and scholarly works. Under her leadership, the department received its first endowed professorship and just recently completed a five-year, \$1 million endowed scholarship campaign.

She has mentored and trained students at the secondary, undergraduate, graduate as well as postdoctoral levels. She has a stellar track record of preparing students to enter and be successful in graduate and professional degree programs in the sciences.

In recognition of many years of effective mentoring,

she recently won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring. Dr. Byrd will receive this award

from President Obama at the White House this fall.

Byrd is married to Dr. Randall Byrd and has three children, Jessica, Jennifer and Curtis.



Dr. Byrd



Director and choreographer Mabel Robinson.

## Black Rep will hold "Black Nativity" auditions

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The North Carolina Black Repertory Company will hold auditions for the Christmas Gospel Musical "Black Nativity" on Saturday, Oct. 31 from 12 - 7 p.m. at the Arts Council Theatre, 610 Coliseum Drive.

Actors, singers and dancers are invited to audition. Actors and singers must prepare a monologue, no longer than two minutes and two songs (one up tempo with movement and a ballad) and perform 32 bars of each. Dancers must perform a choreographed dance piece, monologue and one song.

The total presentation should not exceed five minutes. Those who audition should provide their own accompaniment (CD, cassette, etc.). All auditions are by appointment only. Call 336-723-2266 to schedule an audition.

"Black Nativity," written by Langston Hughes, is a gospel musical that illuminates the story of the birth of Christ Jesus as told by an ancient storyteller. Broadway veteran Mabel Robinson will direct and choreograph this extraordinary show.

"Black Nativity" performances will be Dec. 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday matinees are Dec. 5 & 6 and Dec. 12 and 13 at 3 p.m. Call 336-723-2266 to order tickets. The public school system performances will be held Dec. 11 at 10 a.m. Those schools interested, should call the phone number listed above.

## Peppers

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**Application:** First and foremost, an encounter with Jesus will change your life. How do you know who He is? Let's dissect the text. When you have lost hope (anything that controls you) Jesus comes, ignoring society's traditions. His mercy

becomes obvious, but He changes things without regard to status. Now, this doesn't mean that He overlooks those who are well off! They need Him as much as the rest of us! Jesus is compassionate, and in His ways will deliver, just wait on Him. We are invited to Covenant living by His grace and mercy. Are you ready to live such a life?



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