

CAREERS

Briefs

Conservative groups honor Innis

Roy Innis has received the John M. Ashbrook Award, one of the conservative movement's highest honors.

Innis, who has served for 42 years as the National Chairman of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), was presented the honor last Thursday during the Conservative Political Action Conference in Washington, D.C.



Innis

The Ashbrook Award is presented each year by the American Conservative Union and the John M. Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs in memory of Ashbrook, the late congressman who served in the House for 21 years and advocated a for limited constitutional government and reduced federal spending. Previous recipients of the award include Ronald Reagan, Jeanne Kirkpatrick, Malcolm Wallop, Charlton Heston and Henry J. Hyde.

"I am deeply honored and humbled by this recognition," Innis said. "The fight for civil rights has been fought on the same battleground as the fight to defend the conservative principles that forged our nation into greatness. I have been honored to serve as a soldier in both of these great struggles. And I have never been so optimistic about the future success of both efforts."

WSSU fraternity to hold pancake fundraiser at Applebee's

The Zeta Lambda Chapter of Pi Sigma Epsilon, a professional marketing fraternity at Winston-Salem State University, will host a Flapjack Fundraiser at the Applebee's on Griffin Road, off of Hanes Mall Boulevard, on Saturday, Feb. 27 starting at 8 p.m.

All proceeds raised will assist the chapter in attending a National Convention in Milwaukee, Wis.

The Apple Gold Group, a franchisee of Applebee's restaurants in North Carolina, Oklahoma and Arkansas, works in conjunction with local non-profits to host Flapjack Fundraisers. Tickets for the Flapjack Fundraiser are \$7, and since the organizations only pay about \$2 per breakfast, they have the potential to raise a lot of money. Breakfast includes a short stack of pancakes, sausage, milk, juice and coffee.

For tickets or more information, call Nathan M. Munford at 804-310-6692.

Home Depot helping HBCUs

The Home Depot has launched the "Retool Your School" grant program designed to provide improvements to Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) nationwide. As part of this unique program, The Home Depot will make a donation equal to five percent of the face value of three new commemorative HBCU gift cards, up to \$150,000, for grants for on-campus improvement projects.

Consumers can purchase the specialty gift cards online at www.homedepot.com/retoolyourschool. To apply for the "Retool Your School" grants, Historically Black Colleges and Universities will need to go to www.homedepot.com/retoolyourschool by March 15. Consumers can also register online for "Retool Your School Friends and Family" updates about the HBCU program. Those who register between Feb. 15 and March 14 can also enter to win a cabin for two to the Caribbean on the 2010 Tom Joyner Fantastic Voyage.

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Iowa College selects black, openly gay president

The Board of Trustees of Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa announced last week that it had selected Dr. Raynard S. Kington, the deputy director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and a leading scientific researcher on the role of social factors as determinants of health, to become Grinnell's 13th president, effective Aug. 1.

Grinnell is a nationally recognized, private, four-year liberal arts school that enrolls 1,600 students.

The 14-member Presidential Search Committee considered a diverse pool of more than 200 candidates before selecting Kington, who was elected to the prestigious Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 2006, where he currently serves as the chair of the Section on Administration of Health Services, Education and Research.

Prior to the NIH, he was a division director at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, where he led the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, one of the nation's largest studies to assess the health of the American people. He has also served as an assistant professor of medicine at UCLA and as a visiting associate professor of medicine at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

Kington is openly gay. A press release from the school states that Grinnell and his partner - Dr. Peter T. Daniolos, a child psychiatrist at Children's National Medical Center and George Washington University - and their two young children plan to move to Grinnell during the summer and occupy the president's home at the college.



Dr. Kington

Obama nominates native of the city to a key Board

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

President Barack Obama has nominated Winston-Salem native Michael D. Kennedy to a key administration post.

Late last month, Kennedy and Dana K. Bilyeu were put forward by the president to serve as members of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board. An independent government agency charged with administering the Thrift Savings Plan, which federal employees can sign on to save money for retirement.

All five members of the Board, which meets monthly, are appointed by the president and confirmed by the U.S. Senate.

"These individuals will bring proven talent and dedication to their roles," the president said in a statement. "I am grateful they have chosen to serve in my administration, and I look forward to working with them in the months and years ahead."

Kennedy is the son of the late Harold L. Kennedy Jr. and Annie Brown Kennedy, both of whom



Michael Kennedy, far left, with his mother, Annie Brown Kennedy and brother, Harold Kennedy III.

blazed trails for African-Americans in the worlds of law and politics. His brothers, Harold III and Harvey, operate the family's law firm - Winston-Salem-based Kennedy, Kennedy;

Kennedy and Kennedy. Michael Kennedy, who lives in Atlanta, is a senior client partner at Korn/Ferry International, the world's largest executive

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Photo courtesy of the Office of the Governor
Karen Eady-Williams

Wake Law grad appointed to 26th District judgeship

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Wake Forest University School of Law graduate Karen Eady-Williams has been appointed to the District Court bench.

Gov. Bev Perdue named Eady-Williams to a seat in the 26th Judicial District, which covers Mecklenburg County. She will fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Judge William "Bill" Belk.

"The lawyers in the 26th District sent me a tremendous list of candidates to select from," said Perdue. "I am confident that Karen Eady-Williams will serve the people of the 26th District with distinction and professionalism."

Eady-Williams started her legal career as an assistant public defender in the 26th Judicial District Public Defender's Office, handling felonies and misdemeanors in both District and Superior Courts. In addition, she represented clients in involuntary commitment hearings.

She later served seven years as an assistant U.S. attorney for the Western District of North Carolina, where she prosecuted general criminal and white-collar crime cases and was the Financial Crimes Litigation unit supervisor in the civil division of that office.

Prior to her appointment last week, the Chesapeake, Va., native was vice president and assistant general counsel for six years with Wachovia (Wells Fargo and Co.) in its legal division, where she handled defensive litigation and internal investigations.

Eady-Williams serves on the board of directors for the Belmont Community Development Corporation and Festival in the Park. She is also secretary for the Mecklenburg County Bar and has served on the North Carolina State Bar Disciplinary Hearings Commission, presiding over ethics trials for N.C. lawyers. Eady-Williams is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

She received her undergraduate degree from the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, Va.

Building Success

SMBA Photo

Mickey Boles (far left), president and CEO of Winston-Salem-based Smith Phillips Building Supply, receives the Southern Building Material Association's 2010 Dealer of the Year Award on Feb. 3 at a gathering in High Point from Association President Larry Adams (center) and Todd Merriss, the chairman of the Association's Board. SBMA bestows the honor on companies that meet a number of criteria, including community involvement and overall business success and accomplishments.



Brock is NAACP's youngest chairperson ever

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The National NAACP named Roslyn M. Brock as Chair of the Board of Directors at its Annual Board Meeting on Feb. 20 at the New York Hilton. At 44, she became the youngest ever and fourth woman to serve as chair of the NAACP's Board of Directors.

A highly qualified candidate, Brock's NAACP resume boasts more than 25 years of service to the NAACP in many capacities, including as a youth board member; Youth and College State Conference President; and Vice Chair to the Board of Directors. Brock also created the annual NAACP Leadership 500 Summit, and has served as Chair of the Board Convention Planning Committee.

"As the NAACP ushers in a new generation, it is a great honor to be elected Chairman of the Board of this esteemed Association," said Brock. "We are blessed with the opportunity to lead the fight for civil and human rights into another century, and I am honored to help the NAACP issue the clarion call while

ensuring the future legacy of this great organization."

She officially announced her candidacy last August after her predecessor Julian Bond declared his retirement from the Chairman position. Bond endorsed Brock's candidacy, citing her experience in many facets of the Association as well as her youth as assets she will bring to the Chair position.

In addition to her service with the NAACP, Brock serves as VP at Bon Secours Health Care in Marriottsville, Md., acting as the chief spokesperson for Bon Secours on government relations, advocacy and public policy. Prior to working at Bon Secours, Brock worked 10 years in health programs at the W. K. Kellogg Foundation in Battle Creek, Mich.

She graduated magna cum laude from Virginia Union University; earned a master's degree in health services administration from George Washington University; an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University and a Master of Divinity degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Theology School at Virginia Union University.



Brock

Nursing dean named provost at A&T

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Chancellor Harold L. Martin Sr. has named Dr. Linda Thompson Adams as Provost and Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, effective July 1.

Adams' appointment as chief academic officer of North Carolina A&T State University was confirmed last week during the regular meeting of the North Carolina A&T Board of Trustees.

Martin appointed a search committee in July of 2009 to lead a national search for this Cabinet-level position. He explained: "North Carolina A&T is fortunate to attract a creative and scholarly professional with a proven track record like Dr. Linda Thompson Adams."

"She has over 20 years of leadership in university administration, teaching, nursing, plus public service appointments by a mayor and a governor. N.C. A&T will certainly utilize her exceptional higher education expertise and public policy, grants, scholarships and fundraising skills during tough budgetary times."

Adams has been dean of nursing and a tenured professor at Oakland University in Troy, Mich., since 2003, directing opera-

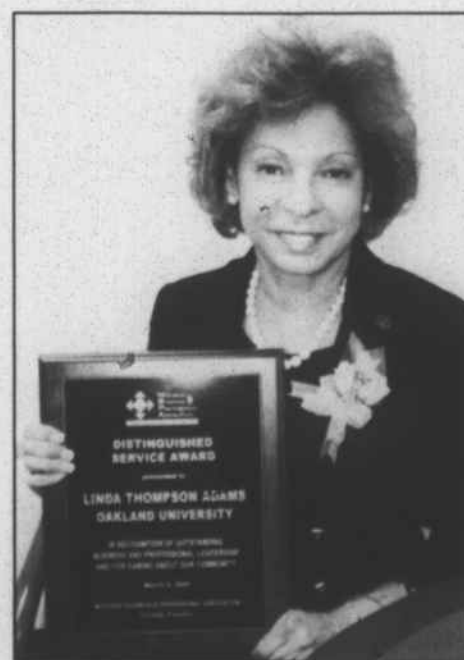


Photo courtesy of Oakland University

Dean Linda Thompson Adams holds the Distinguished Leadership Award for Education that she received at the Women and Leadership in the Workplace Conference and Awards Luncheon in Detroit.

tions for a nursing school with a budget of \$35 million. She currently leads a team of 150 faculty and staff in statewide operations, supporting 2500+ graduate and undergraduate students and four satellite facilities.

While at the University of Maryland's School of Nursing in Baltimore, Adams was associate dean of Policy and Workforce Development; acting chair of the Department of Child, Women, and Family Health Nursing; chair of the Department of Maternal and Child Health; and an associate professor. She also served as assistant dean of the School of Nursing and a professor at Coppin State College in Baltimore.

"A&T's national and premier status with aggressive research in the sciences, technology, agriculture and engineering can produce answers to difficult problems," said Adams.

A graduate of Wayne State University's College of Nursing in Detroit, Adams received an undergraduate degree in nursing and a master's in Nursing of Women. She received a M.P.H. and a Dr.P.H. with a focus in Child and Adolescent Health and Development from Johns Hopkins University's Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore.