

CAREERS

Briefs

WSSU's Professor Smith recognized for superb teaching

Dr. Janice Witt Smith, associate professor of management in the School of Business and Economics at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU), has been selected to receive one of the Awards for Excellence in Teaching from the University of North Carolina's Board of Governors.

She will be recognized for her accomplishments by a member of the Board of Governors at WSSU's Spring Commencement ceremony on May 8 and will receive a commemorative bronze medallion along with a \$7,500 cash prize. The Awards for Teaching Excellence are given annually to a tenured faculty member from each UNC campus. Established in 1994, they underscore the importance of teaching and reward good teaching across the University system.

Since joining the WSSU faculty in 2000, Smith has taught at both the undergraduate and graduate level. In addition to teaching leadership, organizational behavior and entrepreneurship, she created and taught numerous classes in Human Resource Management. Her students describe her as an effective teacher who helps them develop expertise, as well as build confidence in their own abilities and potential.

Prior to joining WSSU, Smith taught at North Carolina A&T State University and at Virginia Tech. She holds an undergraduate degree in business administration and management from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, as well as a master's of business administration and a doctorate in organization studies from Virginia Tech.



Dr. Smith

Nonprofits to receive free printing

Several local nonprofits will receive free printing services from Winston-Salem-based Allegra Print & Imaging. The company has awarded \$12,000 in printing and graphic services through its Allegra FootPRINT Fund, which helps nonprofits "leave a footprint" in the community.

The 2010 FootPRINT Fund recipients are: Hospice & Palliative Care Center; Community Care Center; CareNet Counseling; Habitat for Humanity; Crosby Scholars; Cystic Fibrosis Foundation; Winston-Salem Youth Chorus; Big Brother/Big Sisters of High Point; Samaritan Ministries; NC Shakespeare Festival; Adult Center for Enrichment, Inc.; The Renewal Center of the South, Inc.; YMCA of Northwest N.C. and Eagles Nest Foundation.

Award winners were selected by a review panel based on how services will be used to further organization goals including service expansion, program enhancement and maximization of existing resources, as well as the organization's innovation and resourcefulness.

Since the program's launch in 2008, Allegra has awarded \$35,000 in print-related services to area organizations.

For more information about Allegra, visit www.allegraws.com.

Truliant hosting info session about its mini-grant program

Truliant Federal Credit Union will host a community mini-grant information session on Tuesday, May 4 from 11 a.m. to noon at its Fred J. Sarda Pavilion, 3200 Truliant Way.

With its grant program, Truliant seeks to support community and faith-based nonprofit organizations that provide social support and/or economic development in "underserved" communities where Truliant serves its members.

TRULIANT Federal Credit Union communities where Truliant serves its members.

To qualify, agencies must impact one or more of the following areas: health or human services, youth, affordable housing, financial literacy or economic development. The grant cycle will run from May 15 to July 1. Grant applications are available at the session or at Truliant Member Financial Center. To attend the session, RSVP by sending an email to marjorie.rosie@truliantfcu.org.

Hygiene company bringing more jobs to Rockingham County

Albaad USA Inc., an international supplier of wet wipes for varied uses, will expand its plant in Rockingham County. The company will invest more than \$9 million and create 95 jobs in Reidsville. The announcement was made possible in part by a \$350,000 grant from the One North Carolina Fund, provides financial assistance, through local governments, to attract business projects that will stimulate economic activity and create new jobs in the state. Albaad USA is a wholly owned subsidiary of Albaad Corporate, which is headquartered in Israel and operates facilities in Israel, Germany and Reidsville. The company manufactures wet wipes for a variety of uses, including personal, home and automotive care.

The company, which employs about 200 workers in Rockingham County, was recently awarded a contract to produce a new infant wet wipe product. Albaad plans to expand its Reidsville plant, also known as AFG Wipes, to manufacture the new wipes and its standard products.



The most recent RMT inductees.

More 'Real Men' step up to become teachers

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Fourteen new members and 15 new mentors were recently welcomed into Real Men Teach (RMT), a program of Winston-Salem State University's School of Education and Human Performance.

With the National Education Association reporting that the number of male teachers is at a 40-year low, WSSU's Real Men Teach is designed to encourage more males to pursue careers in education.

It provides a special leadership curriculum for male education majors and also pairs each protégé with academic, personal and social mentors. Currently, there are 35 protégés in the program and 43



Holly Madrey and Dean Cynthia Jackson Hammond, right, present an award to keynote speaker Jeff Davis.

men with the university's faculty and staff along with members from the community serving as volunteer mentors. Holly Madrey serves as the program's coordinator.

Jeff Davis, assistant athletic director for player relations and external affairs in the football program at Clemson University, was the keynote speaker for the event. Davis, who has served as the primary spokesman and director for Clemson's "Call Me Mister" program, is a former Clemson All-American linebacker and NFL star with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. In his remarks, he urged the RMT members, who are called protégés in the program, to "graduate from success to significance."

During the ceremony, six participating students and five mentors received awards for their accomplishments. The students honored were: Christopher Graham, with the

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Lawmaker receives 4-H honor

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

State Sen. Dan Blue, a Democrat who represents Wake County, was among those honored recently with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the North Carolina 4-H.

Blue has been a member of the General Assembly since 1981, although he briefly left office to wage an unsuccessful campaign for the U.S. Senate in 2002.

He made history in 1991 when he became the state's first African-American speaker of the House.

Blue graduated from N.C. Central University and Duke University School of Law. In 2009, he was elected the first ever black chairman of the Duke University Board of Trustees.

The 4-H program is the youth education program of North Carolina Cooperative Extension, based at North Carolina State and North Carolina A&T State universities. It took root as corn and tomato clubs in Ahoskie, N.C., in 1909, and soon evolved from a rural youth program into a statewide organization with more than 241,000 active members and 21,000 volunteers and youth development professionals.

The Lifetime Achievement Awards honor former 4-H members, families and supporters. Larry Stogner, a senior ABC-11/ Raleigh anchor, also received a Lifetime Achievement Award during a ceremony held earlier this month at the Durham Sheraton. Also, Dr. Chester Black, a former state 4-H program leader, was honored for his recent induction into the National 4-H Hall of Fame.



State Sen. Blue

HERE'S WHAT'S COOKING



Celebrity chef Marcus Samuelsson has teamed with BlueStar Appliances for the "Inspired by Marcus" line of ranges, which feature special touches such as French doors, rounded body sides and slim, comfortable handles. The ranges will be hard to find. BlueStar is limiting production to 200 in 2010 and orders won't be taken until June 7. Ethiopian-born and Swedish-raised, Samuelsson is the author of "The Soul of a New Cuisine" and "New American Table." He co-owns New York's swanky Aquavit and C-House restaurants.

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Members of the Apex team with their Branch of the Year honor.

Employees feted at dinner in their honor

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Winston-Salem-based Murray Supply Company thanked its employees last month during a company-wide recognition dinner at the Marriott Hotel.

The family-owned company, which now has six locations, distributes an array of residential and commercial plumbing products.

President David Murray and CEO Charlie Murray presented awards to employees based on their length of service, sales achievements and safe driving records.

The five-year service awards were presented to Pat Dickson, Tim Mabe, Jeffrey Setzer and Sarah Wright. Recipients of the ten-year service awards included Larry

Fesperman, Daniel Kelly, Lisa Maier and Joseph Roche Jr. Rodney Lane received a 20-year service award, and David Hege received a 25-year service award.

Sales awards went to Kenny Meece, of the Winston-Salem branch, who received three sales honors; Zack Taylor, of the Apex branch; Charlie Szymborski, of the Charlotte branch; and Joseph Roche Jr., of the Raleigh branch, who received the Sales Leadership Award. The Apex location received the Branch of the Year Award for 2009.

A worker from each branch received a 2009 Employee of the Year Award. The honorees were: Susan Worlgy (Charlotte), Christy Coleman (Winston-Salem) Joseph

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Black journalists set to honor CNN's O'Brien

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Soledad O'Brien, a CNN special correspondent and reporter, will be honored by the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) on July 31.

NABJ will present her with its "Journalist of the Year" honor during the organization's 35th Annual Convention and Career Fair in San Diego. O'Brien has gained national prominence for her "In America" series, which began with CNN's "Black In America" in 2008, a groundbreaking documentary, which took an in-depth look at the challenges confronting blacks in America. In



Soledad O'Brien

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