



Students and STEP staffers pose with Bobby Hall II.

Photos by Todd Luck

**Bowler**  
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Danville, Va., who lives in Landover, Md.

Hall said there's been a decline in youth bowling leagues and that children aren't being exposed to bowling like they are to other sports, like basketball. Despite that, the youth in STEP showed no shortage of enthusiasm, running to get their bowling balls and then slinging them down the lanes with zeal. Hall went from lane to lane, giving kids some basic pointers to improve their game.

Hall hopes to kindle in kids the same excitement that he had as a child. Hall, a self-described "bowling brat," was raised by his father, PBA Professional Bowler Bobby Hall Sr. He would hear announcers introduce his father and his fellow professionals as the "best bowlers in the world."

"I said 'Wow, I want to be the best in the world,'" said Hall.

When he was only three years-old, his father drilled finger holes in a duckpin bowling ball, which is smaller and lighter than a normal bowling ball, so he could play.

"I felt he had a lot of potential at 11 or 12," said Hall, Sr. in a phone interview.

Hall, Sr., who still plays in the Senior PBA, said when he started playing the sport more than 40 years ago there were few African-Americans. He said the number of black professional bowlers has grown over the years, but is still relatively small.

Hall II is one of the few African Americans competing on a national level. He said he hopes to change that by inspiring the next generation of bowlers.

"(I) start with the kids,

it's a trickle down effect, it'll get there," said Hall.

Sydne Grier, 16, said she the event piqued her interest in bowling and she plans to revisit AMF Lanes. She'd never bowled outside of her Wii video-game system, but said she enjoyed throwing a real ball down the lanes and even got a strike. She said she enjoyed meeting Hall.

"I've actually never met (a professional bowler) face-to-face," said Greir. "It was a good experience to meet him."

Bowling is far from the only thing taught at STEP, which is sponsored by Positive Youth Directions. The 30 youth in the program went through social and academic assessments. The program works on the areas each student needs improvement in. The program meets at Goler Enrichment Center Monday through Thursday, where the focus is on academics. Fridays focus on enrichment, which includes tours of college campuses and a trip to Morehead Planetarium.

"Staying engaged academically also helps them maintain what they learned last school year," said STEP Director Bill McClain.

Jenna Anderson, 15, participated in the camp a few years ago, and then again this year. At first, she was unsure about focusing on academics during the summer, but she said the the results, when she returned to school, made the choice well worth it.

"When I went back to school my grades did improve a whole lot based on the help they gave me in the...program," said Anderson.

AMF Lanes hosted Friday's event for free and lets children who register on its Web site bowl for free all summer long.



Hall

To register children for free summer bowling at AMF Lanes go to [www.kidsbowl-free.com/amf](http://www.kidsbowl-free.com/amf). For more information about STEP, contact McClain at (336) 602-0565 or [bill.tcwp@gmail.com](mailto:bill.tcwp@gmail.com). For more information about the PBA, visit [www.pba.com](http://www.pba.com).

Changes to make licenses harder to fake

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles announced last week that state driver licenses will undergo changes by 2012 that will make it more difficult for wrong-doers to produce fake licenses and identification cards.

The licenses and ID cards of tomorrow will carry a black-and-white photograph taken by a camera with multiple lenses. The resulting photo will be laser engraved into the card, providing a clearly identifiable image. The cards also will be made of a more durable polycarbonate material than is currently used. Multiple layers will be fused together and cannot be removed without leaving evidence of tampering. The new cards will meet state and federal mandates, as well as national security requirements.

The N.C. Department of Transportation has awarded a \$47.5 million contract to MorphoTrak-Safran Group over the next seven years.

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**Program**  
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College, Elon, NC A&T, Livingston College, John C. Smith University, Winston-Salem State University and Bennett College for Women.

Students in the program will also be paired with experienced librarians for mentoring and offered cultural enrichment activities during the two-year MLIS program.

"This grant is a timely infusion to help increase the number of the students from underserved communities into the MLIS program at UNCG," said Dr. Sha Li Zhang, project director/principal investigator and assistant dean for collections and technical services



Dr. Sha Li Zhang

for University Libraries. Zhang and her team won a federal grant of \$862,000 in June 2008 from IMLS. This initial federal grant supported the creation of the Academic and Cultural Enrichment Scholars Program (ACE) at UNCG.

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