

# Walker appointed to NCAA Membership Committee

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem State University Associate Director of Athletics and Senior Women's Administrator Tonia Walker has been appointed as a member of the NCAA Division II Membership Committee.

The Committee is comprised of nine members who hail from schools across the country. Committee members are required to attend multiple meetings each year where they review and consider issues pertaining to the Division II membership requirements and compliance issues, as well as educate provisional and reclassifying members.

Walker's term of service on the committee will begin Sept. 1 and will continue through Sept. 1, 2016.

"I'm extremely humbled and excited to have the opportunity to serve on the NCAA Division II Membership Committee. Having been a part of the athletic administration which led Winston-Salem State University through its Division II reclassification, I certainly believe that my experiences will be helpful and insightful to this endeavor," Walker said. "I look forward to the opportunity of representing both WSSU and the Central



Tonia Walker has worked at WSSU since 2000.

Intercollegiate Athletic Association and take very seriously the expected contributions that come with serving as part of this esteemed group."

Walker has been an integral part of the Winston-Salem State University Department of Athletics for more than a decade and has occupied nearly every administrative position within the department including spending nearly a year as the Interim Director of Athletics. Walker assumed the role of Interim Director of Athletics on Feb. 9, 2009 and served the head of the WSSU Department of Athletics for the better part of 11 months before returning to her role as the Associate Director in January 2010, following the installa-

tion of new Director of Athletics Bill Hayes.

In addition to her duties as the Rams' Associate Director of Athletics she also serves as the Senior Woman Administrator, a role that she has occupied for eight years.

She has been a member of the WSSU Athletics staff since August 2000 and is in her 12th year of service to Winston-Salem State University, making her the most senior administrator in the WSSU Athletic Department.

Walker attended Hampton University as a two-sport athlete, playing basketball and softball. She is married to Wayne Walker Sr., a former Hampton University football player. They have two children, Daijah and Wayne Jr.

## ADHD

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certain problem behaviors, and improve organizational skills.

Sleep deprivation, depression, learning difficulties, tic disorders and behavioral prob-

lems may be confused with, or appear along with, ADHD. Every child or adult suspected of having ADHD deserves a careful medical evaluation to sort out exactly what is causing the concerning behaviors.

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## Fest

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"The Georgia Songbird," EG Kight, who has been on tour opening for BB King, will also perform. She's a brassy, gutsy, blues singer and guitar player that can really belt out the blues. Rounding out the talent are Mel Melton & the Wicked Mojoes, a smoking hot Zydeco-Cajun band out of Durham, House of Dues and T.A. James.

The Piedmont Blues Preservation Society is a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping the blues music genre alive and growing. The Society's goals are to support live performances of blues music in the Piedmont Triad, introduce



Eric Gales is considered a guitar phenom.

young and old to the historical significance of this music genre and promote blues music for generations to come.

Tickets are on sale now at [www.piedmontblues.org](http://www.piedmontblues.org), and can be purchased at the Carolina Theatre Box Office,

310 South Greene St., charged by phone at 336-333-2605, or online at [www.carolinatheatre.com](http://www.carolinatheatre.com). Tickets are also available at all five Guilford County locations of Bank of Oak Ridge. Advance tickets are \$20 each or \$30 day of show.

## WSSU

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his stay.

"It was just an awesome experience for me, learning how to be yourself in any type of environment," said Barnes who has landed a job working as a territory sales manager in Kansas. "I was truly able to learn some things, but the biggest thing I found in Thailand was myself."

Georgetown Professor Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, a syndicated radio host, author and academic, urged all the graduates to be true to themselves during his keynote address. In a dynamic speech that had the graduates and audience members laughing, clapping and even singing along, Dyson used his wit and extensive knowledge of hip hop and soul music to simultaneously entertain and educate the crowd.

He evoked the genius of artists like Tupac Shakur, Jay-Z and Marvin Gaye to encourage the soon-to-be graduates to think, act, love and grow.

"In the time that you've been here, you've learned to think and think for yourselves. If you learn to think, your education is valuable," said Dyson, the author of 16 books. "We live in a nation where too many people are marching in lockstep according to what somebody else says."

The Detroit native urged the graduates to use their statuses as educated people to help others.

"Imagine a different world by acting in your own community to make the world a better place," he said. "You've got to act with integrity in your everyday lives."



Martha McMurray

Dyson spoke out against the passage of Amendment One, which he called "horrible."

"Why are we so obsessed with a person's sexual orientation or their race or their class or where they came from? That doesn't define who they are," declared Dyson, an ordained Baptist minister. "...Jesus said love your neighbors as yourself. Ain't no asterisk in there."

Dyson told the crowd not to be afraid of change.

"If you ain't changing, you're dying. If you're not evolving, you're heading backwards," declared the Princeton alumnus who fathered a child when he was just a teen. "...The greatest mark of your education is that your heart will continue to open, your spirit will continue to deepen and your mind will continue to evolve."

Business management major Martha McMurray knows a thing or two about evolution. Five years ago, when she was brutally attacked by two pit bull terriers, the Matthews native says her outlook was bleak.

"After the attack, I felt like

this hideous being," she related. "I was so angry."

The attack robbed McMurray of her short-term memory. She grappled with nightmares and bouts of severe anxiety, but she was determined it would not hold her back from achieving her educational goals. Despite the many challenges she faced, McMurray graduated from high school and college on time.

"It was awesome. I can't even describe the feeling," said McMurray, who graduated with the highest GPA in her major. "Everyone thought I was going to die after the attack, and here I am getting my degree."

McMurray says she has much to look forward to in the future. She is headed to Atlanta to start a job at the Hershey company, and is engaged to be married next summer.

Not everyone in the graduating class was as fortunate as McMurray and Davis. The WSSU family honored the memory of three students who passed away during their tenures at the school. Former students De'Angelo Devaughn Simmons, who was slated to graduate in December 2011, and Jillian Rose Charlet, who was expected to graduate Saturday, were both honored with posthumous degrees.

"Today, we honor two students whose untimely deaths took them too soon from our midst and deprived their families of the opportunity to walk across this stage," Reaves said in conferring the degrees.

Former football player Michael Lee Calvin Champaign, who passed away in May 2011, was given a posthumous certificate of attendance.

## BMW's

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food, drinks and more.

Owners of vintage BMWs are invited to bring their rides. Vintage BMWs include all pre-war BMWs, 502, 507, Isetta (300 and 600), 700, 2000, 1800, 1600, 2002, 2500, CS, Bavaria, 320, 323, e23 (1st generation 7-series),

e12 and e28 (1st & 2nd generation 5-series), e24 (6-series), all e30s, M1s, and Z1 roadsters and all BMW motorcycles up to 1985.

A series of events will be held leading up to the Old Salem display, beginning on May 24, when BMW owners will gather at Senor Bravo, 241 S. Marshall St. On Friday, May 25, the group will attend "The Rockford Run" rally

starting at Farmington Dragway and ending at Westbend Vineyards in Lewisville.

The Old Salem event is free. The best time to view the cars will be between noon and 4 p.m.

For those with vintage BMWs who are interested in attending, visit The Vintage web site, [atthevintage.com](http://atthevintage.com).

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A public hearing on the updated PPP will be held at 4:15 p.m., July 19 in Room 530 of the Stuart Municipal Building, 100 E. First St., Winston-Salem, or send your comments to Kevin Edwards by e-mail ([kevined@cityofws.org](mailto:kevined@cityofws.org)), fax (748-3370), or letter (Winston-Salem DOT, P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem NC 27102).

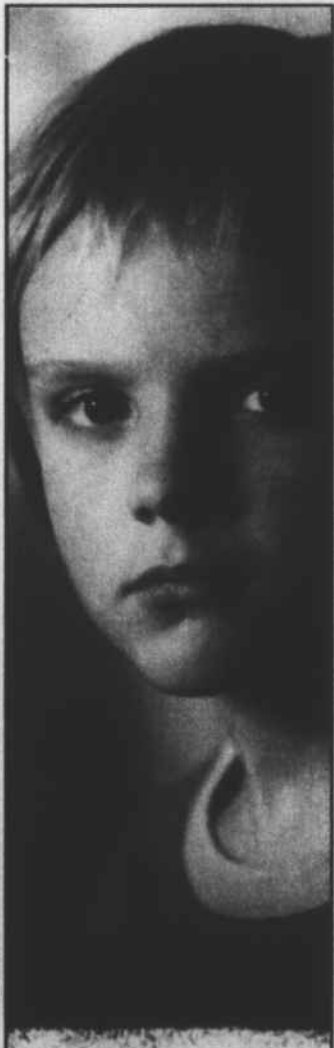
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