



Tammy Panal and her children, Jose and Susy.

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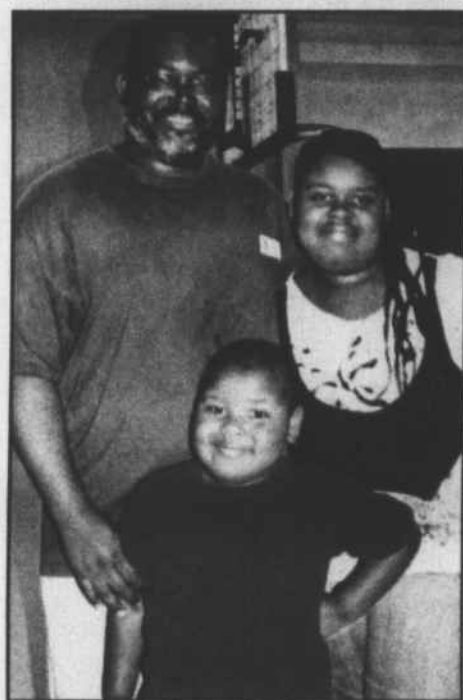
the school next week.

Cannon said there is definitely a need for the feeding program, and the children who attend seem to enjoy it.

"It's a nice safe place to come," she remarked. "There's happy faces that they're used to seeing, and some of their friends come, so it's kind of a social thing for them."

Cannon added that she is glad the program is being made so accessible to the surrounding community.

"The summer feeding program is a blessing for the kids in the neighborhood because they can walk here," she said.



Educator Solomon Stover Sr. with his kids, Solomon Jr. and Tianna.

that lasts throughout the year. They're very appreciative, and so are their parents."

Asheboro native Tammy Panal travels to the school daily to sit with her children Susy, a rising second grader, and Jose, a rising fourth grader, during their lunch break from the YMCA's Camp High Hopes, a free summer enrichment program housed at the school.



Lupe Leal

"I think it's lovely," Panal said of the program, which her children eagerly partake in along with roughly 180 other High Hopes campers. "A lot of kids don't have food to eat during the summer and I think it's awesome that they get food to eat here."

For High Hopes Tutor Solomon Stover Sr., the feeding program is an easy way to feed his children, Solomon Jr. and Tianna, while he works.

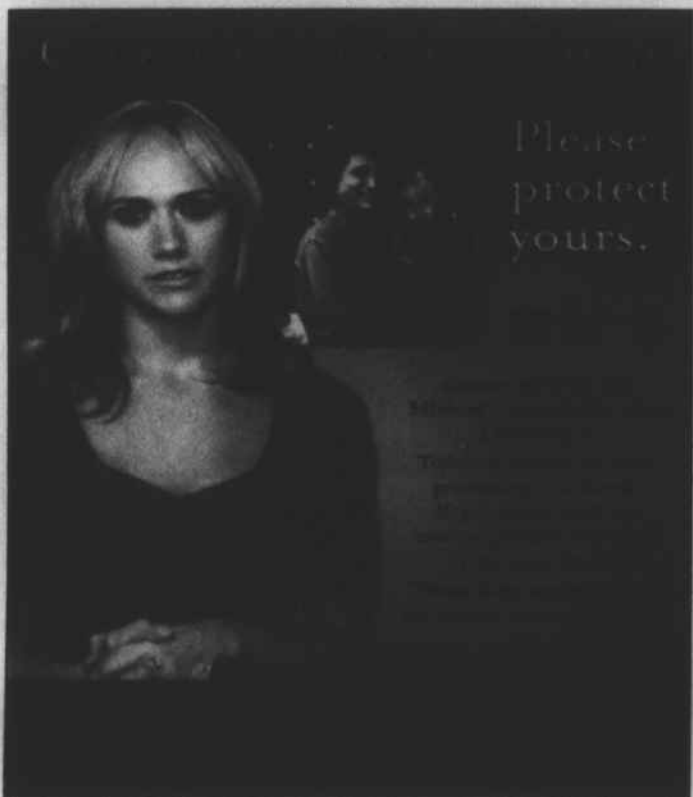
"It's convenient and it saves me the hassle of preparing food," said Stover, who also teaches second grade at the school. "I just think it's a good program. It's great for the parents as well as the children."

With 52 percent of the WS/FCS student population receiving free or reduced lunch, Mendenhall says the county meets the requirements for "severe need" reimbursement, but attendance at the feeding programs isn't reflective of those numbers. It's a fact she hopes to change this time around.

"Zero to age 18, and we'll feed you, no questions asked," said the city native. "We would love to feed 1,000 kids per site. We just never have reached that type of following."

Breakfast is served from 8:15 - 8:45 a.m. and lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the following sites: Ashley Elementary, Atkins High School (Old Greensboro Road), Diggs-Latham Elementary, Hall-Woodward Elementary, Lowrance Middle, North Hills Elementary, Paisley IB Magnet, Philo Magnet, John F. Kennedy High, Kimberley Park Elementary and Wiley Middle. Lunch-only is served at Easton Elementary and Gibson Elementary.

For more information about the summer feeding program, visit [www.wsfcsc.k12.nc.us](http://www.wsfcsc.k12.nc.us) or contact the WS/FCS Child Nutrition office, 336-771-4526.



Dr. Manderline Scales poses with some of her former students from the Class of 1960.

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of two. "I was taught to stand on my own two feet."

City native Mamie Douglas organized last Friday's party, which drew more than 50 of her former classmates. Douglas, a retired R.J. Reynolds employee who also helps to organize the Class' reunions, said she chose the Delta Center because of its location. The Center is a short distance from the Atkins that the Class of 1960 knows and loves, although the Cameron Avenue building now houses Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy and a new Atkins sits miles away on Old Greensboro Road.

"This is like home to us," she commented. "It's in the community where most of us grew up."

As the son of a former Atkins principal, Togo West Jr., who served as Secretary of the Army and Secretary of Veterans Affairs during the President Bill Clinton administration, said he felt like he spent much of his childhood at the school. Though they lived in segregated times, West, whose 70th birthday is today



Classmates show off their moves on the dance floor.



Dr. Manderline Scales

(Thursday, June 21), said Atkins students never considered their education anything short of stellar.

"Like so many black schools during that segregated time, we had extraordinary faculty. Not only were they good at teaching, but they were well qualified," said West. "I think every one of us believed that we got the best education we could get."

Among the outstanding faculty members at Atkins in those early days was Dr. Manderline Scales, a veteran educator whose career spanned 55 years. Scales, who taught for nearly two decades at Atkins, was the only former teacher in the

number Friday night. She credits the leadership of the late John Carter (a legendary Atkins principal) with helping students to realize their full potential. Carter, whom Scales said was known for being strict and demanding respect, also demanded compassion on the part of the teachers. He required them to visit the homes of each of their students at the start of every school year so they could better understand the students' background and any challenges they may have faced. She said Carter pioneered initiatives that are still found in schools today, like the popular CTE (Career Technical Education) program at the

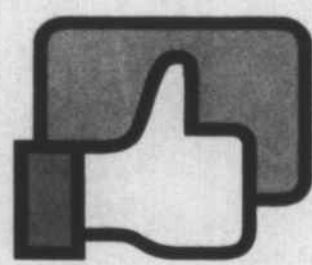
Career Center.

"He was 30 years ahead of his time in his ideas of education and what he intended the students to become once they left there," declared Scales, an Atkins alumna who also attended school during Carter's tenure.

She said she felt fortunate to have lived to see her students - whom she affectionately referred to as her "little dollies" - mature and progress through many stages in their lives.

"All of them have done outstanding," said Scales, who later became a dean at Winston-Salem State University. "I am so proud of them."

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