

Students complete Chamber program

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Thirty-five local middle and high school students graduated from the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce's Triad BioSummer Program on Friday, June 29.

The two-week, hands-on immersion program in biotechnology and entrepreneurship takes students from the classroom to the boardroom and the laboratory, all while introducing them to the exciting world of biotechnology. Led by certified teachers, university faculty, renowned scientists and biotechnology executives, the program allowed students to meet in laboratories, at companies and in academic settings to gain hands-on exposure to topics like molecular biology/genomics/proteomics/bioinformatics, bioethics and business ethics and venture capital formation.

This year marked the 10th year that the Chamber has hosted the program. Funding is provided by local corporations.



Middle (top) and high school (above) participants.

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Phi Beta Sigma mourns the passing of oldest member

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Dr. Wesley T. Carter Sr., who was the oldest living and active member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, passed away on Monday, June 25. He was 104 and had celebrated his 85th anniversary as a fraternity member on February 28. He was initiated into Sigma through the Lambda chapter at Virginia Union University; he was also recognized as VUU's oldest living alumnus.

Even in his last years, Carter was completely self-sufficient and still attended chapter, state and national meetings. During his collegiate years, Bro. Carter played basketball with the Richmond Phi Beta Sigma team, alongside Brothers "Puff" Taylor and "Stretch" Gardner. The team beat all other fraternities in the area and played most of its games on the second floor



Local members Calvin Holloway and Willitt Conner pose with Dr. Wesley T. Carter during the 2011 Atlanta Conclave.

of Johnson's Funeral Home. An extremely active member, Carter was the Grand Marshall of the VUU 1929 Homecoming Parade.

In later years, Brother Carter served as a delegate to the 1941 Conclave in

Philadelphia, Penn. He was also responsible for the souvenir kits at the 1967 Conclave in Richmond and has received numerous awards for his longevity of service to the fraternity.

For his many years of

community service and his distinguished career as an educator, Bro. Carter was recognized by his undergraduate alma mater with an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters in 2008. Most recently, Bro. Carter was featured on the cover of the Winter 2012 edition of The Crescent and was honored at the 2011 Conclave with the President's Living Legacy Award during the Opening Ceremony in Atlanta.

"This is a bittersweet moment to all Phi Beta Sigma members, as our dear Brother Wesley Carter was the epitome of lifelong service to the Fraternity, and the wider community," said the Honorable Brother Jimmy Hammock, the fraternity's international president.

Bro. Carter's funeral service was held at the VUU Chapel on Saturday, June 30.

Peppers

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Solomon his wish for wisdom. Wisdom is much more than simple knowledge. It includes the application of knowledge along with implementation and timing. A lot of people believe that wisdom comes with age, but today's lesson shows us that this idea isn't always true. Foregoing all of the prejudice about women in that day, the key issue is "who does the baby belong to?" The lower courts couldn't make a ruling because of the lack of witnesses.

The case has to go to the king! After hearing both sides of the argument, Solomon really can't tell who is telling the truth. As the new king of Israel, he must continue to establish himself in the minds of the people. Initially, he did that in chapter two with his brother and now he has to do it again. Conventional methods can not be applied. Solomon relies on the depth of a mother's love. He will cut the child in two and give each woman half. I'm sure the people in the court thought him to be mad! Facing the death of her child, the first woman feels that it's most important for the child to live. Obviously, little thought was given about her reputation and the consequences of lying in

court.

The second woman reveals her true character in verse 26b. The baby is given to the first woman. Verse 28 of the lesson says it all. The people of Israel may have doubted Solomon, but no more! Word, of course, spreads quickly because they recognize that the hand of God is upon their new king. They know that justice will be delivered impartially. Because of his gift, they will be afraid to act unjustly because he has discernment. Many years later, after her visit with Solomon, Sheba declares that Israel is blessed by their God to have a wise and just king.

Application: How comforting it must have been for Israel to recognize that Solomon was walking in the footsteps of God. Anyone in leadership (in the home, on the job, in the community, state, nation and world) that follows God's standards of wisdom and justice will be respected. While most of us will not hold some elected or appointed position, God expects us to please Him. We never know who is watching but one thing is for sure - God is watching! We claim to be His, therefore we must represent Him in every aspect of our lives.

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