

### A Fond Farewell



*Submitted Photo*  
City Council Member James Taylor (right) presents a City resolution of appreciation to husband and wife Marlon Hubbard and Chevara Orrin during a farewell celebration for the couple at the Ma'ati Spa on July 27. The couple were among the city's most active community servants. In addition to their many volunteering activities, they ran an art gallery, WhiteSpace, that was dedicated to bringing art to the masses. The couple is relocating to Jacksonville, Fla. to pursue new opportunities.

### Peppers

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believers need to be reminded that God created all humanity. Just because thoughts and ideas are different doesn't make anyone less of a person and precious to God! Apostasy is evident in every corner of the world.

Leaders, political and spiritual, are practicing greed, corruption and injustice to benefit themselves, caring nothing for the masses. God is not happy with any of it!

Sooner or later, His judgment will come - that's a fact. This however doesn't let the masses off the hook. They are responsible for staying in right relationship

with God. Today we have the Word and can study it. There is no excuse. We must endure like Jeremiah, for on that great day each of us must give an account for one's actions.

Thank God for we can't do right, speak right and think right without Messiah. He fulfilled His promise to humanity. Amen, Amen!

Photos by Todd Luck

Sha'Keira Rooks (third from right) with (from left) Aunt Valeria, grandparents Delois and Rev. John Rooks, and parents Zyl Sledge and Beverly Rooks.



### Freshmen

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also in the nursing program and live in Atkins. Still, Davis, like most freshmen, has mixed feelings about living on her own.

"(I'm) a little nervous but excited at the same time," said Davis, who plans to regularly visit home.

Ariel Jackson's parents and younger sister helped her settle into her room. The Roper native is the first person in her immediate family to attend college.



"I feels good," said Jackson, who is majoring in rehabilitation studies with her sights set on a career as an occupational therapist. "I'm accomplishing something and making them proud."

Jackson said the four-hour distance between Winston-Salem and home will make her visits few and far between.

"It's going to be very different living away from home," she said. "I don't have my parents with me. No more home cooked meals, no one washing clothes for me, I have to do all that by myself."

Jackson's roommate, fellow freshman Sha'Keira Rooks, also plans to study occupational therapy. The Roanoke Rapids native moved in with the help of a dozen family members and friends. Rooks said she picked WSSU because of the pride she saw at the university during campus visits and its small class sizes. She's the first among her three siblings to go to college and is looking forward "succeeding" at the university, which has as its motto, "Enter to learn, depart to serve."

"I'm ready to go accomplish something," said Rooks.

Her mother, Beverly Rooks, said she's been shedding a lot of tears of joy and sadness over her daughter's departure from the nest.

"We're very excited and

very proud," said Beverly Rooks. "We hope she continues to excel like she has done in high school."

The move-in was the beginning of a week of RAMDITON activities to

orient freshmen to campus. The week will end with a walk through the university's historic twin arches, a symbolic rite of passage for new students. Classes begin on Monday.

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