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Photo by Layla Garms

WSSU alumnus and Mecklenburg County District Court Judge Donald Cureton Jr. was picked recently to grace the cover of *The Paradigm*, a Charlotte based magazine.

## Substance over Style

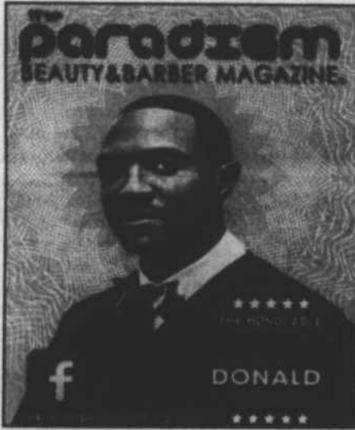
WSSU alum is achieving new heights, and looking good while doing it

BY LAYLA GARMS  
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Winston-Salem State University alumnus Donald Cureton Jr. is featured on the latest edition of Charlotte's *The Paradigm Beauty & Barber Magazine*.

The 34 year-old Mecklenburg County District Court judge sports a fresh haircut in the cover photo, but *Paradigm* writer Rashad Phillips says it was his former Garinger High School (Charlotte) classmate's achievements, not his sense of style, that made Cureton a great candidate for the quarterly publication's feature story.

The magazine seeks out positive sto-



ries about African Americans to offset all the negative media images, and Cureton, a graduate of Howard University School

of Law, fit the bill, Phillips said. "Our magazine's called *Paradigm*. We're trying to be a catalyst for a paradigm shift," he remarked. "We definitely have to shift that way of thinking so that people can see that these (careers) are possibilities."

Phillips, an alumnus of Johnson C. Smith University, remembers Cureton as a standout athlete, and said Cureton surprised many when he passed up the chance at college ball glory by opting for an academic scholarship over an athletic one.

"What resonated with me about his story was he was a very good basketball player in high school and was heavily recruited," said Phillips, a tax accountant. "His choice to turn down some of the prestigious universities and then go to Winston-Salem State University was phenomenal."

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## Shortages put Food Bank in crisis mode

BY LAYLA GARMS  
THE CHRONICLE

A donation from Food Lion came right on time last week for Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina.

The Salisbury-based grocery store chain donated \$10,000 worth of store-brand food items and a \$5,000 for the food bank's Triad Community Kitchen program during a special presentation at Second Harvest's Winston-Salem headquarters.

The grocery chain's generosity could not have come at a better time. The 30 year-old food bank, which serves 300 partner agencies across an 18-county area, is facing unprecedented food shortages. But even the Food Lion gift would only carry the agency so far.

"We will be totally out of food to distribute by tomorrow," Second Harvest Executive Director Clyde Fitzgerald said on Aug. 16, the day of the donation. "If we don't have it, we can't distribute it. By next week, 300,000 people in our program that rely on our network for life sustaining food assistance will not be able to get it."

Kathy Whicker, a Food Lion employee who has been a member of Second Harvest's Board of Directors since 2009, hopes Food Lion's donation spurs others to action.

"This is not only a way of reaching out to our community, it's a way of thanking our associates for the things that they do, because the need is so great," she said "...If we can get the word out how great the need is and that Food Lion's contributing, maybe we can get even more businesses to reach out to communities in North Carolina."

Second Harvest will be able to continue its Summer Feeding Program until school starts back Aug. 27 because the food had



Photo by Layla Garms  
Clyde Fitzgerald with Food Lion's Kathy Whicker.

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## Agency's 'Big' day designed to draw volunteers

BY TODD LUCK  
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Twenty local boys and girls briefly experienced what it's like to be a Little Brother or Little Sister last Friday.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Forsyth County's annual Big for a Day program gives kids currently on the agency's waiting list a taste of what is hopefully to come. The kids, who are called



Photo by Todd Luck

James Myers and his Little for a Day, Andre Walters, at his Wells Fargo office.

"I think that a lot people think about being a volunteer but they don't really know what they have to do, but once they meet the children and the children are easy to get along with ... you can see it's not that hard to talk to a child," said Suber, who said

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## All the Right Moves

Photo by Layla Garms  
From left: Kyndall Hancock, Madison Massey and Tabetha Byers show off their dance moves during Union Baptist Church's Takeover Youth Conference gala last weekend. Read more on page B1.



## Educators have their say in local woman's film

BY LAYLA GARMS  
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Americans entrust educators with one of the most important tasks in our society.

Yet, when it comes to diagnosing the problems that ail our public education system, teachers are the last ones we ask, says Winston-Salem resident Denise Agard. She hopes her new documentary, "I Teach: Voices of Public School Teachers," will change that.

"I'm hearing all of this stuff on television. Every time I turn around, teachers are being denigrated," said the Queens, N.Y.

native who spent 30 years working in public education before her retirement in 2008. "I'm not really hearing teachers being asked, 'What are the things we need to do differently?' So basically I decided I'm going to do this film."

Though the words education reform are on the lips of seemingly every politician these days, Agard, a mother of two, said educators are too often excluded from the conversation, and educators as a group don't always feel empowered to speak their minds about what the nation's public education



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Denise Agard loves filmmaking.

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