Salem Academy students do well at Model UN event

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Students from Salem Academy arned honors at the recent statewide Model United Nations General Assembly Session at Appalachian State University in Boone.

The students represented Spain during the event and broke up into six teams of two to participate in several mock sessions designed to mirror the kind of topics tackled daily at the UN.

Mary Beth Browne and Catherine Ward won first place in the Best Delegation category for their European Union Crisis presentation. Emma Wilbur and Grace Wilson won first place in Best Delegation for their World Trade Organization presentation. Parish Finn and Julia Dorn won an Honorable Mention award for their Economics and Social Council presen-

"I was able to visit and observe each Salem delegation (team) while they were in session, and I was very



Mary Beth Browne and Catherine Ward

impressed and proud of all of them," says Chris Royster, Academy history teacher and Model UN faculty adviser. "I thought their performance was excellent, especially given that it was the



first Model UN conference most of them had participated in. I also received several very nice compliments and congratulations from other teachers attending the Model UN Conference, which speaks well for the effort and perform-



Parish Finn and Julia Dorn

ance of our students."

Other participating students included Ivy Webb, Maeve Cosgrove, Mathama Bility, Hannah Webb, Sally Cai and Nicole Wang.

nmad releases novel

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In her new book, "Cowards and Angels," Aileen Muhammad pens the mystical, spiritual journey of a young woman whose genetic inheritance is in

contrast to descriptions and interpretations of the world she lives in.

The book, published by Trafford Publishing, tells the story of a young woman, Mia, and her family, who have roots on the island Sokotra, and the circumstances that cause Mia to be admitted into a mental hospital. The story is woven with her mystical connections and the pre-

carious position the family finds themselves in apart from their cultural roots. Throughout her fight, Mia searches for meaning as an omniscient voice brings messages through visions and poetry.

In her search, she comes to Islam for protection, beauty and strength, but has also researched other religious texts.

She finds that the crimes committed against her people are the same crimes her own people commit against her. In her search to understand and make peace, she beckons for assistance from angels.

"I was inspired to write this book by experiencing the enlightening instances in life," Muhammad shares, "by witnessing the dilemma of the interpretation of the experience of multi-ethnic people in America, and by having serious visions of a more peaceful world."

Muhammad attended Salem College, receiving a BA degree in creative writ-

ing in 2009 and earning the president's prize in creative writing. She is currently an M.Ed. candidate. Her poetry has been published in numerous journals and magazines, and her short stories have received honorable mention in several North Carolina state writing



Michele Powell (center) with agency volunteers.

Transformed Lives hosting benefit

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The Transformed Lives Community Resource Center is hosting its 2nd Annual Christmas Benefit and Silent Auction State Winston-Salem University's Thompson Center on Saturday, Nov.

10 at 5:30 p.m. The theme is "An Evening with the Stars." Transformed Lives' successful program participants and community partners will be the 'stars" for the evening. City Council Member Derwin Montgomery will be the keynote speaker. The event will also include a silent auction and a gospel concert with guest artists, The Gospel Stylistics and the Vessels

In Praise. 'The evening promises to be uplifting and inspiring as we tell our story of not only how we have served the community, but also how the community has served

Michele Powell, execudirector Transformed Lives. "We love that we are a place where the citizens can give back by offering their talents resources to their own community."

Transformed Lives, a nonprofit organization, has been in operation since 2007 and has supported underserved communities and families its inception. since Founded by husband and Stephen Michele Powell.

agency is operated by a committed Board of Directors and team of volunteer staffers

The agency's include grams Healthy Homework Lab. Client Choice Pantry, Mobile Unit, supgroups, port Community Knowledge Center and transitional housing for formerly incarcerated men.

Tickets to the benefit are \$25 per individual or \$200 per table of eight. Call 336-293-7959 for



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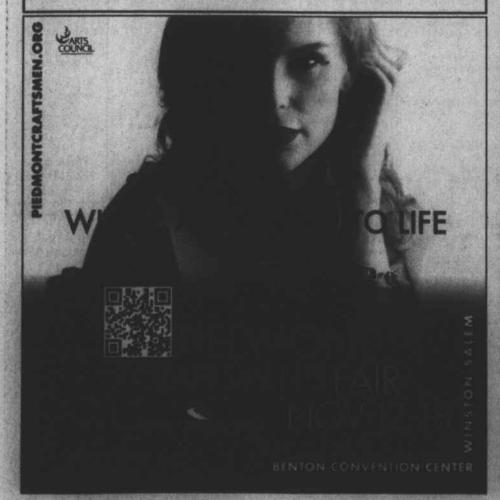
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Kids Hear from Positive

Role Model

Craig Edwards (third from right), a graduate of Winston-Salem State University, proud member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and employee of the Winston-Salem State Upward Bound Program, visits the Carl H. Russell Sr. Community Learning Center to talk to youngsters about the importance of voting. He also presented the kids with WSSU Upward Bound book-bags. Here, Edwards hands one of the bags to Russell Center Director Ben Piggott (second from left) as several kids stand by.



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