

## Crowning Moment



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Winston-Salem's Serayah Bailey recently won the title of 2013 Miss Junior Pre-Teen Greensboro/Charlotte of 2013 and will now compete for a national crown in Orlando, Fla. A fourth grade student at Sedge Garden Elementary School, Serayah won over the judges with her personality. When asked if she could be one person in her family for one day, who would it be and why? She said her dad because he's the boss of the house.



### SEMESTER AT SEA®

# Cruise ship was Bennett Belle's classroom for four months

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Packing 14 countries into 15 weeks of learning, the Semester at Sea Voyage 2012 proved life altering for Bennett College senior Ashley Buchanan.

"I have traveled to more countries within the past few months than some people do in a lifetime," she said. "This program has taught me so much about myself and has challenged me mentally, physically, spiritually and educationally. I cannot thank Semester at Sea enough for allowing me this opportunity and for making the world my campus."



Ashley Buchanan

The first Bennett student to ever participate in Semester at Sea, Buchanan also holds the College record for visiting the most countries within one semester. While it's a fairly competitive program, the biggest limitation for most students is the \$30,000 price tag. Knowing that her financial aid wouldn't even cover half of the total expense, the Bennett Belle feverishly sought assistance. Receiving scholarships, grants and gifts, Buchanan acquired nearly 97 percent of her tuition.

"I thank all of my donors and the support from the administration and staff at Bennett College. It is only with their support that this voyage was made possible for me," Buchanan said.

An international business major, Buchanan feels this experience will

prepare her for a blossoming future.

"This program has given me a competitive advantage against others in my field and allowed me to establish contacts with individuals from around the world," she said. "In addition, I have been challenged as a person and as a leader while being surrounded by so many involved and talented students from around our nation."

She also said the experience gave her a formal introduction to an array of cultures and global issues. While most of the countries were developed nations, Ghana introduced her to a world where many inhabitants live without electric-

ity, running water and shoes. One of her favorite stops along the way, the West African nation gave Buchanan an appreciated look at her ancestry.

"I was able to visit sites that I never imagined I would see - the Cape Coast Slave Castle, the house of W.E.B. Du Bois and the memorial of Kwame Nkrumah. Not to mention, the Ghanaians are the most welcoming people I have ever met. I loved my experience of going to the motherland," she said.

Besides Ghana, Buchanan, a native of Long Island, N.Y., also visited Nova Scotia, Ireland, England, Belgium, Portugal, Spain, Morocco, South Africa, Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil, the Canary Islands and the Commonwealth of Dominica. Prior to the Semester at Sea Voyage, she had traveled to South Korea.

# Area 4-H'ers take part in conclusion of N.C.'s Electoral College process

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Four teens recently represented North Carolina 4-H by participating in the Electoral College process in Raleigh on Dec. 17. North Carolina General Statute, Chapter 163, Article 18 dictates that the process will take place in the old Hall of the House of Representatives in the State Capitol in Raleigh at noon on the first Monday after the second Wednesday in December following the election. At that time, the electors meet and vote on behalf of the State of North Carolina for President and Vice-President of the United States.

These 4-H'ers participated by leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the beginning of the opening ceremonies.

Two of the 4-H representatives were from our area. Nathan Barrick, current State 4-H president and the son of Michael and Melinda Barrick, represented Forsyth County. Bryan Hartman, 2011-2012 State 4-H Secretary/Treasurer and the son of Keith and Sharon Hartman, of Walnut Cove represented Stokes County. The others were Dallas Perry, a 4-H secre-



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Secretary of State Elaine Marshall (center) poses with (from left) Nathan Barrick, Dallas Perry, Oshé Pittman and Bryan Hartman.

tary/treasurer from Taylorsville, and Oshé Pittman of Warsaw, president of the Southeast District NC 4-H Council.

North Carolina 4-H has over 235,000 youth enrolled in the program as well as over 20,000 youth and adult volunteers. North Carolina State University and North Carolina

A&T State University commit themselves to positive action to secure equal opportunity regardless of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, sex, age, veteran status or disability. In addition, the two Universities welcome all persons without regard to sexual orientation.

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