

# CAREERS

## Briefly

### WSSU grant will help educate child care providers

Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) has received a \$957,797 grant to improve the cultural competence of the early childhood workforce.

The grant was awarded by N.C. Department of Health and Human Services' Division of Child Development and Early Education. It is being funded from the \$70 million North Carolina received from the federal Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge program designed to promote innovation and reform in early care and education. North Carolina is one of only nine states to receive funding in the first round. North Carolina finished first in the national competition.



Day-Hairston

"Dr. Beth Day-Hairston, associate professor of education, and her colleagues worked very diligently on this grant proposal that we believe will develop and strengthen culturally responsive teaching practices," said Dr. Manuel Vargas, dean of the School of Education and Human Performance at WSSU.

"The funds will be used to develop and support the WSSU Practice Improvement Collaborative that will engage 100 participants in learning institutes and in teams that will engage in action research activities," said Day-Hairston.

The collaborative will include a cross-cultural group of teachers, parents and community leaders, as well as emerging and experienced early childhood leaders, center administrators and staff from the state Division of Child Development and Early Education. The action research will be facilitated by coaches who have expertise in cultural competence and early childhood care and education.

### Popular pizzeria turns 10

Burke Street Pizza, 1140 Burke St., celebrated its 10th anniversary on Feb. 19.

The eatery has been a local favorite for many years, winning the "Best Pizzeria in Winston-Salem" award in Smitty's Notes Reader Poll from 2007-2012. Since opening in 2003, Burke Street has opened two other Winston-Salem locations.

"We are proud to have come to downtown Winston-Salem and to be a part of the growth and development over the past ten years," said owner David Hillman. "There has been quite a bit of change and we have grown right along with the rest of downtown Winston-Salem. We hope to be here for a long time to come."

Hillman thanked his customers and employees Jason O'Brien, Cameron Dilley, Hugo Lopez, Boris Bliman, Jeff Livengood, and Moises Martinez, who have been with the restaurant from the beginning.

During last week's anniversary celebration, customers took t-shirts, keychains, tote-bags and other freebies.

"Congratulations to Burke Street Pizza for 10 years in business," said Mayor Allen Joines. "They were one of the early pioneers to Burke Street and downtown Winston-Salem, and it would not be the same place without them."



Burke Street Photo

### Rue joins WFU

Wake Forest University has appointed Dr. Penny Rue as vice president for campus life. She will assume her new duties mid-July.

Rue, who currently serves as vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of California San Diego (UC San Diego), is nationally known for her creative leadership in strengthening campus communities.

Rue will oversee most facets of student life with broad responsibility for the well-being and safety of students and their engagement outside the classroom. The departments she will supervise include: Residence Life and Housing, Student Services, Campus Life, Campus Recreation, Student Health Service, the Office of the Chaplain and University Police.

"I have a passion for creating a compelling student experience," said Rue. "At Wake Forest, the high degree of student contact, the teacher-scholar model, the focus on service and the common good, the emphasis on student well-being—all of these are appealing elements. I've never seen such collective dedication to providing a truly enriching educational experience."



Rue

## GIVE. ADVOCATE. VOLUNTEER. LIVE UNITED.



## Local UW meets goal

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The most recent United Way of Forsyth County campaign met its goal of \$17,325,000.

Campaign Chair Leslie Hayes, executive vice president and regional president of Wells Fargo, announced the good news last Friday at a luncheon for volunteers at the Sawtooth Center. United Way has set the same goal for the past two years and met it each time.

"This year's successful fundraising effort is due to the commitment and selflessness of those who gave through workplace campaigns, grants and individual donations," said Hayes. "Our community has a long and distinguished history of support for its United Way, and this year was certainly no exception."

Among the hundreds of organizations that conducted workplace campaigns across Forsyth County, 11 were recognized statewide with United Way of North Carolina's Spirit of North Carolina Award for Campaign Excellence. They are Adele Knits/Twin City Warehouses/COR 365, B/E Aerospace, BB&T, First Tennessee Bank, Hanesbrands, Inmar, Pepsico, Reynolds American, RockTenn Merchandising Displays, US Airways and Wake Forest University.

"We commend the many individuals, companies and others who rallied around the United Way effort," said Cindy Gordineer, president and CEO of United Way of Forsyth County. "And while it's good to celebrate the milestone, it's even better to acknowledge the tremendously good work that the funds will allow us to continue to do in our community."



Hayes

## Another honor for IFB

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Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind (IFB) was recently honored for its efforts to increase employment retention, growth and upward mobility for people who are blind.

Presented by National Industries for the Blind (NIB), the 2012 NIB Employment Award recognizes IFB's commitment to increasing employment and economic opportunities for people who are blind or visually impaired. IFB has received this national award eight years in a row.

With a 70 percent unemployment rate for working-aged Americans who are blind, all efforts to create jobs help to change this statistic and provide economic and personal freedom for people who are blind.

"We continue to be honored and grateful for this national recognition," said David Horton, executive director of Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind. "It reflects our mission to create quality jobs for our employees and to help them



grow both personally and professionally through training and education."

The NIB Employment Award winners receive cash payments from a \$1 million fund created to recognize and encourage NIB-associated agencies that grow or sustain employment for people who are blind. Emphasis also is placed on efforts to increase upward mobility in the workplace and job opportunities.



Roy Durham (right) accepts his award from Brad Hurley.

## State's top hospitality workers honored

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The North Carolina Restaurant and Lodging Association honored some of the hospitality industry's best on Feb. 18 at its Taste of North Carolina event at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill.

One of the six awards presented went to Roy Durham, an employee of Raleigh-based Rocky Top Hospitality, who was named "Restaurant Employee of the Year."

Durham is the head



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line cook at Rocky Top. His responsibilities include catering numerous events and working each University of North Carolina home football

game.

"There are hospitality employees who see their role as simply a job. Rocky Top Hospitality's Roy Durham isn't one of them," reads a NCRLA statement. "Customers and co-workers say that Durham handles his responsibilities with enthusiasm, dedication and dependability, even as he was encountering personal adversity. Durham blew out his knee a few years back, yet continued to come to work each day

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## The President's Handy Work

Official White House Photo by Pete Souza

President Barack Obama helps stain shelves during a National Day of Service project at Burrville Elementary School in Washington, D.C. on Saturday, Jan. 19. National Day of Service is centered around the federal Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. It encourages Americans to volunteer to help worthy causes, organizations and projects.

## A&T student wins NSF contest

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Leon White, a North Carolina A&T State University doctoral student in the College of Engineering, and Hector Carmona of California State University (the College's outreach partner) recently won the first Test-Bed for Innovation and Translation Competition at the National Science Foundation's Annual ERC Meeting in Bethesda, Md.

The contest required that projects involve the development of a system-level test bed aimed at solving an identified problem, in which the student(s) were engaged in the conception, design or imple-



Hector Carmona with Dr. Jag Sankar and Leon White.

mentation.

The concept challenged students at the undergraduate and graduate levels to work together in synergy to advance the research. The students designed a plan with Carmona

working on microfluidics and examining the micro environment. White looked at corrosion on the macro scale, ultimately combining the projects into one test-bed. Specifically, this unique test bed promoted

innovation, translational research, economic development opportunities, education, next generation workforce and outreach. White is a graduate student in Mechanical Engineering with a research concentration in biodegradable magnesium alloys.

The winning test-bed concept, "Biodegradability - Revolutionizing Metallic Biomaterials," arose under the guidance of these students' scientific advisor, Dr. Yeoheung Yun, associate professor of bioengineering, and their mentor Dr. Jag Sankar, director of the Engineering Research Center for Revolutionizing Metallic Biomaterials at N.C. A&T.