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Protestors take part in an NAACP protest near the General Assembly last week.

Statewide NAACP tour coming to Winston

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The Twin City will host leaders from the NC NAACP and their partners next week as part of the Forward Together Movement Local Organizing Tour.

Forsyth County will be 20th in the 25-stop tour, which was launched in Raleigh on Tuesday.

"We want to try to get a lot of people from Winston-Salem to participate in the Forward Together movement," said S. Wayne Patterson, president of the local NAACP chapter.

"Even though the presidential election is over, there are still issues in the General Assembly that we must address. We just want everybody to know that. We're trying to make sure that they're very aware of what's going on in the North Carolina General Assembly."

State Conference President Dr. William Barber II said the tour will build upon the foundations that have been created through the organization's annual HKonJ (Historic Thousands on Jones Street) Rally and the organization's Moral Monday event, a weekly civil disobedience effort where NAACP leaders and partners gather at the General Assembly to pray for legislators and raise awareness about the laws they are passing, which the NAACP has called "regressive." One hundred fifty eight North Carolinians have been arrested in connection with the effort since Moral Mondays was launched in April.

"In February, we brought thousands of people to Raleigh to promote a positive vision for the uplift of all of North Carolina and challenge the regressive agenda of the leadership in the NC General Assembly and Governor's Mansion," Barber said in a statement denoting the start of the Forward Tour. "In April, we brought 500 grassroots volunteer lobbyists to the People's House to ask that the legislators govern for the good of the whole. Since November, we have reached out to meet with legislative leadership to try and work together for the benefit of all."

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Success comes quickly for inspiring young artist

BY TODD LUCK
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Johnny Collins, known as Radio The Artist, is using his unique art to reach out to others.

Collins, 24, who takes his moniker from his high school nickname, "Radio," lives in Kernersville.

His art, with its bold lines and bright colors, mixes numerous influences, including pop art and graffiti, to create unique characters and images.

"Art for me is a way to express myself, but also to get my mind off of several things," he said.

Art is more than just Collins' career; he wants to use it to connect to young people and the communities he works in.

"Art is a good way of connecting with people," said Collins, who has been drawing since he was four.

He started creating his own style and characters when he was in high school, but put his art aside to focus on college. But after graduating from Forsyth Technical Community College with a degree in digital effects and animation, he

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Photo by Todd Luck

Johnny Collins, aka Radio The Artist, holds up his signature "Square Dude" image as he poses with some of his other pieces.



Photos by Todd Luck

A crowd of more than a 1,000 watch Saturday's commencement exercises.

Salem send-off

Graduates urged to further school's storied tradition

BY TODD LUCK
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It was standing room only in the picturesque May Dell amphitheater Saturday as Salem College handed out degrees to 218 graduates.

Surrounded by towering shade trees, students crossed a stone bridge over a running stream to walk across the stage to receive their degrees.

Though a women's college, Salem does have a few male students in certain academic programs, so a few male graduates marched alongside the ladies.

Salem, which enrolls only about 1,100, is the nation's oldest women's college; its roots stretch back to before the start of the Revolutionary War.

"Over 240 years ago, the seeds of an idea were

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Members of the Class of 2013 march in.

The Best Medicine

Burcaw touts his lighthearted approach

BY LAYLA GARMS
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Living with Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type II has taught Shane Burcaw a thing or two about life, perhaps the most important of which is not to take it too seriously.

He shared the wisdom - and the pitfalls - of his unique experiences with students at The Kingswood

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Ted Burcaw Jr.

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Shane Burcaw talks with Kingswood students after the program.



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