

Attendees and participants march around the church's parking lot Sunday. Photos by Todd Luck



Above: Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church Step Team performs.

Right: Rapper Mr GP does his thing.

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negative undertones and may have led Zimmerman, who beat second degree murder and manslaughter charges last year, to see Trayvon as a threat. Those on the other side counter that Trayvon was like far too many young black men — labeled armed and dangerous when more often than not neither is the case.

The march ended when the walkers made their way into the sanctuary to witness and take part in the service, which was organized by Emmanuel's Youth Ministries.

The program featured song, dance and spoken word, with many of the performers using their art to make a statement about the injustice they feel Trayvon and many other young blacks are dealt. Brief sermons were delivered by Larry Brown, Michelle Butler, Chelsea Yarborough and Love' Lemon, all of whom are current Wake Forest University School of Divinity students or candidates.

"What brings us here this afternoon is to commemorate the lives of those young minorities who lost their lives to injustice," said Brown, who serves as a congregational intern at Emmanuel. "And not to just commemorate their lives but what brings us here is to reclaim our own so that America knows in our community there is much work to be done."

Yarborough said the tragedy of the Martin case still hangs heavy, two-years later.

"Sometimes in situations like the one we're remembering today, it's hard to see God," said Yarborough, who serves as a ministerial intern at Cornerstone Missionary Baptist Church. "(It's) a case that literally made and still makes some of us sick."

Controversy still continues around Zimmerman. He has had numerous run-ins with the law since being released from jail after his acquittal. Before Sunday's service, he had tentatively been scheduled to fight rapper



E Jay Chandler performs.

Damond Gaither and brothers Elijah Pone and Michael Hauser Jr., gospel rappers Mr. GP and E Jay Chandler, poet Wynter Troy, singer Tamaya Arnette and Brian Cager, who recited Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream." The Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church Step Team, the Emmanuel Youth Liturgical Dancers and Tots, the KB Mime Ministry and Testimony Mime Ministry's William Furches also performed.

DMX in what was being billed as a "celebrity" boxing match. Though that fight was called off earlier this week after the promoter claimed he and his family received death threats, a new promoter claimed this week to be scheduling a new non-celebrity match for Zimmerman, with profits going to the Trayvon Martin Foundation.

Butler said it was a disgrace to be in a society "where killing a young man with skittles and iced tea gets you on celebrity boxing matches."

Brown agreed, as he also decried the match from the pulpit.

"Do you see that Zimmerman's blood spilled in a celebrity boxing match will not quench the thirst for justice?" said Brown.

Lemon said there is injustice all around. She cited inadequate public schools, violence taking the lives of African Americans and the disproportionate number of black men in jails and prisons.

"Watching the news, I understand the many chains that still must be broken," she said.

Emmanuel Pastor Dr. John Mendez delivered a sermon — "A Hoodie Without a Face" — shortly after Trayvon's death. He hopes the church's services will help people continue to remember who Trayvon Martin was.

"And by us commemorating his life we continue to put a face inside that hoodie," he said. "He's no longer invisible; he is no longer unknown, but he, in fact, has a real human face that's made in the image and likeness of God."

Performers included spoken word artists



Dr. John Mendez speaks.

**All Star**

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"It was a good feeling," he said of being among the 75 students from across the nation selected for the program. "It didn't really hit me until the next day that I'd been selected and how much this means to myself and my family and my school ... I enjoy being an example and showing what is possible, and that's what the mission (of HBCU All Stars) is all about."

Shakera Fudge and Leon White of N.C. A&T State University and Jasmine Everett of Bennett College were the only other Triad students picked.

Dr. Soncerey Montgomery, director of Honors Programs at WSSU, said she was pleased to learn of Guillaume's latest achievement, but not surprised.

"Georges is just one of those scholars who you expect to excel and you know he's going to be successful, professionally, in his educational endeavors and anything he does," Montgomery declared. "... He excels in all he does, and he does things in a spirit of excellence."

The All Stars will serve as ambassadors of the virtues of an HBCU education as they exemplify the leadership and community mindedness that are hallmarks of institutions they represent. They will be featured on the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities Web site and participate in quarterly Web chats with Ivory Toldson, deputy director of the Initiative, and other professionals and take advantage of opportunities to network with other All Stars and participate in regional events.

"Engaging with the next generation of leaders who will graduate from HBCUs and go on to make meaningful contributions to society is crucial to the success of our community, our country and our global competitiveness," said George Cooper, executive director of the Initiative.

As an All Star, Guillaume hopes to launch a collaborative program that uses components such as mentoring and tutoring to strengthen ties between the university and local schools. Montgomery said Guillaume's selection shines a positive light on the university.

"It says that we provide quality education for our students and we really take time to nurture them to be leaders and groom them to be All Stars," she said. "He's definitely one of our top-notch students and we're proud of him."

Before coming to WSSU, Guillaume



Montgomery

says his knowledge of the HBCU legacy was minimal, at best.

"I've been pleasantly surprised by the environment and the culture; it definitely is a family environment," related the 22-year-old. "...As a student at an HBCU, I was put under the wings of many successful doctors and professors, and I don't think that is so easily accessible at mainstream universities."

As the son of parents who emigrated from Haiti to the U.S. to give their children a better life and sound education, Guillaume says academics have always been a priority for him and his family. But the talented artist and basketball player didn't decide to pursue a career in medicine until late in his high school career.

"My senior year is when the earthquake happened in Haiti, so that sort of solidified my interest in medicine, because with the earthquake, there was such a need for doctors," he explained. "I saw that there was an extreme need, and that primarily is how you help people ... I thought that it was the most basic level of how you can help

and serve."

Guillaume says he plans to use the knowledge he gains as an undergraduate and in medical school to give back to his community, and the world.

"One of the things that I do want to do is open a medical school in Haiti," said Guillaume, who hopes to spend a year in a service oriented internship in the island nation prior to enrolling in medical school. "I also want to create new or free health clinics in Haiti, but also in Little Haiti in Miami, as well, in underserved communities."

Wherever he decides to chase his dreams, Montgomery believes Guillaume will go far.

"Georges is really goal oriented and results driven. He takes incentive. He likes to see things happen and he makes them happen. He's very persistent and has a strong work ethic, too," she noted. "Georges is serious about making a difference in the world. I just applaud him for having the courage to venture out, and he really wants to use his talents for the greater good."

Guillaume credits the university with helping him reach his full potential as an undergrad.


"I really do appreciate these opportunities I've had coming from Winston-Salem State," he declared. "In many ways, it's been a second home to me. The faculty, professors and students are one of a kind."

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11	vs. Bluefield State	4 pm
14	vs. Mercyhurst	1 pm
15	vs. Mercyhurst	1 pm
16	vs. Mercyhurst	12 pm
21	vs. Wheeling Jesuit	5 pm
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23	vs. Wheeling Jesuit	1 pm

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2	vs. Chowan (dh)	1 pm
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10	vs. Mercyhurst	6 pm
15	vs. Saint Augustine's (dh)	1 pm
16	vs. Saint Augustine's (dh)	1 pm
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