

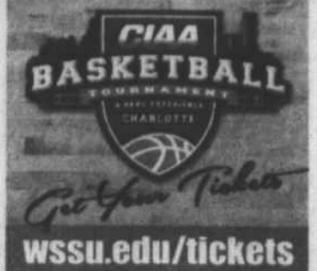
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Photos by Charles E. Leftwich, Jr.

On an electric evening in front of a capacity crowd, Stephen Scott and Taelor Olivia Scott represented the Scott Family during the 2015 induction into the R J Reynolds Hall of Fame of Stuart Scott.

## NAACP ready to march on Raleigh

BY CHANEL DAVIS  
THE CHRONICLE

Members of the Winston-Salem Branch of the NAACP are preparing to get on the bus to participate in the ninth annual Historic Thousands on Jones Street (HKOJ) People's Assembly in Raleigh. And they are encouraging others to join them.

This year's assembly has been dubbed the Mora March on Raleigh. Participants are expected to convene downtown on Saturday (Feb. 14) at 9 a.m. across from the Raleigh Memorial Auditorium for a pre-rally before marching to the state Capitol at 10 a.m.

The local branch held a press conference Tuesday Feb. 3 at Emmanuel Baptist Church to tout its support of the Assembly, an initiative of the N.C. NAACP.

"HKOJ is a people's assembly that is addressing our needs in the community. It's not just an African-American agenda, but it's a human agenda. It's about human rights and our ability to live in a community with voting rights education, and with medical needs, poverty and hunger taken care of. There are so many laws that have prevented that across the state," said Daphne Holmes-Johnson, a representative of the state and local branches. "To move our state forward these are issues that we need to address to continue being progressive."

An HKOJ coalition was created to fight for equal rights across the state. The group has compiled a 14-point People's Agenda that denounces bills that have or will be introduced in Republican-led General Assembly. These bills deal with everything from education equality, labor rights and voting rights to health care and equal protection. The agenda suggests alternate actions to fix such issues.

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## Local schools honor the life of the late Stuart Scott

### Daughter, brother help Reynolds, Mt. Tabor

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

The late Stuart Scott, a longtime ESPN personality, was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Reynolds High School on Friday with his family members accepting the honor for the "SportsCenter" anchor.

The induction happened at half time of the Reynolds versus Mt. Tabor game at Reynolds Gymnasium. Scott, a Chicago native who grew up in Winston-Salem, attended ninth and tenth grades at Mt. Tabor and graduated from Reynolds. Scott's daughter, Taelor, and brother, Stephen, took to the court as Scott was inducted.

Taelor Scott, who is attending Barnard College in New York, said there has been many tributes and kind words since her father lost his life to cancer, including from President Barack Obama, who said, "Over the years, he entertained us, and in the end, he inspired us - with courage and love."

"He meant quite a lot to lots of people," said Taelor Scott, one of



Photo by Todd Luck

One of the special Stuart Scott shirts from Friday night's game.

Scott's two daughters.

She said she knew the Reynolds tribute would have a special place in his heart, as she remembered fond stories about his formative years there, listening to old school music, wearing knitted sweaters and playing on the football team.

She remembers a different, private side of Scott: how funny he could be and how he would sing in the car.

"It's devastating because he won't get to see the things I go through, and what was amazing about having him as a father was, he was proud of everything I did," she said.

Stephen Scott, who currently lives in Raleigh and attended Reynolds, graduated a few years ahead of Stuart

Scott. He said Stuart was a genuine person who uplifted those around him. He said Scott was a tremendous football player in high school but when physical injuries prevented him from playing in college, he devoted himself to being a broadcaster.

It wasn't always an easy path. While doing interviews at different stations his senior year, Scott was told by one person that he would never make it in the industry. Stuart Scott said his brother used that as motivation to become the best he could be in his profession. He would land a job at WRAL in Raleigh and two other stations in the South, before he began working at ESPN in 1993.

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Photo by Chanel Davis

Rev. Alvin E. Carlyle, pastor of Exodus United Baptist Church, speaks at the press conference held by local NAACP leaders in the area.

## Community continues discussion on race disparities

BY CHANEL DAVIS  
THE CHRONICLE

The Institute for Dismantling Racism (IDR) wants to have candid and authentic conversations about race and racial inequalities. That conversation began Feb. 3 in Green Street United Methodist Church's sanctuary, where the agency held its first community discussion.

According to Rev. Willard Bass, IDR executive director, the recent events in Ferguson, Mo. and Staten Island, N.Y. has brought about the need to have public and open conversations about social justice and what people can do to decrease these

instances.

He credited The Chronicle's Publisher Ernie Pitt and the newspaper's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast for getting him to think about where the city, state and nation stands on racism.

"He challenged the community to begin to have dialogue about this. I have taken him up on that challenge and felt like it would be good for us to take this opportunity," he told the audience.

Bass said that it's not just about having a conversation with leaders in the community

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## Chronicle names Rogers as new editor

BY CHANEL DAVIS  
THE CHRONICLE

Readers will notice a change in The Chronicle from here on in the form of its new editor.

Donna Rogers has been appointed to the position of editor. She's excited about her new position.

"I am excited to be a part of the Black Press. I have gained the knowledge and skills to run a newsroom operation, and I am ready for the exciting days ahead as we serve the Winston-Salem community," she said.

Kevin Walker, who had been with The Chronicle for



Rogers

the past 16 years, is preparing to pursue his masters

degree. His last day was Feb. 6.

Rogers, a South Carolina native, has been with the paper since the end of 2014 as the copy editor. According to Rogers, before coming to The Chronicle, she worked out of South Carolina help-

ing nonprofits and businesses in the area, Virginia and Georgia with public relations and marketing, including producing a newsletter and leading marketing campaigns.

She said that she is looking forward to engaging the community

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