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The Winston-Salem State University baseball team received an honor from the City Council on Nov. 2. Chancellor Elwood Robinson holds the resolution.

## WSSU baseball team awarded athletic excellence

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The Winston-Salem State University baseball team received a prestigious honor on Monday, Nov. 2, as the Winston-Salem City Council honored the team for athletic excellence in winning their fifth consecutive CIAA Baseball Championship last spring.

Councilman Derwin Montgomery, a 2010 WSSU graduate, presented the resolution to the WSSU contingent that included Chancellor Elwood Robinson, Director of Athletics Tonia Walker, head coach Kevin Ritsche and the current WSSU baseball team.

Mayor Allen Joines, along with the full city council, was on hand to congratulate and honor the five-time baseball champions.

"What an honor for these young men to be recognized for their hard work on and off

the field," said WSSU head baseball coach Kevin Ritsche. "The mission of the WSSU baseball team is to graduate champions who demonstrate excellence in academics, athletics and community engagement. I'm thrilled that our team was honored by the city for their commitment to these values."

"Winning five consecutive championships is no easy feat no matter what division or conference you play in. These guys deserve the recognition for their amazing efforts."

The 2016 WSSU baseball team will open the season on Friday, Feb. 5, when the Rams host Millersville University of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference at BB&T Ballpark in downtown Winston-Salem. The first pitch is scheduled for 4 p.m.

## Rams head to CIAA title game with win over Fayetteville State

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The Winston-Salem State Rams got a late field goal and a key interception to seal the game with 28 seconds left, to hold off the Fayetteville State Broncos, 24-22 in the game at Bowman Gray Stadium on Saturday.

With the win, Winston-Salem State improves to 5-5 overall, 5-2 in the CIAA and 4-1 in the Southern Division, while the Fayetteville State falls to 4-6 overall, 4-3 in the CIAA and 2-3 in the Southern Division.

Winston-Salem State put the first points on the board when Tyree Massey capped a five play, 47-yard drive with a three-yard touchdown run. Will Johnson added the PAT to give the Rams an early 7-0 lead.

Midway through the second quarter, WSSU reached the end zone for a second time. Winston-Salem State took 5:20 off the clock with a 72 yard, nine-play drive that finished off with a Xavier quick five-yard touchdown run, giving WSSU a 14-0 advantage.

The Rams defense was strong in the first half, with a solid pass rush and a suffocating run-stopping defense, and another Bronco series would come up short, giving the ball back to WSSU.

But Rod Tinsley Jr dropped back and overthrew his receiver, and the ball was picked off and returned 30 yards for a Fayetteville State touchdown. The PAT missed, giving WSSU a 14-6 lead.

WSSU answered right back, first with a 58-yard kickoff return from Sidney

Lawson, with an extra 15 yards tacked on due to a personal foul call on FSU.

On the fourth play of the drive, Tyree Massey scored for the second time in the afternoon, this time from six yards out, and with the PAT, the Rams took a 21-6 lead into the locker room at the half.

Fayetteville State cut into the Rams' lead with 9:07 in the third, when Matthew Trau connected on a 33-yard field goal for the only score of the quarter, cutting the score to 21-9.

The Broncos kept applying pressure in the fourth when Derek Bryant found Chris Hubert for a 73-yard touchdown, cutting the WSSU lead to 21-15.

But WSSU would not give in, putting together their longest drive of the day, a 62-yard, 13-play drive that would take off an important, 5:03 seconds off the game clock. A 37-yard field goal from Will Johnson pushed the Rams back out to a nine points lead, 24-15 with 5:07 left to play.

FSU's Derek Bryant found Chris Hubert to cap a 10-play, 64-yard drive, with a six-yard scoring pass. Hubert made the catch on 4th down with 1:40 left to play.

Fayetteville State attempted an onside kick, their first of the season, and it paid off for the visiting team, as the ball kicked off a Ram on the front line and bounced right into a Bronco player's hands, giving FSU the ball with 1:38 left.

But as well as the Rams defense played all day, they would save their best for when it counted most. On third down, Derek Bryant had his pass intercepted at the



WSSU photo

Winston-Salem State University's No. 5, Tyree Massey, is free to make his moves on the field against Fayetteville State University on Saturday, Nov. 7.

WSSU 48 by Kyrill Williamson, who would return it 14 yards to secure the WSSU Rams fifth consecutive Southern Division Title.

WSSU finished the game with 246 yards of total offense, (188 rushing and 58 passing), while Fayetteville State finished with 307 yards (187 rushing, 120 passing).

Tyree Massey led the Rams' rushing attack, with 17 carries for 90 yards and two touchdowns, while Xavier Quick rushed 11 times for 49 yards and one score. William Belcher had one carry for 24 yards, while Rod Tinsley Jr finished with five carries for 18 yards. Kerrion Moore had four carries for seven yards.

Rod Tinsley finished the day going four of 15 with one interception for 48 yards.

Five different WSSU receivers all finished with one catch apiece: Rashan Williams (22 yards), Marcel Caver Jr (12 yards), Bronson Greene (10 yards), Tyree Massey (7 yards) and Trey Foggie (7 yards).

Will Johnson punted seven times for an average of 41.9 yards per punt. Johnson had a long punt of 60 yards, while dropping two inside the 20 yard line. He was also one of one on field goals.

Defensively, WSSU was led by Michael Bloomfield, who had a team high seven tackles, one and a half sacks and one and half tackles for loss to go with one quarterback hurry. Jerrell Priestler had six tackles and Michael Douglas finished with five tackles. Tyron Roberts added four tackles and a tackle for a loss, while Xavier Gregory and Kailan Chavis had three tackles each. Chavis Also added two tackles for a loss. Amyl Smith added a half a sack and half a tackle for a loss, and Albert McLean added a sack and a tackle for a loss. Kyrill Williamson had an interception to seal the game.

Winston-Salem State will take on the Bulldogs of Bowie State University next Saturday at Durham County Stadium for the CIAA Championship. Kickoff is scheduled for 2: p.m.

## ESR Golf Tournament makes par

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Experiment in Self-Reliance held a golf tournament fundraiser on Friday, Oct. 23, beginning at 9 a.m. The event took place at Winston Lake Golf Course. ESR's golf tournament was a community fundraiser that aimed to raise awareness about poverty in Forsyth County and to raise money to support the services provided by ESR.

Mayor Allen Joines was present to give greetings and tee off first. Jerry Romans, Vice President at Reynolds American and Vice President of ESR's board, also gave remarks. Chris Bryan, Vice President at BB&T and ESR Board Chair, gave closing comments and participated in the ceremonial tee off. Dan Kornelis, Director of Housing and Community Development with Forsyth County, and

Fred Bazemore, Operations Director at ESR and Golf Tournament Co-Chair also participated in the ceremonial tee off.

All players received cart and green fees, breakfast, lunch, and a swag bag. First, second, and third place winners received trophies. Winners also included last place, closest to the pin, and longest drive for both male and female.

First place was the Allegacy Team: Keenia Phillips, Bobby Maines, Kasius Stanley, and Kent Phillips. Second place was the Perkins Team: Jeff Perkins, Jay Carroll, Tommy Thompson and BJ Smith. Third place was Team Roberts: Von Roberts, Charles Butler, and Gene Williams. The inspiration team was the Cobb Team: Virgil Cobb, Alex Cobb, Rick Ferger, and John Carroll. Bridget Greene and Keenia Phillips won Closest to the Pin and

Longest Drive for the ladies. Jason Carcache and Luke Jones won Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive for the men.

The tournament brought in over \$10,000. All proceeds will go to ESR's programs and services.

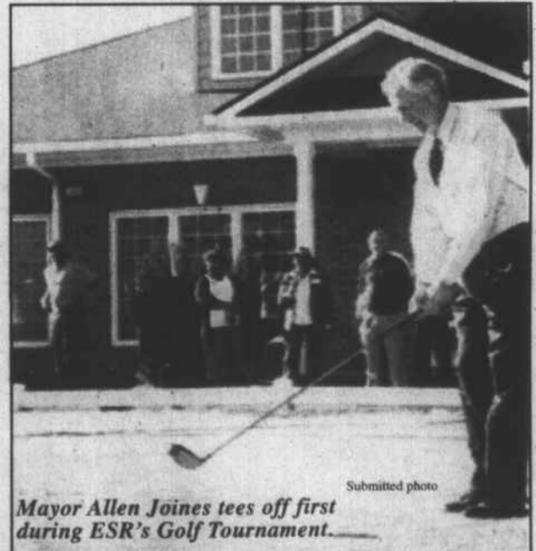
Bazemore and Bryan were pleased with the outcome of the tournament. "The tournament was a huge success... great weather, great food, and a tremendous amount of fun with the goal of reducing poverty. With support from our sponsors and all the teams, ESR can continue to help the low-income working poor in our community address poverty within their households. We plan to have the tournament annually with the expectation of raising dollars to exceed our current program funding shortages."

"We are fortunate to

have great community partners and individuals who provide a tremendous amount of support to ESR. Their participation in the golf tournament allowed us to raise funds in support of ESR's vision to reduce poverty and homelessness in our community," said Bryan.

The tournament's platinum sponsor was Reynolds American and bronze sponsor was Peterson/Gordon Architects. Long Construction Company and the City of Winston-Salem were the emerald sponsors. Toyota sponsored a car for the hole-in-one contest on the second hole. For a complete list of sponsors, visit ESR's website at [www.eisr.org](http://www.eisr.org).

Experiment in Self-Reliance is a United Way partner agency established in 1964 during Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty. Its mission is "empowering



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Mayor Allen Joines tees off first during ESR's Golf Tournament.

working low income and chronically homeless individuals and families to achieve their full potential for long-term social and economic self-reliance." ESR serves the working low to moderate income residents in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County community and offers the following programs: Self-Sufficiency (education

assistance), Housing (assistance transitioning from homelessness to housing), Forsyth Free Tax (free tax preparation), and New Century IDA (Individual Development Account) (financial literacy and matched savings for first-time homeownership). For more information about ESR's services, visit [www.eisr.org](http://www.eisr.org).