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Clinton speaks to us

African-American community gains her attention.

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE CHRONICLE

RALEIGH — In an exclusive interview with North Carolina's African-



American press, Hillary Clinton said even though she is running to benefit all Americans, the first

woman expected to be elected president of the United States on Nov. 8 does have a special focus on working with the African-American community and its leaders — both local and national — to improve employment, business, education and other important quality of life issues.

"I want to pay particular attention to Americans who feel left out and left behind by the economy, or the situation in their communities," the former first lady, senator and U.S. secretary of state said Sunday at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, during perhaps one of her last sit-down interviews of the campaign.

Hillary Clinton to campaign with Michelle Obama in W-S

Today, Thursday, Oct. 27, Hillary Clinton will campaign in Winston-Salem with Michelle Obama at 2 p.m. at the Lawrence Joel Memorial Coliseum. At a North Carolina Democratic Party early vote rally, Clinton and Obama will lay out what is at stake in November and urge North Carolinians to early vote to support the Clinton-Kaine ticket. With more people voting in this election than any in history, North Carolinians can visit wvillvote.com/learn to ensure that they have all the information they need to vote early from Oct. 20 through Nov. 5, or on Election Day, Nov. 8.

"I've laid out a really extensive agenda for African-Americans, starting with improving the economy so that its producing more jobs for more people; raising the national minimum wage — [we've] got mostly women earning

minimum wage, often times being the sole support of their children, and they deserve a better economic opportunity," she said. Clinton also cited more affordable housing as a need.

She maintained that

getting equal pay for women as a "particularly big issue for African-American women," adding that black female small business owners are "the fastest growing segment of the small business world in our country."

"[But] they're running into credit ... [and] regulatory problems. We've got to look at those, not just from a 30,000-foot view, but right down on the ground. What is it that stands in the way of men or women getting their businesses going?"

Improving higher education not only through the proposal she and Sen. Bernie Sanders have developed to make public uni-

versities "tuition-free" for students from families making \$125,000 or less, but also creating a "dedicated \$25 billion fund" to help private historically black colleges and universities like St. Augustine's and Shaw universities to continue to grow.

After reading that one in five North Carolina homes have no access to the Internet, noting that they are disproportionately African-American or Latino, Clinton said emphatically, "I want to fix that," continuing that those families are left out of so many economic and educational opportunities as a result.

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High School students and teachers from Quality Education Academy carry flags representing various nations during Culture Day on Friday, Oct. 21

QEA students celebrate heritage in a major way

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Students at Quality Education Academy (QEA) took a break from their normal classroom routine last Friday to celebrate their heritage during the 15th annual Culture Day Celebration.

According to school officials, "Culture Day" has been a tradition at QEA since the doors opened in 2001 to raise student moral during the school year. Fifteen years later, and now complete with its very own parade that shut down Lansing Drive, the event has grown to become one of the most anticipated events of the year.

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Educators march to polls in early voting

BY TEVIN STINSON
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More than a dozen local teachers and other educators marched to the polls to cast their ballots in style last week.

During the first day of early voting, armed with signs supporting Hillary Clinton and Roy Cooper, the band of teachers marched from Main Street, to the Forsyth County



Parkland High School science teacher Tripp Jeffers and other educators march through the streets of downtown Winston-Salem during the first day of early voting last week.

Board of Elections on Chestnut Street. Before heading inside to cast their ballots, they took a moment to verbally show their support for the Democrats running for president and governor. After leading a chant of "Dump the

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N. Forsyth celebrates legacy of Margaret 'Maggie' Griffin

Auditorium renamed to honor retired game-changing music and drama instructor

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Last weekend the auditorium at North Forsyth High School was officially renamed to honor for-

mer music and drama teacher Margaret "Maggie" Griffin.

For more than 30 years, Griffin helped students reach their full potential both on and off the stage by giving each and every student that walked through the doors the love and attention they needed.

During an interview with The Chronicle, Griffin said that's what kept her in front of the classroom until her health forced her to retire in 2000.

"For me it was all about love," said Griffin. "That's what kept me going all those years. Love for music, love for teaching, but most of all, the students."

"All I had was love and that's what I gave to each and every one of my students."

While she spent most of her teaching career at North Forsyth, Griffin's first job with the local school district was at then-all black Atkins High

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