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'D.D.' Adams running for Congress

Seat now held by long-time GOP Rep. Virginia Foxx

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City Council Member Denise "D.D." Adams is running for the 5th Congressional District seat, which Republican Virginia Foxx has held since 2005.

Adams said she decided to throw her hat in the ring for 2018 to help change the direction of Congress and the 5th District.

"I've always been a public servant and always been a champion of what's right and what's just," said Adams.

She said there's strength in the diversity of the district, which is almost 20 percent minority. She believes she can unite the district on issues like creating jobs, helping displaced factory workers find better employment, making small businesses more competitive, raising graduation rates and improving healthcare.



The 5th District covers parts of 11 northwestern North Carolina counties, including all of Forsyth.

A Democrat hasn't represented the district since 1995, when Richard Burr took



Adams

the office, which he held until he became a senator in 2005. Foxx, a former educator in Watauga County, has defeated many Democrats in her long tenure, including former N.C. Sen. Roger Sharpe and School Board Member Elisabeth Motsinger.

Despite its reputation as being a conservative stronghold, it still attracted three candidates in last year's Democratic primary. Josh Brannon, a software developer from Watauga County, won that primary for his second consecutive general election contest against Foxx. He lost to Foxx by nearly 17 percent of the vote.

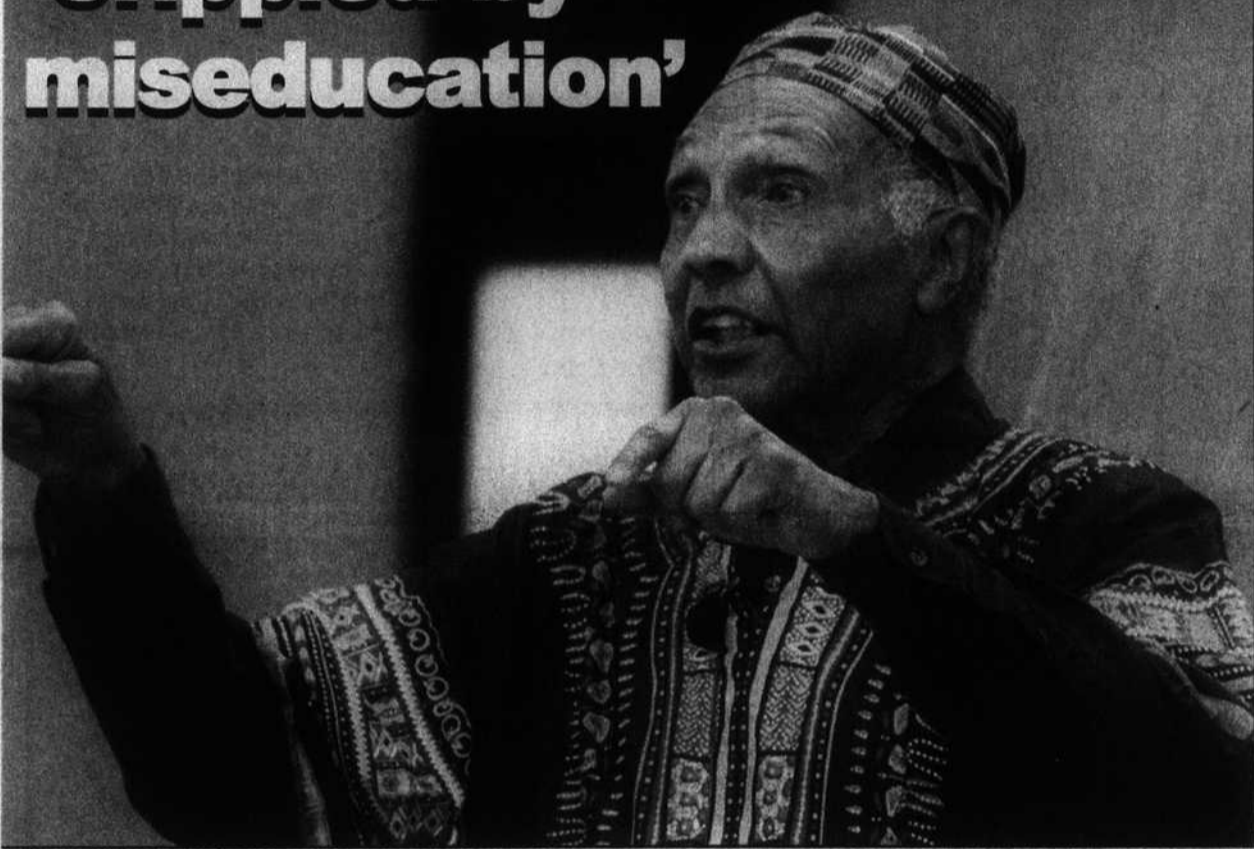
Democrat Jennifer Marshall, who has been a teacher and business owner, announced her bid for the 2018 nomination on Saturday.

If Adams gets the nomination, she'll be the most prominent Democrat to run for the district in years. Adams has represented the North Ward on the City Council since 2009 and has been re-elected twice.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

'Crippled by miseducation'



Photos by Timothy Ramsey

Dr. Winston Bell presented a powerful account of African-American history to the audience last Saturday.

St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church celebrates African-American History

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

Black History Month is upon us and African-Americans of the past and present will be celebrated all over the country. St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, 1625 E 12th St., held an African-American history program last Saturday honoring African-Americans who contributed to the progress of the culture.

Dr. Winston Bell also touched on the woes of the African-American community.

Bell was the speaker of the event. He has taught African-American history classes at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) and helped construct the African-American course curriculum for students at WSSU.

He says the African-American community has every means to get out the situation they are in collectively but just aren't

aware of it.

"We have the resources, the money and the information has been here but its not going to come through organized education," Dr. Bell said. "The system itself was not built in our favor yet we still expect that we are going to go in and change the system to do for us what has not been done for 400 years."

"The miseducation is we are never given the information to make ourselves independent of the system. The education we are given makes us a part of the system and then dependent upon it."

Bell says he normally titles his programs "2019" to commemorate the 400 years since the first Africans were brought to this country on slave ships. He says he does this to make others aware of who they are so they may become more independent.

Bell started his lecture by giving the audience a brief history of some important and lesser known figures from the African-American community. He talked about how civilization started on the continent of Africa and posed a thought-provoking

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EXCLUSIVE

Former LHA director speaks to The Chronicle

Terrance Gerald of Kernersville dropped from lawsuit

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE CHRONICLE

On Tuesday of this week, Terrance Gerald's name was repeatedly being uttered in a Davidson County courtroom as attorneys gave closing trial arguments in a five-year-old \$25 million lawsuit against the Lexington Housing Authority (LHA) and Gerald, its former executive director.

But Gerald, now of Kernersville, was nowhere near that courtroom. The presiding judge had ruled last week that Gerald be legally severed as a defendant from the case.

He had been originally sued by five former maintenance workers who accused him of publishing "false and slanderous" statements about them in 2011 prior to their termination. However, the court sided with Gerald's attorneys that whatever he allegedly did, if anything at all, was in his capacity as executive director then, and thus was acting as an agent of LHA, and couldn't be sued separately.

To Gerald, the ruling was a relief, and a vindication. Despite the ruinous allegations that came at him nonstop ever since he embarked on necessary cost-cutting measures while at LHA to deliver cost-effective housing and services for residents of low-income housing, Gerald told The Chronicle in an exclusive interview this week that the only thing he was guilty of was just doing his job.

"I was brought to Lexington to basically do development," he said, relating how, as LHA executive director, his main focus was preparing the agency for the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program, a U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) program that allowed public housing agencies to convert projects funded under the public housing program to a long-term Section 8 rental assistance program, complete with project-based vouchers.

"I was brought in for change," he told The Chronicle. "That's what the board was looking for."

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Father Basile Sede of St. Benedict speaks before Dr. Winston Bell delivers his presentation.

McDonald's group honors Sprinkle-Hamlin

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

For the past 17 years, McDonald's, 91.1 WQMG and 1510 WEAL have honored local individuals who have made a significant impact in the communities of Winston-Salem, High Point and Greensboro. The unsung heroes honored this year have raised the bar for future honorees with their tireless work in their respective

cities, officials said.

Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin of Winston-Salem, Lindy Garnette of Greensboro and Keith G. Pemberton of High Point were honored from the three cities. Alana V. Allen of High Point was honored as



Sprinkle-Hamlin

the Lifetime Achievement Award recipient.

The partnership that merged two concepts, music and community into one program that would bring affordable entertainment to everyone but more importantly honor the heroes in the community birthed the Rhythms of Triumph.

According to officials, the program is designed to celebrate those special individuals

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