

Josh Howard Foundation and rec center partner for summer league

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The name Josh Howard is synonymous with the city of Winston-Salem. Since its inception in 2008, the Josh Howard Foundation has been giving back to the young men and women in the city with its camps and charitable donations.

According to the website, the Josh Howard Foundation is dedicated to helping to improve the quality of life in economically challenged communities by using programs and services that focus on academic improvement, community outreach, and athletic and fitness training.

Continuing on that tradition, the foundation has partnered with the W.R. Anderson Recreation Center to host an adult summer basketball league for area players ages 19 and up starting on May 24 and last through Aug. 24. It's called Tre Four Summer League. The games will take place on Sundays and Wednesdays, culminating in playoffs to determine an overall champion.

This is the first year of this league, but the partnering and friendship of Josh Howard and recreation center Director Bryant McCorkle goes back over two decades. Howard played ball at the recre-



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ation center as a youth and runs an annual camp during the summer there as well.

Steve Nivens Jr., Josh Howard Foundation community relations manager, says they were looking to involve themselves more in the community and



McCorkle

thought that this would be a perfect opportunity to do so.

"We came up with the idea just trying to give some other people the opportunity to do something constructive," he said. "After discussing things with Mr. Bryant

McCorkle here at the rec center it just evolved from there."

They chose to focus on the 19 and over age demographic because they feel that group of young men are not targeted as much as the pre teen age group when it comes to extra curricular activities to participate in.

"We need good quality adult leagues here in the city and that's what we are trying to provide," said McCorkle. "It's a chance for adults with jobs and careers to be able to play basketball in a safe environment and to stay in shape."

They are expecting eight to 10 teams to sign up

to play this initial year. The league is scheduled to run for six weeks to give the teams ample time to get a feel for one another and to build chemistry.

Sign-up fee for the league is \$250 per team. They are looking for teams from all around the Triad, not just Winston-Salem. There will be an interest meeting today at 6 p.m. at the recreation center, 2450 Reynolds Park Road.

For more information you can call the recreation center at 336-650-7681 or email Nivens at the foundation at steve@josh-howardfoundation.com.

WSSU is No. 1 seed again going into CIAA championship tournament



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Charlotte — The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) releases its official 2017 Baseball Championship bracket. The first round of the double-elimination tournament will begin at noon today, Thursday, May 4 on the campus of Virginia State University in Petersburg, Virginia. The three-day event is free and open to the public.

Regular season division champion Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) enters the 2017 CIAA Baseball Championship at the No. 1 seed for the sixth consecutive season as they attempt to resume a championship sweep that began in 2011 and lasted five consecutive years.

The Rams concluded the 2017 regular season with a 14-2 conference record while finishing 31-16 overall. The Rams will meet the No. 4 Falcons of Saint Augustine's University (5-10 Conference; 18-31 Overall) at 3 p.m. on opening day.

Close behind the Rams are the defending champion Chowan University. The Hawks enter the championship as the No. 2 seed, finishing the regular season with a 12-3 conference record and 24-23 overall. Chowan will face No. 3 seed Virginia State University, who sits 6-10 in conference matchups and 19-24 overall, in the first game of the tournament.

The Consolation Round will begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday with the loser of the CU/VSU game versus the

losing team of the WSSU/SAU contest. The winners of the opening games will advance to play at noon and 3 p.m. on Friday.

The 2017 CIAA Baseball Championship Bracket will feature six total games, including the Championship Game at noon on Saturday, May 6. If a tiebreaker situation exists, the ultimate elimination game will begin 30 minutes following the tie.

Visit www.theciaa.com, Twitter (@CIAAForLife), FaceBook (TheCIAA) and Instagram (@CIAASports) for more information and live coverage of the tournament event.



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Sorority jumps into spring

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. members pose with Danny Freeman from Darda Financial Services LLC in Winston Salem, who provided helpful tips at the Youth Symposium.

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Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc., Theta Mu Sigma Chapter, continues implementing national programs in the Forsyth County community.

In March the chapter concluded Operation Big Book Bag, a national sorority project which focuses on providing school supplies to kids in need. The chapter provides donations yearly to local schools and this year's receipts were Crosby Scholars at Winston Salem Prep Academy in Winston Salem.

Theta Mu Sigma Chapter also hosted a Youth Symposium at the Carl Russell Sr. Recreation Center on March 29. The focus was on the importance of one's financial future. The presenter was Daniel Freeman from Darda Financial Services LLC in Winston Salem, who provided helpful tips for beginning a savings account, investments and

encouraged that it's never too early to foster an entrepreneurial spirit. The children's ages ranged from pre-teen to teenagers. Prizes were awarded and snacks provided.

Also, Sigma Soror for the month of March was Evelyn Sanders the current Basileus/President of Theta Mu Sigma Chapter. She represents Sigma in various organizations such as Phi Delta Kappa and National Organization of Negro Women to name a few and is a Deaconess at Mt. Zion Baptist Church on Greater Cleveland Avenue in Winston-Salem.

Theta Mu Sigma volunteered to help Alpha Mu Sigma Chapter with Big Brother Big Sister's annual Bowl-a-Thon on March 4. There was a great turnout for a worthy cause. The chapter also attended Kappa Alpha Phi's Middle Eastern Province Public Meeting on April 7, to share some sisterly and brotherly love.

The chapter held a

fundraiser at Chipotle Restaurant on Monday April 17, located at 1020 S Main St Suite G in Kernersville. Theta Mu Sigma Chapter received 50 percent of proceeds collected between 5-9 p.m. The funds will be used for sorority national programs like Operation Big Book Bag, the youth symposium and March of Dimes. The chapter volunteered at the March for Babies Walk in Winston-Salem on April 22. The money raised for March of Dimes is used toward groundbreaking preventative research that will keep mom, baby, and family together and healthy, on both a local and global level.

Theta Mu Sigma Chapter attended the Regional Conference for Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. in Uniondale, New York on April 26-30. The chapter looks forward to continued service in the community.

This article was submitted by Lisa B. Allen.

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