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## 'I know my father is weeping'

### Reynolds High inducts 13 people into inaugural Arts Hall of Fame

BY ASHLEA HOWARD JONES FOR THE CHRONICLE

The architecture of the Richard J. Reynolds Memorial Auditorium validates the history of R.J. Reynolds High School as 13 former students and teachers were inducted into the Arts Hall of Fame during the "Arts Always" celebration on Saturday, Sept. 16.

R. J. Reynolds High School, now Richard J. Reynolds Magnet School for the Visual and Performing Arts, used the ceremony to also commemorate its 95 years of existence, 60 years of integration and 10 years as an arts and magnet school.

"I know my father is weeping," says Musician Leonard Foy, class of '78 and 2017 Arts Hall of Fame inductee. "This was his dream, espe-



Photo by Ashlea Howard Jones  
**Musician Leonard Foy, R. J. Reynolds High School class of 1978 and Arts Hall of Fame inductee, said his father dreamed of R. J. Reynolds High School as an arts school.**

cially during the time I came here. I went to Wiley and Brunson around the time of desegregation and to be at

Reynolds, which was society hill and not for us, and now to see that it is an arts magnet. Arts is for all. It's the one thing that has always brought our cultures together, and I'm so proud to be able to be a part of it."

The inaugural class Arts Hall of Fame inductees includes people who impacted R.J. Reynolds High's Arts program. The youngest inductee honored during the ceremony was visual artist Endia Beal, a 2003 graduate, who currently serves as the director of Diggs Gallery at Winston-Salem State University.

"When I was at Reynolds, I really found my voice as an artist," says Beal. "In high school, you don't really know what that means, but I found my purpose. Sometimes that's the hardest thing as an artist, but I'm grateful for the time that I had here to figure out what my purpose is, my why."

The first class also includes novelist Wilton Barnhardt; Howell Binkley, Tony Award winning lighting designer; Ben Brantley, drama

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**A bronze plaque in the front lobby of the school (on the first floor) shows the 95 years of R. J. Reynolds High School's existence.**

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Photos by Tevin Stinson  
**Former students who attended 14th Street School celebrate as the marker is unveiled at the corner of Cameron Avenue and East 14th Street on Saturday, Sept. 16.**

## Legacy of 14th Street School will live on

### Marker documents the history of all black elementary school

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

Thanks to a marker unveiling last weekend, generations to come will know the impact 14th Street School had on the

East Winston community and the entire city of Winston-Salem.

Formally located at the corner of Cameron Avenue and East 14th Street, 14th Street Elementary School opened in 1924 to serve African-American students in the area. By the late 1930s, the addition of 20 classrooms increased the enrollment to more than 1,000 students.

14th Street alumni and

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## Poverty rate decreases a bit across N.C.

BY CASH MICHAELS FOR THE CHRONICLE

According to new data from the U.S. Census Bureau released on Sept. 14, more than 1.5 million of 10,146,788 North Carolinians still languish in poverty with lack of access to good well-paying employment, inadequate education or skills training, affordable and decent housing, limited access to public transportation, and other important resources to lift themselves and their families out of their dire condition.

Though, according to analysts, there have been small improvements to their condition between 2015 and 2016, 15.4 percent of North Carolinians lived in poverty in 2016; making less than \$24,600 a year for a family of four.

Specific numbers of North Carolinians living in poverty by race were not available at press time Tuesday, though it is known that 23.5 percent of African-Americans statewide live below the official poverty line of \$24,600 for a family of four.

In Forsyth County, according to those U.S. Census Bureau statistics, 18.1 percent of its 371,511 residents were living in poverty as of July 1, 2016. Blacks are 27.4 percent of the county's total population.

The median household income between 2011 and 2015 was \$45,471. Per capita income per the last 12 months was just \$26,674 by 2015 standards.

Guilford County, by comparison, had 15.7 percent of its 521,330 residents living in poverty as of July 1, 2016. Approximately 34.6 percent of Guilford's population is African-American, compared to 22.2 percent statewide.

Median household income (in 2015 dollars) in Guilford County between 2011-2015 was \$45,651. Per capita income in the prior 12 months was \$26,762.

On the coast, New Hanover County saw 17.3 percent of its 223,483 population in poverty by July, 2016. African-Americans comprised just 14.2 percent.

Median household income (in 2015 dollars) between 2011-2015 was \$50,088, and per capita income in the 12

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## WSSU breaks ground on \$53.3 million science building

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

In about two years, Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) will have a brand new, state-of-the-art science building that will rival others on college campuses across the state and the country.

On Friday, Sept. 15, university Board of Trustees, administrators and elected officials

broke ground on the building that will be located near the F.L. Atkins Health Science Building and the W.B. Atkinson Science Building. The project, which is expected to cost \$53.3 million, will "anchor" WSSU's science district, according to a press release submitted to The Chronicle.

The five-story, 103,000-square-foot building will include an atrium, interactive learning and community gathering spaces, lab space to increase

faculty and student collaboration and much more, including a spot where students can grab a bite to eat.

When discussing the addition to campus Chancellor Elwood Robinson said it was a special day on the campus of WSSU. Before thanking everyone who made the project possible, Robinson said the science building will help the

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