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## City moving toward top goal

### Poverty continues to be a challenge

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Winston-Salem has made progress but is still a long way off from becoming a top 50 metro area by 2020.

In 2015, Mayor Allen Joines committed the city to the goal of becoming a top 50 metro area by 2020 and began a series of annual "State of the Community" presentations in which local leaders give updates on the progress

toward that goal. The goal requires creating 27,000 net new jobs in five years or 5,400 jobs a year. So far, that's proved to be a lofty aspiration.

"We hit about 40 percent of that goal this year," said Joines. "So we're a little slow on our job creation, but I hope you'll see that we're creating the infrastructure and network to hit the job goals we want to."

Poverty continues to be

a challenge, and this "State of the Community" added an update on efforts to reduce it.

"As you think about indicators of a community's health and well-being, there are arguably few that are more important for communities to stay in tune with and try to address than poverty," said Evan Raleigh, the city's director of business inclusion.

Raleigh talked about

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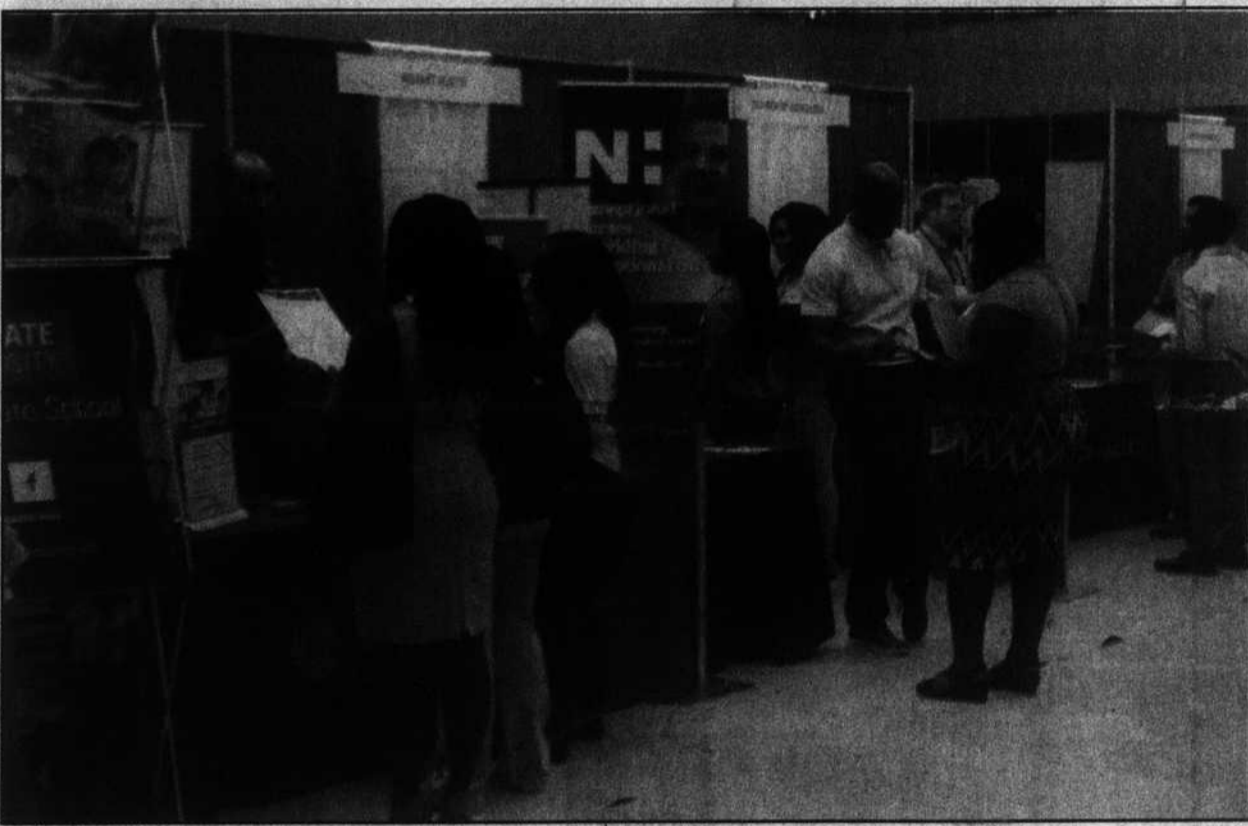
Joines



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Photos by Tevin Stinson

Last week, the gymnasium inside the Donald Julian Reaves Student Activities Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University was transformed in to a one-stop shop for student options.

## Jobs expo covers the bases for students and employers

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It's never too early to start planning for your future, and last week hundreds of students on the campus of Winston-Salem State University did just that during the Career Internship Graduate School Expo.

On Thursday, Sept. 21 the gymnasium inside the Donald Julian Reaves Student Activities Center was transformed into a one-stop shop for post graduate options. The event hosted by the Career Development Services department featured 80 regional employers and graduate programs.

Companies like Inmar, Herbalife,

United Health and Reynolds American were all on hand to scout the talent in "Ram Country". Colleges and universities that participated in the expo included North Carolina Central University, High Point University, Campbell University, Wingate and countless others. No matter your major, or classification the expo guaranteed to have something intriguing for every student.

After chatting with a representative from Aramark, a food service, facilities and uniform service provider, junior computer science major Eric Colquhoun said he was excited to learn about the various

graduate opportunities at the expo.

"I've learned a lot just by talking to some of the employers and people here today," he continued. "Specifically, the graduate schools in computer science. I also learned a lot about opportunities in CSIT."

Although Colquhoun had his mind set on graduate school he said the expo also offered several opportunities for students who aren't sure what they want to do after college.

"There are a lot of companies here that are looking for a variety of students. Many of the companies here are looking for any student with a

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## Scholars program looks to expand

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At a place in time where African-American males are constantly stereotyped and shown in a negative light, the Crosby Scholars Community Partnership is looking to expand a program that helps African-American males in the community change that narrative and reach their full potential.

Statistics show that 1 in every 15 black men are incarcerated. And while African-Americans only make up 30 percent of the population, they make up 60 percent of those incarcerated. Several reports have shown there is indirect correlation between educational attainment and incarceration rates.

AAMPED (African American Males Pursuing Educational Dreams) was designed to address these stereotypes and help young men of color in the community continue their education after high school. After a trial run of the program in 2016, AAMPED is looking to make a bigger impact this year.

Mona Lovett, Crosby Scholars CEO and president, said after looking at the numbers in grades six through 10, the numbers for black males were falling behind. According to Lovett, the program, which is funded by United Way, will have specific programs that will appeal to African-American males between the ages of 12-16.

"We wanted to put more focus on the early years developing relationships and connecting with students," she said. "That's a big part of AAMPED."

To help the program reach new heights, Lovett has brought on former educator James Jessup and retired

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## Restoring black cemeteries gains attention

BY TODD LUCK  
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The challenges of restoring African-American cemeteries that have fallen into disrepair was discussed at a program at Delta Arts Center last Thursday.

The New Winston Museum pre-

sented the "Reclaimed Cemeteries" panel moderated by University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA) Professor Rosemary Milla. Three restoration leaders discussed their efforts to clean up the cemeteries where their loved ones are buried. In all three cases, it'd been decades since the cemeteries

had been cared for, allowing them to become overgrown to the point it's a challenge to even find the grave markers.

"For a long time people would drive down Shorefair Drive and because it was so overgrown and the trees were so large, they didn't realize it was a cemetery," said Delta

Bonner about the Odd Fellows Cemetery.

The cemetery was started in 1911 by Twin City Lodge and Winston Star Lodge, who haven't maintained it since the 1950s. Now Friends of Odd Fellows Cemetery has worked hard to reclaim the

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