

Ninth-graders set to take center stage

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The stage has been officially set for the 2017 Branded for Knowledge (BFK) Classic.

The tournament designed to give high school freshman an opportunity to play against other schools in the area for bragging rights and the coveted tournament trophy will begin on Saturday, Dec. 2, and the championship game will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

Games will be held at Atkins Academic & Technology High School, 3605 Old Greensboro Road, East Forsyth High School, 2500 W. Mountain St. and Glenn High School, 1600 Union Cross Road.

Teams participating in this year's tournament are: Glenn, East Forsyth, Atkins, RJ Reynolds, Reagan, West Forsyth,

Davie County, Mount Tabor, Parkland, North Forsyth, Carver, Winston-Salem Prep, the NC Leadership Academy (NCLA), South Iredell, Northwest Guilford and Page.

According to a press release, teams will be split into two brackets. Glenn, Parkland, Northwest Guilford, Carver, West, Reynolds, NCLA and Mount Tabor will be in the "Branded Bracket." And Atkins, East, Reagan, North, South Iredell, WS Prep, Page, and Davie will compete in the "Knowledge Bracket."

The Branded for Knowledge Classic was started by retired special agent and city native Bobby Kimbrough Jr. The BFK Classic is the only tournament in the area exclusive to high school freshman.

For more information on the Branded for Knowledge Classic, contact BFK chief operations officer Denise Smith at 888-239-4775.



A member of the Mount Tabor ninth grade team tries to get by a defender from RJ Reynolds during the 2016 Branded for Knowledge Classic. This year's tournament is set to begin on Dec. 2.

History of Columbian Heights, a black community, addressed

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

New Winston Museum's Fall 2017 Salon Series, "Lost, Found, and Transformed: Our Storyed Places in African-American History" concludes this month with "Envisioning Columbian Heights."

This three-program series, co-curated with the Winston-Salem African-American Archive, has explored stories of distinct African-American landscapes in Winston-Salem and the people who made them, and contribute to ongoing efforts to rediscover, preserve, and renew African-American places in our contemporary era of urban transformation.

"Envisioning Columbian Heights" will take place at Mars Hill Baptist Church, 1331 E. Fourth St., on Thursday, Nov. 16, at 5:30 p.m.

This panel discussion will focus on overlapping histories of two master-planned developments: the Columbian Heights neighborhood and Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). Panelists will explore the complicated relationship between the neighborhood and the growing institution, how the residential area was both corroded by and lifted up by WSSU.

Moderator Rosemary Millar, assistant professor, Division of Liberal Arts at UNC School of the Arts, will lead the panel discussion. Panelists will include Gloria Diggs Banks, former volunteer with the Society for the Study of Afro American History, former board member of the Historic Preservation Committee, and sister of James Thackery Diggs Jr., (the namesake of Diggs Gallery at WSSU); and Sandra Jenkins Armstrong; and Dr. James Lewis Jr., longtime residents of the Columbian Heights and Columbian Heights Extension neighborhoods.

This event is free to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

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