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BUSTA'S PERSON OF THE WEEK

# Journey of S. Wayne Patterson

BY BUSTA BROWN THE CHRONICLE

Let's go on a journey into S. Wayne Patterson's world.

"Growing up, my father wasn't there, so what drove me to be successful is that I always wanted to be better than my father, and be there for my kids," he said.

Patterson said before his father passed, they repaired their relationship. "When I graduated from school, he was very proud of me. He would tell people 'That's my son.'" S. Wayne said his father would frequently express his regret for not being in his life as a child. "I told him

I'm good, we can start from here, and that I was there for him."

Mr. S. Wayne Patterson was born in Winston-Salem, in the Cleveland Projects. He was the youngest of four boys, so family and being a supportive father has always been important

"All of my kids are athletes. My oldest, Wayne II, is a senior at N.C. State. He's very fast. He's run 200 and 400 [meters], he's an All-American, to God be the Glory. The goal is the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo."

After speaking about his son, his smile and spirit brighten the entire room; it was obvious that he's a proud and loving father. Still smiling bright, he continued talking about his kids, and I enjoyed every second.

"My second son, Jarrell, he runs club track, he's Mr. N.C. State, he's pre-med. When I think of having two boys at N.C. State, I think ... Wow!" His daughter Alexis runs track for

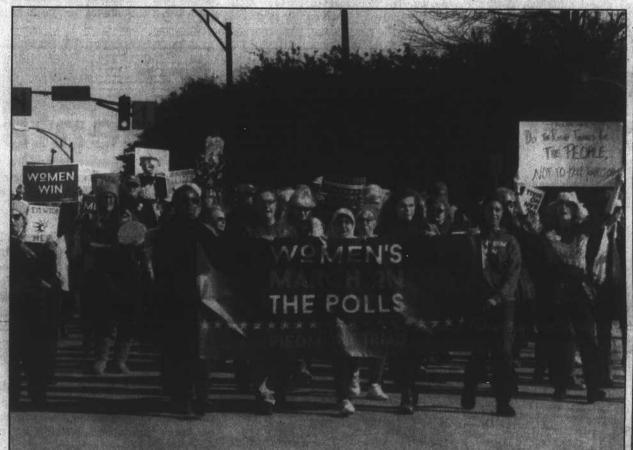
Parkland High school. "She's the fastest girl in Winston," he said as he continued to glow with pride, like daddies do when speaking of their little girls. "She's the fastest in the city and the second fastest in the state," S. Wayne Patterson said.

His youngest was sitting quietly

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S. Wayne Patterson speaks at an NAACP rally in Winston-Salem.



On the anniversary of the largest single-day demonstration in U.S. history thousands of men and women marched through the streets of Winston-Salem during the Triad Women's March on the Polls on Saturday,

## Thousands from across the state march on the polls in W-S

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

On the anniversary of the largest single-day demonstration in U.S. history, armed with signs and an array of chants, thousands of women and men marched through the streets of downtown Winston-Salem last weekend to encourage women and other minorities to exercise their

Last January to advocate legislation and policies regarding human rights and others, issues more than 3 million woman marched in Washington, D.C.

Before taking to the streets protesters gathered at Corpening Plaza for a rally where the crowd seemed to grow by the minute. While the march wasn't scheduled to begin until noon many arrived as early as 10 a.m. to chat and make connections with other activists.

Several voter registration booths were also set up around the plaza.

City Native and former City Council Member Virginia Newell addresses the crowd during the Triad Women's March on the Polls on Saturday, Jan. 20 in Winston-Salem.

## Dyson paints King as man who made U.S. great

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

Despite being born in the segregated south when Blacks had few if any rights, even after he was targeted by the government and radical groups during his fight for integration and civil rights Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King was a strong believer in the constitution and that we as Americans have what it takes to make this country great.

That was the message Dr. Michael Eric Dyson delivered to students, faculty, and staff from Winston-Salem State and Wake Forest Universities on Monday, Jan. 22 during the 18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.



Dr. Michael Eric Dyson delivered the keynote address during the 18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on the campus of Wake Forest University on Monday, Jan. 22.

Keynote Address.

Dyson, who is one of the nation's most influential and renowned public intellectuals, currently serves as university professor of sociology at Georgetown University but his influence has carried far beyond the academy into

prisons and lecture stages across the world. As he stood before the crowd inside Wait Chapel on Wake Forest University's campus, Dyson used King's words from his famed "I have Dream" speech to paint a

picture of a man who "Made America Great." When we think about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. we think about America as an ideal. America as a projection of hopes," he continued. "America is an ideal and an idea.

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### Judges: Use special master maps for elec

BY CASH MICHAELS FOR THE CHRONICLE

A federal three-judge panel has ruled that the N.C. legislative redistricting maps produced by its special master will be used for the upcoming 2018 midterm elections - the candidate filing period for which is scheduled to begin on Feb. 12 unless officially delayed.

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And that delay very well may happen. Republican legislative leaders have vowed to, once again, appeal yet another negative redistricting ruling they don't like to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"It is a shocking move for one of the same judges just reigned in by a bipartisan U.S. Supreme Court less than 24 hours ago to again attempt to create chaos and confusion in an

election process set to begin in just three weeks," wrote Rep. David Lewis [R-Harnett] and Sen. Ralph Hise [ R-Mitchell], co-chairs of the joint Redistrict Committee, referring to U.S. Fourth Circuit Court Judge James Wynn, who served on both separate three-judge panels that ruled against Republican N.C. redistricting plans for both congressional and legislative districts.

It was just two weeks ago that Judge Wynn, an Obama appointee, led two other District Court judges in ruling that the N.C. Legislature's partisan congressional redistricting was unconstitutional, and ordered that they be immediately redrawn. State Republicans petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court to stay that order, which it did last week, pend-

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