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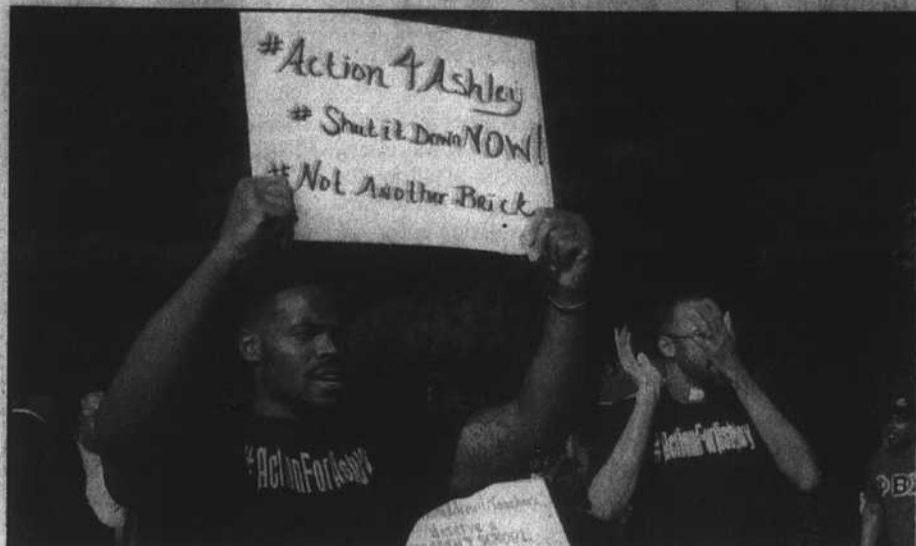
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Photos by Tevin Stinson

Supporters of #ActionForAshley protest outside the WS/FCS Board of Education Building on Tuesday, May 22.



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Advocates: Give us action

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Shouts of "Not another brick not another bond" echoed from the corner of Bethania Station Road on Tuesday evening as more than two dozen citizens rallied outside the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Education Building demanding action be taken immediately at

Ashley Academy for Cultural & Global Studies.

The protest eventually moved into the school board meeting.

Here's what we know: Earlier this year, faculty, staff, and students at Ashley complained that a lingering mold issue inside the school was causing breathing and upper respiratory problems.

After initial air quality testing was con-

ducted, Mid Atlantic Associates, a Raleigh-based environmental consulting firm, was called in to complete additional testing.

The results from Mid Atlantic released during the April 24 board meeting identified areas of mold growth and mold samples inside several HVAC units in the school. A week later, board members voted to rely on industrial scrubbers to clean the

HVAC units as a short-term solution, electing to wait until the end of the school year to replace the mold-infested units.

While waiting until the end of the school year may seem like the best solution to the problems at Ashley for some, community advocates and supporters of Action For Ashley think otherwise. Action

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Wake Forest University photo

Morgan Stanley Vice Chair Carla Harris speaks during Wake Forest University's Commencement Ceremony on Monday, May 21.

Speaker tells grads to be courageous about diversity

Wake Forest honors war hero Lawrence Joel

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Wake Forest University honored the late Lawrence Joel and heard from Morgan Stanley Vice Chair Carla Harris during its Commencement Ceremony on Monday

morning.

More than 1,800 students graduated during the ceremony, which took place at Hearn Plaza. Joel was honored posthumously with a Doctor of Laws presented to his children, Deborah and Tremaine Joel. Joel, a Winston-Salem native who died in 1984, was an Army medic who received the Congressional Medal of Honor for attending to his fellow soldiers while being wounded himself, during an ambush in the Vietnam War. He was the first living African-American to receive the medal since the Spanish-

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Fiery bishop at royal wedding served in W-S

BY GREGORY KATZ AND DAVID RISING
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINDSOR, England — Nothing captured the trans-Atlantic nature of Saturday's royal wedding as much as the guest preacher whose sermon brought American fire and flair to a very English church service. The Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, the first black leader of the Episcopal Church in the United States, was hand-picked by Prince Harry and Meghan Markle to address their 600 wedding guests on May 19.

He served at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Winston-Salem as he rose through the ranks.

According to reports, Curry served initially as deacon-in-charge and subsequently as rector of St. Stephen's (1978-1982) in Winston-Salem.

He was elected 11th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina on Feb. 11, 2000, and consecrated bishop on June 17, 2000.

The bishop's passionate sermon on the theme of love, studded with quotes from the Bible, Martin Luther King Jr. and African-American spirituals, was a contrast to the more solemn and muted Anglican style the royal family is used to.

Many observers were surprised and delighted. BBC broadcaster Jeremy Vine tweeted: "The preacher is doing 50 in a 30 zone and it's brilliant."

Supermodel Naomi Campbell hit Caps Lock and tweeted: "BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY GIVING ME LIFE."

Quoting civil rights leader King on the "redemptive power of love," Curry told the bride and groom "it's not just for, and about, a young couple who we rejoice with, it's more than that."

Curry, who like Markle's mother has African ancestors who were slaves in the U.S., said that even during

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Make the world better, speaker tells WSSU grads

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

Although rain showers throughout the week forced the festivities to be moved indoors, the sun seemed to be shining bright as ever inside the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial

Coliseum last Friday morning, May 18, as students from Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) transitioned to alumni status in front of nearly 10,000 family members and loved ones in the audience.

During the ceremony,

WSSU says, the university recognized more than 1,200 graduates, students who earned their degrees in summer and fall of 2017 and spring 2018. In his welcome, Chancellor Elwood Robinson said he was elated to see what the future holds

for the Rams as they embark on a new chapter in their lives. He said, "Graduates as you cross the stage today, you will be taking the first step into your future, a future that has been transformed thanks to your time here at Winston-

Salem State University."

For graduate Rasheeda Shankle, graduation day was the culmination of years of hard work and a chance to reflect on her success. Shankle, the CEO of a local nonprofit dedicated to help-

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