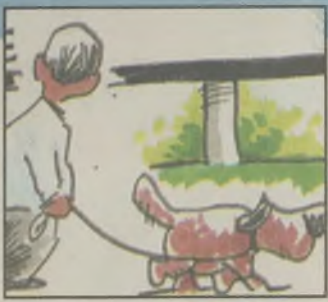


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## Carver shows highest growth among H.S.

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Just two years after it was tagged as one of the lowest performing schools in the state, Carver High School showed more growth than any other high school in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools district and exceeded expectations, according to the N.C. Accountability Report released a few weeks ago.

Since the 2013-2014 school year, the State Board of Education has used the READY Accountability report to access schools performance across the state. School performance grades (A-F) are calculated using a weighted model of 80 percent achievement and 20 percent growth. The report also includes schools expected growth rate was “not met,” “met” or “exceeded.”

In the initial report released in the summer of 2015, Carver was one of 11 schools in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools system tagged as a “priority school” by the state and in need of reform.

This year’s report tells a totally different story. The report shows Carver has a school growth index of 6.45, the second highest growth rate in the entire district and

more than 2 percentage points higher than most high schools in the area.

And for the second year in a row, Carver Nation has exceeded expected growth.



Dr. Carol Montague-Davis, principal at Carver, said the growth rate is a direct result of a hardworking faculty and staff who are willing to go above and beyond the normal call of duty to help students in need.

“The teachers that we have here are committed to our students and willing to go beyond in order to meet their needs,” she said.

Montague-Davis said since last summer when she was named principal at Carver for the second time, they have implemented several programs to support students includ-

ing after-school tutoring, Saturday tutoring and credit recovery. She said it’s important that students have the support they need to succeed and the confidence to want to succeed.

“If you build that relationship with students and have them believing in themselves and show them that you believe in them, then they will do everything that they can for you,” said Montague-Davis. “... I’m constantly talking to them asking them how they feel and encouraging them to be leaders. I tell them high school is about you, it’s not about us, so how do we make this the best experience you can have.”

The same confidence Montague-Davis instills in the students in the hallways has carried over into the classroom. Cecelia Tolliver, who has taught at Carver since 2012, said students are becoming more confident in the classroom and it’s showing in the test scores. She said it feels good to know that so much has changed in such a short period of time.

“I’ve been here for six years, so I remember when we were 9 percent proficiency, and that’s not a good feeling. So seeing the changes that we’ve put in place and seeing

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James and Kristy Franklin accept a resolution from Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke and City Council Member Denise “DD” Adams, honoring their daughter, Miss America, Nia Imani Franklin.

## City Council honors new Miss America’s Winston-Salem roots

BY TODD LUCK  
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Mayor Allen Joines and the Winston-Salem City Council honored Miss America, Nia Imani Franklin, for her local roots during their Monday night meeting.

Her parents, James and Kristy Franklin, accepted the resolution declaring Sept. 17, 2018, as “Winston-Salem Native

Ms. Nia Imani Franklin Day.”

“It’s still so unbelievable, but we knew that as we saw things progress, it’s nobody but God that helped her to get to that level and propelled her there,” Kristy Franklin said about her daughter. “To keep her there, we just continue to need your prayers.”

Franklin is a graduate of North

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Twitter Photo courtesy Miss AmericaPageant

Nia Imani Franklin, a Winston-Salem native, becomes the first Miss America in the post-swimsuit era.

## HURRICANE FLORENCE

### Florence leaves mark on W-S

CHRONICLE STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

Winston-Salem experienced some isolated flooding, downed trees and temporary power outages when the remnants of Hurricane Florence hit the Triad over the weekend.

University Parkway at Coliseum Drive was flooded Sunday night due to a clogged storm drain. Areas of Salem Creek Greenway and Salem Lake Trail were under water. Apartments on Bethania Station Road were also



Photo from City of Winston-Salem Facebook.com Account  
Salem Lake flows over its dam after the weekend’s heavy rains.

evacuated due to flooding from the heavy rains.

During their Monday meeting, Mayor Allen Joines and the City Council thanked first responders and city staff for their work to help residents through the storm. Resources are already being dispatched to the eastern part of the state that was hard hit by the hurricane.

On Twitter, the Winston-Salem Fire Department is reporting that it was helping other areas Tuesday. One tweet said: “Lillington, NC (Harnett Co.): Our water rescue team has been working with Cary FD clearing houses.

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## County to vote on Cook Medical incentives today

Company is asking for \$2.4 million to keep 650 jobs in the city

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

County Commissioners will vote today on an incentive deal for nearly

\$2.4 million over 10 years for Cook Medical to stay in Winston-Salem.

Cook Medical’s current local campus, located off Bethania Station Road, has 200,000 square feet across numerous buildings where 650 full-time employees work. The company has run out of room to expand at its current location and has had an extensive

search for a new home. Cook designs, develops and manufactures minimally invasive devices for 41 medical specialties in 135 countries.

Scott Sewell, Cook’s vice president of Technology Acquisition and Development, said the company was unable to find a suitable spot in

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