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## Hundreds attend Ashley Academy's Global Celebration

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The gymnasium at Ashley Academy for Cultural and Global Studies was filled with excitement last Friday evening as hundreds of parents, students, teachers, and faculty members came together for the 5th Annual Global Celebration.

Designed to help students learn about different cultures and parts of the world, each year the celebration has something different for the students and parents to enjoy. This year's celebration included free food, several performances from students, and a special guest performance from Gamelan Giri Murti, Wake Forest University's Balinese percussion and dance ensemble. The celebration also served as a reunion of some sorts, as former principals and teachers returned to Ashley to mark the 20th anniversary of the school opening as an elementary school.

Ashley reopened as a elementary school in 1999; prior to that the school operated as a middle school up until the late 70s when the school was closed. Ashley officially became a



Photos by Tevin Stinson

Students at Ashley Academy for Cultural and Global Studies came together to celebrate thier 5th Annual Global Celebration on Friday, May 3.

magnet school in 2006 and in 2015 the school changed its name to Ashley Academy

for Cultural and Global Studies. Scarlett Linville, who has been the principal

at Ashley since 2016, said she was proud to be a part of a school with such a rich

history in the community. "I'm honored to be a part of such a rich education institution and we felt

it was important to honor everyone who had a part in our school," Linville said.

## City Council denies rezoning to bring TROSA to East Winston

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The plan to open a facility for recovering addicts in East Winston came to a screeching halt earlier this week when the City Council voted 7-1 to deny the rezoning of The Commons of Forsyth County and more than 16 acres of land along Old Greensboro Road.

If approved, the request to change the official zoning map from MU-S (Mixed Use-Special Use-Residential Building) and

RS9 (Residential, Single Family) to GB-S (General Business-Special Use zoning) would have opened the doors for TROSA (Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers Inc.), to open its first facility in the Triad. Founded in 1994 by Kevin McDonald, TROSA is a nonprofit residential substance abuse recovery program that strives to help individuals through vocational training, education, peer counseling, mentoring and leadership training.

Based in Durham, TROSA had intended to convert the existing apartment buildings and unoccupied buildings located on Felicity Circle and Felicity Lane, into a group care facility that provides

room and board for about 250 people, including personal care and rehabilitation services for those in need.

Dan Jewell, who was hired by TROSA to develop plans of the facility, noted that the application for rezoning was in compliance with the area plan and TROSA did their due diligence to receive feedback from those who live in the community. He also noted City/County Planning Staff recommended approval and The Commons has been used to provide similar programs in the past.

"The application is within compliance. We worked with the neighbors and the staff to develop a project that will be good See Rezoning on A3



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Earlier this week, the City Council voted to deny rezoning that would have repurposed The Commons of Forsyth County for a facility that would house recovering addicts and other programs offered by TROSA, a nonprofit residential substance abuse program.

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