

Sanders rallies voters at WSSU

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Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders energized local voters and students in Winston-Salem last week when he made a campaign stop on the campus of Winston-Salem State University (WSSU).

Before leading a march to the early voting location at the Anderson Center on the campus of WSSU, the senator from Vermont held a rally inside the C.E. Gaines Center. The event drew a crowd of more than 1,000 people.

While addressing the mixed crowd of voters, students and local and state elected officials, Sanders opened up on his platform and his plan to unseat President Donald Trump.

"Together we will defeat the most dangerous president in the modern history of this country," Sanders continued. "We will not have four more years of a pathological liar. We will not have four more years of a corrupt racist. We will not have four more years of a



Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders greets students on the campus of Winston-Salem State University on Thursday, Feb. 27. Sanders is looking for to become the Democratic candidate for president.

Photos by Alphonso Abbott Jr.



More than 1,000 people attended a rally held by Bernie Sanders on Thursday, Feb. 27. The rally was held on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

president who undermines American Democracy ... and someone who has no respect for the Constitution of the United States."

Sanders said although President Trump ran on promises to "take on the establishment," provide healthcare for all, and create a better tax plan for all Americans, he hasn't kept his word. "The American people want a government and an economy that works for all of us, not just the one percent," Sanders said.

Sanders said the Amer-

ican people are tired of wealth inequality and it's time for a change. When discussing his own platform, Sanders discussed plans for free public college and early childhood education, universal Medicare, legalizing marijuana, raising the minimum wage to \$15, and canceling student debt. He also discussed ending plans to address voter suppression and mass incarceration.

He said, "As someone who grew up in a working class family, somebody who lived in a rent controlled apartment for all of

my childhood ... this is a campaign of the working class, by the working class and for the working class."

Those who attended the rally showed up nearly two hours before it was scheduled to begin. While most made it inside for the rally, more than 100 people were left standing outside because the Gaines Center reached capacity. Madison Whitfield made it inside about 15 minutes before the rally began. Whitfield, who said she was a "Sanders Supporter," said Sanders' platform seemed to be aligned with what she's

looking for in a candidate, but she wasn't sure who she will vote for.

"I'm a Sanders supporter, but that doesn't mean I've already decided who I will vote for," Whitfield said while speaking with The Chronicle. Although she doesn't know who she will vote for, Whitfield said the upcoming election is very important.

"As an African American, I feel like this election is very important. I think 2016 really showed a lot of people how important

voting really is."

Throughout the rally, Sanders' supporters and members of his campaign talked about why they believe Sanders is the best candidate to represent the Democratic Party. Keith Ellison, attorney general for the State of Minnesota, Nina Turner, co-chair of Sanders' campaign, and local legend Dr. Larry Little, all took to the stage.

Little, who is a professor in the social sciences department at WSSU, longtime community activist and co-founder of

the Winston-Salem chapter of the Black Panther Party, said he was proud to be able welcome the next president of the United States to Winston-Salem. Little mentioned Sanders' record for standing against racism.

"Bernie has been a champion in the fight against racism all his adult life. Bernie was arrested for fighting against racism," he continued. "We have a champion we can vote for."



Nina Turner, co-chair of the Bernie Sanders campaign during a rally held on the campus of Winston-Salem State University last week.

Forsyth County Primary Winners

Seat/Votes/Percentage

* US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 06 - DEM
Kathy Manning 16,704 43.19%

* US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 06 - REP
Lee Haywood 8,174 67.62%

* US HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 10 - REP
Patrick McHenry 6,576 61.38%

*NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 071 - DEM
Evelyn-Terry 7,154 64.64%

*NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 072 - DEM
Amber M. Baker 7,571 58.54%

*NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 075 - DEM
Elisabeth Motsinger 4,801 63.91%

*NC HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES DISTRICT 075 - REP
Donny C. Lambeth 4,687 68.04%

*CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM COUNCIL MEMBER SOUTH WARD - DEM
John Larson 2,397 47.46%

*FORSYTH COUNTY CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT (UNEXPIRED) - DEM
Denise Hines 24,416 50.74%

*FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DISTRICT B - REP
Richard V. Linville 15,508 28.76%

Gloria D. Whisenhunt 15,379 28.52%

David R. Plyler 15,287 28.35%

*CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM MAYOR - DEM
Allen Joines 26,689 69.29%

*CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM COUNCIL MEMBER EAST WARD - DEM
Annette Scippio 1,489 40.10%

*CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM COUNCIL MEMBER NORTH WARD - DEM
DD Adams 3,079 75.54%

*CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM COUNCIL MEMBER NORTHEAST WARD - DEM
Barbara Hanes Burke 2,597 57.23%

*CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM COUNCIL MEMBER SOUTH WARD - DEM
John Larson 2,397 47.46%

*CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM COUNCIL MEMBER SOUTHWEST WARD - DEM
Kevin Mundy 2,959 63.35%

*CITY OF WINSTON-SALEM COUNCIL MEMBER WEST WARD - REP
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