

Local educator gives financial assistance to graduating seniors

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David Bishop has a heart for helping children, because someone helped him growing up. That was the major motivation for him to start the David Bishop Scholarship.

Bishop, in partnership with Doug Middleton and the Dream the Impossible Initiative, gave five local senior students \$500 scholarships to assist with their transition to college.

Bishop is a teacher at Quality Education Academy (QEA), so he has seen up close the needs some students and their families have as they move on to the collegiate level. "I'm a teacher at QEA, so I understand the impact that COVID had on families and the senior students at the school," said Bishop.

"I've always wanted to give back. When I was a senior in high school at Winston-Salem Prep, it was a middle school teacher that had a scholarship for two seniors, kind of similar to mine, and it was a \$100 scholarship, a gift card to Walmart. She actually never taught me, but she spoke highly of me and that has resonated with

me since then. When I started teaching again, we were actually co-workers at Winston-Salem Prep, so I wanted to do for others exactly what she had done for me."

Getting started with a scholarship was a mystery for Bishop, so he reached out to Middleton, who has been a friend of his since the third grade.

"I wanted to reach out to Doug because I didn't know if I had to have a nonprofit organization or if I had to have a corporation to do what I wanted to do," he said.

Due to Middleton having a nonprofit organization of his own, he was able to give Bishop tips as to how to get started with his idea. Middleton liked the idea that Bishop had and chose to partner with Bishop's mission.

Bishop says it was important for him to give a child of color the opportunity to obtain the scholarships. He said he also wanted to make sure the child was a student in Forsyth County. He reached out to several high school guidance counselors to try and find students that fit the criteria.



Submitted photo

David Bishop is helping local students with college expenses through scholarships.

"It was a good amount of students that applied for the scholarship," Bishop stated. "We had one student from North Forsyth, three from QEA and one from Winston-Salem Prep. Like I said earlier, that opportunity that was given to me while I was in high school has always stuck with me, so I always wanted to find a way to give back.

"I have been blessed this year, so I just wanted to give that blessing to the youth. Doug is a big mental health awareness advo-

cate after his best friend died and I am all about youth and making sure they have some type of guidance, because it's a lot of kids out there without a father figure. I just love what I do."

Bishop is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and says the response from his frat brothers and others in the community to help for next year has been very encouraging. He says he was surprised by the outpouring of support.

For Bishop, he plans to make this scholarship an

annual event for seniors in Forsyth County. He stated that he has seen people with the resources to help students in the county, but choose not to. Because he is an educator, Bishop is on the front lines trying to affect change in the classroom and the scholarship is just another way for him to further help students in need. He hopes his efforts inspire others to do the same, but if not, he will continue to do his part.

"I'm in the field, so I understand the impact that this has," he said. "What-

ever I do, if people decide to follow, then that's more kids being reached and I hope that does happen and open up doors for other kids with opportunities, but that was not my goal. My goal was just to reach as many kids as I could out of my pocket.

"With this blessing we received from other people and people wanting to partner up and donate for next year, I'm definitely happy with that. If that's going to open up doors for other people to start up things that have those resources, I am all for that and maybe we can partner up, so we can do more things."

The kids were excited to be the recipients of the scholarships, Bishop said. He and Middleton gave all of the kids encouraging words prior to them heading off to college.

Bishop would also like to expand the scholarship to reach more kids with more money. He just wants to continue to grow to help more children.

"It takes a village to reach these kids. If anyone wants to do something in the community to give back, I'm all for it."

NAACP awards scholarships to local students

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Last week the Winston-Salem Chapter of the NAACP (WSNAACP) awarded \$5,000 in scholarships to five different local students. Caden Davis, Reynolds High School, Breanna Chadwick, Parkland High School, Robert "BJ" Moore III, Atkins High School, Chloe Fletcher, Carver High School, and Lauren Valle, Atkins High School, each received \$1,000 to help further their education.

Valle, who will attend Duke University and major in biology this fall, also received the Reverend Dr. Carlton A. Eversley award for having the "highest scholastic standing" among all the scholarship



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Scholarship recipients pose for a photo outside the local NAACP Headquarters. The Winston-Salem Chapter of the NAACP awarded \$5,000 in scholarships.

recipients. Valle earned an unweighted GPA of 4.0. She is also active in the community and she participates in several extracur-

ricular activities.

The award honors the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Carlton, who passed away unexpectedly

in 2019. Eversley was a longtime member of the NAACP and a well-respected civil rights activist. Additionally, he served

as chair of the NAACP Education Committee for a very long time and was affiliated with the Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity. Eversley also actively served as the pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church for 35 years.

Every year the local chapter hosts a banquet as a fundraiser to garner support for the scholarships, but due to the pandemic, the Freedom Fund Banquet was cancelled, but members of the scholarship and fundraising committees refused to let the tradition die. Committee members sought assistance from the community, local churches, and businesses to garner support and raise the funds.

"On behalf of the

Executive Board of the NAACP, I want to thank everyone who helped support our young people," said Al Jabbar, president of the WSNAACP, during the brief ceremony on Friday, July 30.

"And to our young people ... may you have much success and if there's anything that we as a chapter may be able to do to aid you in your next level of life, please call on us, because we're here for the community."

For more information on the scholarships or the Winston-Salem Chapter of the NAACP, please contact the office at 336-767-3470 or visit www.naacps.org.

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to be themselves. Even the books the student read this summer were culturally relevant. Throughout the six-week program, students were introduced to several Black authors including Sharon Flake, G. Neri, James Patterson, and Kawmi Alexander.

"One of the things we tried to do this summer with Freedom School was make the students aware of what's happening before them. The pain, the oppression, and the injustice our people have suffered, and make them aware that our people have never just taken that on the chin and not resisted," Hawkins continued. "Our people have created, resisted and fought for their lives and the lives of their families and communities and one of the ways we instill this

reality is by telling the students that we're more than what we live through."

When discussing the culture of Lit City Freedom School, Miranda Jones, who serves as the program director, said it gives educators a chance to try something different as well. Jones, who is a licensed educator, said at Lit City she gets to bring liberation education to children in a way that she would never be allowed to do in a normal K-12 environment and has opportunities to really listen to students. "I get to bring a lot of the Afrocentric elements to the children that's not appreciated or tolerated in Eurocentric spaces, so I get to actually do that here," Jones said.

"A lot of people don't understand that you can talk to Black children ... you really don't have to

just go off, you don't have to just seek to save white teachers, you can actually seek to save Black children and sometimes it's just a matter of trying to figure out what their intentions were and seeking to understand."

That understanding between the students and instructors was on full display last Friday during the Freedom School finale. The students had the opportunity to show what they learned over the past six weeks and received certificates for completing the program. As they walked up to receive their certificates, every student wore a smile that stretched from ear to ear.

Although the Lit City Freedom School has ended for the summer, according to Hawkins they will stay in touch with the students throughout the school year

with different programs and initiatives.

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