

Pinn Selected Distinguished Alumni

Dr. Melvin Pinn has been chosen as the 1988 recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award at Johnson C. Smith University. Pinn currently serves as the Medical Director of the Neighborhood Health Center in Charlotte, a post he has held since 1979.

The Neighborhood Health Center is designed to render health care to low income inner-city residents. While the majority of the health center's patients may live in low income housing, the quality of health care provided to them from Dr. Pinn is very high.

He makes what he describes as, "a decent living" at his profession and passion. For him the greatest reward comes, not necessarily from monetary gain, but, "from knowing that you have made a difference in the lives of people who often have a difficult time meeting their needs. I really feel good when I go home," he explained. "Knowing that I have helped people with their problems which often go beyond medical concerns is quite rewarding."

Pinn has also apparently found a measure of satisfaction in knowing that he is doing a job in an area of a major city where few doctors feel comfortable. Dr. Pinn has earned a valued reputation in Charlotte where he could easily find the world as a private physician more comfortable to him and his family, but he has no immediate plans to change jobs. He says, however, that he would ultimately like to be responsible for the delivery of services to the needy in Mecklenburg county. "In many respects I have prepared myself for the position. I already act like a consultant to this neighborhood. When people have problems, 98 percent of the time I can tell them what they should

do, or where they should go to solve their problems," he continued.

Those alumni and friends of JCSU who know Pinn also understand that another facet of his character is his modesty. He was an honor student in high school and throughout his undergraduate and post-graduate college careers and excelled in sports. Yet, through it all, he has remained true to himself and his advocacy to work not merely as a doctor but as a care giver in other areas of life that concern his patients. Pinn has never sought accolades or awards but reward and recognition has found him. The latest award, the JCSU Distinguished Alumnus Award, is one that he is "completely thrilled about." "There are so many deserving Smith Alumni who could have received this award that I feel honored to have distinction while I am still alive to know about it," he mused.

The Lynchburg, Virginia, native enjoyed an outstanding collegiate career at Johnson C. University. He graduated in 1970, cum laude, majoring in chemistry, with a minor in physics and as Senior Class President. He was selected to the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, Who's Who-1969, he was a member of the CIAA Tennis Championship Team from JCSU in 1968, and selected to the All-CIAA Tennis team from 1967 to 1970. A member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Pinn was voted RHO Man of the Year in 1970. In

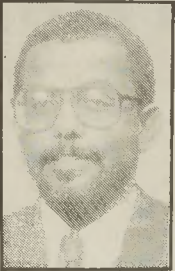
that same year he was voted President of the University Council.

Pinn was also an academic all-American who carried the same level of enthusiasm for excellence on an off the Smith campus. In 1968 he was the recipient of a Summer Fellowship to study advanced Organic Chemistry. In 1969 he completed further study at Iowa State University and the Atomic Energy Commission. Following a two year stint in the U.S Army, Pinn entered medical school at the University of Virginia. He was one of eight blacks admitted

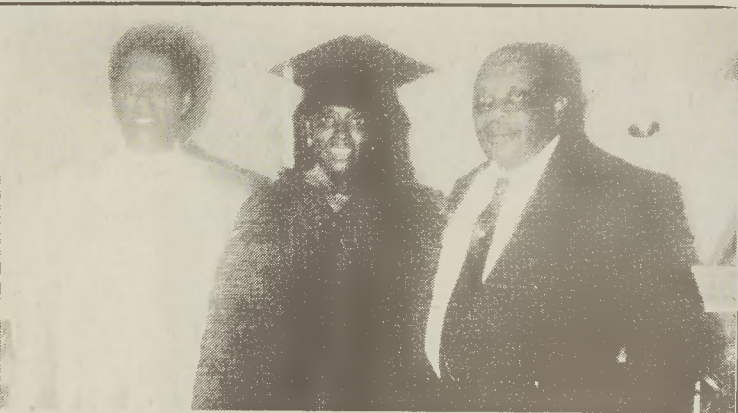
at that time. After graduation he completed an internship and residency in Family Medicine at the University of Massachusetts.

He is married to the former Evora Jordan. They have three children, Tanika, Melva and Melvin, III.

Pinn, meanwhile, continues to be recognized for his outstanding contributions. This year alone he was selected as Leader of the Week by the Charlotte Leader Newspaper and was recipient of the Human Service Award from Focus On Leadership, a community leadership organization, last April.



Pinn



REGINA L. MCKINNEY (c) received her Juris Doctor degree from Campbell University, Buies Creek, N.C., on May 9. A 1981 graduate of Olympic High School, McKinney also graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a B.S. degree. While attending Campbell University, McKinney was a member of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity, the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers, the Law Student Civil Rights Research Council and she served as Social Director of Women in Law. Shown here with her parents Hubert and Hattie, McKinney plans to work in civil or criminal trial litigation.

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Designed to get the black community involved in education of black youth.

Thursday, May 26th, at Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, 700 Sugar Creek Rd., 7 p.m.

Town meetings are coordinated by Ron Leeper. For additional information, call 525-7926.

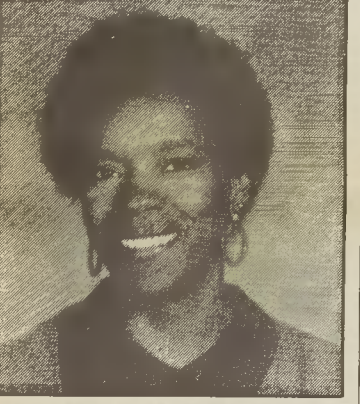
Town Meeting

Sunday, May 29, 7:30 p.m.

First Baptist West Church Annex
1800 Oaklawn Ave.

Facilitator: Cedric H. Jones, Candidate for Mecklenburg County Commission At-Large

Public Invited
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Anderson

Anderson's Top Teacher Assistant

"As children first enter kindergarten, the teacher and the assistant are extensions of the family. There must be an abundance of love and understanding mixed with an equal amount of discipline and consistency."

Those are the words of Helen Anderson, a teacher assistant in a kindergarten class at Briarwood Elementary and the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Teacher Assistant of the Year. Anderson was recognized recently by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board.

She was selected for the system-wide award April 28 by a panel of school system employees and parents.

A former physical education teacher, Anderson has been a CMS teacher assistant for four years. She has a bachelor's degree from Virginia State University. Briarwood Principal Jane Morrow says Anderson is dependable, capable, and efficient. "Not only does Mrs. Anderson work tirelessly for the good of her classroom students, but she contributes to the success of our total school's program as well."

Anderson will receive a plaque donated by Hoescht Celanese and gift certificates from several area businesses.

Finalists for the award were Cassandra Buchanan, Winterfield Elementary; Shirley Green, Thomasboro Elementary; Joyce King, Oakdale Elementary; and Kathy McClure, Huntingtowne Farms Elementary.

The Teacher Assistant of the Year Program is sponsored by the CMS Communications Department with the assistance of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee.

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BEST BETS ON HOME IMPROVEMENTS

IMPROVEMENT	APPROX. COSTS	% RETURN ON INVESTMENT
Full Bath	1800-3000	90-100
3rd Bedroom	6000-8000	90-100
Garage	3000-5000	50-100
Fireplace	1000-3000	85-125
Central Air	1500-2000	70-100
Paint Ext	1000-2000	30-80
Patio or Deck	1500-2000	40-90
Remodel Kit	3500-8000	80-100

Give Your Home A View
Another concern for homeowners and homebuyers is called curb

appeal. Whether it's a prospective buyer pulling up for the first time or your parents coming to dinner, you want the front of your house to look great. A professional landscaping job, a fresh coat of paint, some shutters or a new top on the driveway will all create a more pleasant atmosphere.

SAVE ON ENERGY

INSULATING	EST. COST	1st YEAR SAVINGS
Ceiling (R-30)	\$ 234	\$ 149
Walls (R-12)	291	272
Floor (R-19)	229	288
Storm Windows	216	115
Infiltration	79	107
Heat Ducts	82	248
TOTAL	\$1131	\$1229

* Based on doing the work yourself
** Based on an average 1350 sq. ft. home

Make a Double Play on High Power Bills

Even if you have no immediate plans to sell, making your home more energy efficient will pay off immediately. Added insulation, storm windows and weather stripping will cut down your usage, and your bills. Also, local utilities offer special, lower rates for homes that meet their energy efficiency standards. Modern appliances and a new furnace or central air conditioning can also save you money while increasing your comfort and the market value of your home.

Backyard Fun

Swimming pools seem to play a role in most people's backyard fantasies. A pool may increase the value of your home, but there are many exciting, less expensive alternatives. (Some realtors tell us that a pool may actually "turn off" many potential buyers.) Decks, patios, tool sheds, gardens and well-kept lawns enhance the value of your property and give you a place to enjoy life.

Choosing a Contractor

Many home improvements can be done by the do-it-yourselfer. But others require professionals. Before you hire a contractor, talk to friends or neighbors who have made similar improvements and ask for recommendations. Make sure anyone you hire is fully licensed, and agrees to a reasonable completion schedule. Your local Better Business Bureau will answer questions about contractors' reputations quickly, and for free.

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