

# EDUCATION TODAY

## INROADS Program Helps Guide Students

### From Staff Reports

The INROADS/Charlotte, Inc. Annual Recognition Banquet was held June 22 in the Grand Ballroom of the Charlotte Marriott City Center.

The keynote speaker for the evening was Mr. G. Patrick Phillips, president, NCNB Service, Inc.

The event included recognition of 20 Pre-College Component graduates with two pre-college awards presented for the highest academic performance in INROADS Advanced Language Arts and Advance Mathematics classes. The Pre-College awards culminated with the "Pre-College Student of the Year."

The College Component awards included the induction of ten graduating interns into the INROADS Alumni Association and the presentation of academic awards to INROADS interns who have earned 3.0 and above cumulative grade point averages during the 1988-89 school year.

Progress awards were also given for significant academic improvement.

The highlight of the college awards was the presentation to the most outstanding INROADS interns, "The INROADS Scholar of the Year" and the "Inroader of the Year."

Started in 1982, INROADS/Charlotte is one of 34 affiliate offices around the country dedicated to developing qualified business and engineering professionals. Its mission is to de-

velop and place talented minority youth in business and industry and prepare them for corporate and community leadership. More than 1,000 companies nationwide sponsor INROADS college interns.

As of 1988, participation in INROADS/Charlotte has included 62 college interns, 31 pre-college students and 26 alumni.

Charlotte's INROADS program is reported to be one of the most successful affiliates.

INROADS/Charlotte is directed by Sandra McMullen. In 1986 INROADS/Charlotte was recognized for having both the second highest overall rating and the second highest College Component performance rating of all INROADS affiliates nationwide.

McMullen is very enthusiastic about her work and about INROADS in general. "INROADS gives me the opportunity to interact with and develop future leaders," she says.

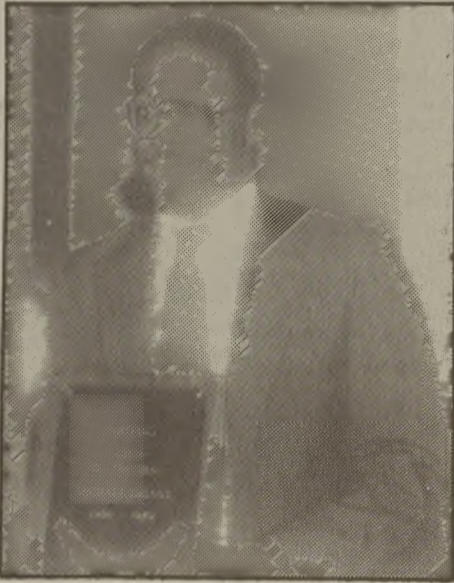
However, INROADS is a demanding program. Adds McMullen, "It's a great organization and a great

opportunity, but it's not for everybody."

Students in the Pre-College Component attend seminars and classes year-round, and students in the College Component are evaluated in the school and the workplace. INROADS college freshmen are required to study 35 hours per week outside of class and turn in time-

management worksheets weekly. In addition, all Inroaders are required to participate in community service activities.

"INROADS doesn't just develop youth to be scholars, but well-rounded individuals who have an understanding and respect for themselves, their culture and that of others," says McMullen.



**INROADS Scholar of the Year**  
**Michael LaSane**

This year's recipient is a rising senior at Johnson C. Smith University, majoring in Accounting with a 3.8 cumulative grade point average. He interns with Cablevision of Charlotte.



**The INROADER of the Year**  
**Gregory Bryant**

This year's recipient is a Duke Academic Scholarship, Honors College, Dean's List (JCSU), President's List and National Dean's List student. He has received numerous academic awards and is involved in several community and professional activities and organizations.

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### Alumni Induction Graduates/ 1989 Banquet

The 1989 INROADS Intern graduates were recognized at the recognition banquet and inducted into the Alumni Component. Shown in the photo (left) are (l-r): Kevin Burns, graduate of North Carolina A & T University; Johnetta Berry, graduate of UNC-Greensboro; Gregory Bryant, graduate of Johnson C. Smith University; Paul Latten, graduate of North Carolina State University; LaCara Reddick, graduate of Johnson C. Smith University; and Brinda Johnson, graduate of UNC-Charlotte. Other alumni induction graduates not pictured are: Cedric Burns, graduate of N.C. A&T; George Hicks, graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill; Rodney Hood, graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill; and Yolanda Johnson, graduate of North Carolina Central University.



## Alexander Scholarships Presented

Barry LaMont Ray of Wilson, NC is a recipient of the Kelly M. Alexander Sr. Memorial Scholarship, announced Kelly M. Alexander Jr., president of the North Carolina NAACP and Mrs. Margaret Alexander Sr., chair of the scholarship fund.

Ray is one of three recipients of the 1989 - 90 scholarship that is funded by Carolina Telephone and Telegraph. The other recipients are Tonia Clemons and Lisa Givens. The recipients will each receive checks for \$1,000 which is to be used to help defray educational expenses.

Ray attends N.C. A&T State University in Greensboro, where he has maintained a 3.34 grade point average. He is an engineering major. A member of the N.C. A & T college chapter of the NAACP, Alpha Phi Mu, Alpha Chi National Honor Society; Ray has been a Dean's list student since 1986.

The Alexanders also announced the recipients of Coca-Cola Consolidated/Charlotte funded scholarships to students attending Johnson C. Smith University.

Each of these grants is valued at \$4,000 and is awarded based on academic achievement and financial need.

Lisa Renee Jones of Lumberton, NC, was awarded one of these scholarships. Other recipients are Arrington Thurman Lee and Tracey Shawnta O'Neil.

Jones is a junior presently attending Smith, where she has maintained a 3.69 grade point average. She is the reigning Miss Johnson C. Smith University.

The Kelly M. Alexander Sr. Scholarship was started in 1986 with a gift from Carolina Tele-

phone & Telegraph. The scholarships are funded through corporate and individual gifts. Since 1986 over \$23,000 in scholarship have been awarded to 16 recipients.

The scholarships are given in memory of the late Kelly M. Alexander Sr., who was elected chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors in 1984. Alexander was one of the pioneers of the modern civil rights movement in the South.

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