



Flora Jennings (right) receives an award from Gilbert Vaughn for being the first African-American hired at the Don Juan plant in Hertford. She was also the first black supervisor at the plant. She was one of 93 people honored during the NAACP awards held at the Fine Arts Center at ECSU on Saturday.



Yvonne Bryant (right) receives an award from Gilbert Vaughn for being the first African-American to be instrumental in setting up the Mobile Food Pantry in Perquimans County.



Earnest Griffin (right) receives an award from Gilbert Vaughn at the NAACP awards at the Fine Arts Center at Elizabeth City State University for being the first African-American supervisor in the supply subdivision at the United States Coast Guard Base in Elizabeth City.

## NAACP holds Red Carpet Awards

By CATHY WILSON  
Staff Writer

Nearly 100 African Americans making history in Perquimans County over the years were honored Saturday afternoon during the Perquimans NAACP's first Red Carpet Awards Gala held at Elizabeth City State University.

From being the first African American to integrate a local manufacturing plant to being the first black mayor of Hertford, honorees or their family members received awards and trophies in honor of their accomplishments.



In addition, five people were inducted into the Perquimans County NAACP Hall of Fame.

The Rev. Gilbert Vaughn speaks at the NAACP awards at the Fine Arts Center at Elizabeth City State University,

as the first African American woman elected to the county board of commissioners and the first African American to serve as chairwoman.

In addition to the posthumous awards presented, Horace Reid was honored for being the first African American elected mayor of Hertford and Rev. Vickie J. Joyner was honored for being the first African American female pastor of Bagley Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in Winfall.

Rounding out the honored class of 2012 was Sharla Murrill who worked tirelessly with the NAACP's youth council in addition to pulling three tours of duty in Iraq.

Venora Brothers said the event honored local African Americans who made history in Perquimans County. About 1,000 persons attended, she estimated.

"We are so thankful," she said. "Thankful that it was well attended, and thankful for the graciousness of all those honored and their willingness to share."

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Both Washington Lyons, Sr. and Shirley Wiggins were honored posthumously. Lyons was remembered as the first president of the local NAACP chapter while Capt. Wiggins was known

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