

Winston-Salem State University
FAMOUS ALUMNI

Below is a listing of several famous Winston-Salem State University Alumni. This list is by no means inclusive because we have many, many persons from Winston-Salem State University that we consider to have done great things, though maybe not as widely known as others.

Selma Burke	World renowned artist; sculpted the bust of Franklin D. Roosevelt that appears on the dime.
Louis Farrakhan	Leader, Nation of Islam and organizer of the Million Man March.
Earl "The Pearl" Monroe '68	Guard with Baltimore Bullets and New York Knicks. Elected to Basketball Hall of Fame; selected by the NBA as one of its 50 greatest players in league history.
Lorraine Hairston Morton '38 BS	Mayor of Evanston, Illinois (1993-)
Jim Garner '67	Mayor of Hempstead, New York (1989-) and president of U.S. Conference of Mayors
Elias Gilbert '60	World Class Olympic Hurdler in the late 1950s
Stephen A. Smith '92 BA	Sports writer and NBA columnist for the <i>Philadelphia Inquirer</i>
Anthony Blaylock '88	Atlanta business entrepreneur and former Chicago Bear cornerback
Louise Smith '46	Credited with helping to establish the kindergarten program for the public schools of North Carolina
Frederick Poe '72	Detroit Auto Dealer and business entrepreneur
Joseph D. Johnson '73	Listed as one of the top African-American attorneys in the U.S. by <i>Black Enterprise</i> magazine
Donald Bradley '61	President of the Newark, NJ, City Council (1993-)
Larry Womble '63	Representative for the North Carolina Legislature
Michael P. Decker '76	Representative for the North Carolina Legislature
Earline Parmon	Representative for the North Carolina Legislature
Theodore Blunt '65	City Council President, Wilmington, DE
Walter Marshall '65	Forsyth County Commissioner
Victor Johnson '61	Forsyth County Board of Education
Beaufort Bailey '57	Forsyth County Commissioner
Yancey Thigpen	Former leading receiver for the Tennessee Titans, Pittsburg Steelers, and the San Diego Chargers. Mr. Thigpen was also a two-time all pro selection.
Oronde Gadsden '95	Current wide receiver with the Miami Dolphins.
Richard Huntley '95	Former running back for the Atlanta Falcons, Pittsburg Steelers, Carolina Panthers and Detroit Lions. He is currently ranked second in NCAA career rushing yards.
Donald Evans '93	Former played for the Los Angeles Rams, Philadelphia Eagles and the Pittsburg Steelers.

Thomas R. Beard, Jr. '98	Corporal Morrel at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts. He has performed in the Municipal Opera Company of Baltimore's Madame Butterfly, as Marcello in La Boheme, Papageno in The Magic Flute, Escamillo in Carmen, the title role in Gianni Schicchi, Conte di Luna in Il Trovatore, Germont in excerpts from La Traviata and both Crown and Porgy in excerpts from Porgy & Bess. A member of The Washington Opera, he has performed with the company more than 70 times, including its recent tour of Japan.
Maria Howell, '83	Performing artist, Ms. Howell is best know for the choir soloist in "The Color Purple". She has also had performance spots in "The Young Indiana Jones Chronicles", "Linda", "Scattered Dreams", and "Tambourines to Glory".
Joel McIver, '93	Published novelist, "What is Forever" 2003 and "Dancing with My Shadow" to be released in the falloff 2004.
Ernest E. Newton, II '78	Deputy President Pro Tempore of the Connecticut Senate and Chairman of Public Safety. He represents the Hartford, Connecticut district.
Cleo Hill, '61	First person selected from the C.I.A.A. to be a first round draft choice in the National Basketball Association. He was selected by the St. Louis Hawks.