

Induction of the Forty Under 40 2019 Class

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FORTY UNDER 40 GALA PROGRAM

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GREETINGS	Elwood L. Robinson, Ph.D. Chancellor, Winston-Salem State University
	Victor Bruinton '82 President, National Alumni Association
	William Gibson '19 WSSU SGA President
INVOCATION	Sergeant Ebony Briggs Moore 05'
MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT	Randal K. Calloway '94 (DJ 360), 360 Elite Entertainment DINNER
SPEAKER	Rashad Q. Little '10 Executive Director, Candid Yams Kickback
PRESENTATION OF THE 2019 FORTY UNDER 40 HONOREES	Ladia Rutledge '07 Deidra Phyall '05
CLOSING REMARKS	Jamie Tindal '10, Young Alumni Council Co-Chair
	Isaac Moore, Director of Alumni Engagement Winston-Salem State University
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Greetings:

Welcome to the 2019 "Forty Under 40" Awards Gala, where we celebrate 40 outstanding young alumni for their contributions to their professional fields and their communities.

It is my sincere pleasure to extend my congratulations to this year's cohort of "Forty Under 40" awardees. Tonight we honor you for your commitment to excellence in your work, your passion for volunteerism, and your spirit of philanthropy.

We often say that there is "no ceiling to what you can accomplish at Winston-Salem State University." This amazing group of alumni illustrates the truth of this statement. The "Forty Under 40" class demonstrates how to make a positive impact in the world by harnessing the knowledge, support, strength, and compassion that stems from their days at WSSU.

I know you will join me in congratulating the entire 2019 class of "Forty Under 40" honorees. They all serve as inspiration by truly living out the Winston-Salem State University motto of "Enter to Learn. Depart to Serve."

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Congratulations Honorees!

"You have the power to change perception, to inspire and empower, and to show people how to embrace their complications, and see the flaws, and the true beauty and strength that's inside all of us." — Beyoncé

You, the recipients of the 2019 WSSU Forty Under 40 Alumni Award, are honored and celebrated today, because you have exhibited the power within you to be a foundational pillar of change. Fittingly, as this prestigious award salutes alumni leaders who are making tremendous strides in their chosen professions, you have inspired, empowered, and embraced the world of business and your respective communities. It is apparent that each of you has realized the 'work' of being a product of this university, committing faithfully to the charge, "Enter to Learn. Depart to Serve." This honor is indicative of your acceptance of this commitment; however, it is also a manifestation of the true beauty and strength that's inside of YOU!

As president, and on behalf of the Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association (WSSU NAA), please know that we are proud to celebrate the culmination of your academic, career and community successes, awarded via "Forty Under 40." We stand proudly with university faculty and staff in honor of your stellar accomplishments.

In closing, it is my hope that these words will be light upon your continued path of greatness... Today, remember that God looks to see what you will do with your time, talent, and treasure. He sees whether or not you are faithful to develop your gifts and seize the opportunities that He has given you. Seek to be faithful in every situation that you face. Be a good steward of the resources He has given you. Humble yourself before Him, and keep your (and His) promises. Demonstrate through what you do and say, that Jesus has changed your life.

In Ram Spirit,

Victor L. Bruinton President, WSSUNAA



April 13, 2019

Welcome to the 2019 Winston-Salem State University Forty Under 40 Awards Gala. Tonight, we gather to spotlight and honor young alumni excellence. Our honorees represent some of our institutions best and brightest and serve as constant reminders of the depth and breadth of our alumni endeavors. We congratulate each of you and thank you for your presence here this evening.

Your Young Alumni Council (YAC) continues to work in collaboration with the Office of Alumni Engagement to engage our generation of alums in new and exciting ways to support WSSU. As you reflect on the vast accomplishments of tonight's honorees, let their example be reminders of why we must step up and support our beloved 'SU in new ways. We are calling on each of you, to renew your commitment to support our Alma Mater through your time, talents, and financial investment.

We also thank all of you who are joining us to celebrate tonight's momentous occasion. To all those who have served as patrons to our honorees, we say a collective THANK YOU. Your investment means we can continue to provide access and support to some of the nation's most promising students to matriculate at WSSU.

We say a special thanks to the Gala committee and our event volunteers for your efforts in planning and supporting this year's Gala. Your efforts truly exemplify our motto "Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve."

Finally, YAC is grateful for the support of the Office of Alumni Engagement, the Office of University Events, RAMA Consulting, Duke Energy, Abbot Downing and all our event patrons for your investment into tonight's event and the success of WSSU. We are humbled by your efforts and generosity.

In RAM Service,

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Young Alumni Council Co-Chair

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Young Alumni Council Co-Chair



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BRANDON JAMES AKINBIYI | CLASS OF 2012

Brandon Akinbiyi graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a degree in mass communications. He joined WPLG Local 10 News in 2013 and quickly moved up the ranks from floor director, to editor, to photojournalist. He also founded his own media production company called Bee Easy Vision LLC.

Akinbiyi is passionate about fatherhood and how dads show up in their children's lives. He recently started the "Bee a Great Dad" movement, with the mission of inspiring dads across the world to be involved in their children's lives physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

He is part of the Miami Gardens Chamber of Commerce, and a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. With the many hats that Akinbiyi wears, he is most proud of being a loving husband and father.



DR. JUANYETTA BEASLEY | CLASS OF 2003

Beasley is a Nursing Department Director at Cone Health. After graduating from the nursing program at Winston-Salem State University she earned her MBA from American InterContinental University and a Ph.D. in Health Administration from the University of Phoenix.

She says, "WSSU's nursing program is not for the faint of heart. There was a moment I had considered giving up. One of my professors once quoted to me 'faith without works is dead.' This motivated me to dig deeper, and stretch myself, which resulted in successful completion of the nursing program."

Beasley pays it forward by serving as a nursing mentor with the North Carolina Nurses Association and informally mentoring nurses throughout her career. She has also volunteered with the March of Dimes, United Way, and Backpack Buddies. Currently she is a mentor and trainer with Tri It for Life, a sprint triathlon training group training and preparing women for their first triathlon.



DR. KIMBERLY WILLIS BENNETT, MD, MPH | CLASS OF 2000

Bennett graduated with her BS in molecular biology from Winston-Salem State University. She earned her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and a Master of Public Health degree from the UNC School of Public Health. She completed her psychiatry residency at UNC Hospitals during which she served as class representative during her second and third year and as Chief Resident during her fourth and final year.

Bennett served as an attending psychiatrist at Central Regional Hospital in Butner, NC. She received appointments as an Adjunct Assistant Professor with the UNC Department of Psychiatry and Consulting Associate with the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University School of Medicine through which she taught medical students and residents. She also served as co-site director for the UNC Psychiatry Residency Program.

After working for one year as the Associate Medical Advisor for Nuventra Pharma Sciences, Dr. Bennett began working as a consulting psychiatrist at UNC Rex Healthcare in Raleigh, NC. She started her private practice, Northview Psychiatric Associates, PLLC in October 2018.



EBONY BRIGGS MOORE | CLASS OF 2005

Moore is a Deputy Sheriff with the Guilford County Police. She is dedicated to her career, her community, her church, and her family. She is a twelve-year veteran with the Guilford County Sheriff's Office and has received awards including 2008 Deputy of the Year, 2013 Life-Saving Award, 2014 C.C. McGee North Carolina School Resource Officer (SRO) of the Year Award.

Moore is a general instructor for the Sheriff's Office where she teaches Basic Law Enforcement Training. She is a four-year member of the Negotiations Team for the Guilford County Sheriff's Office. She has volunteered with numerous organizations to include The Law Enforcement Torch Run, North Carolina Special Olympics, Breast Cancer 5K, Law Enforcement Memorial 5K, and numerous other organizations. She enjoys volunteering her time with different agencies and setting the example for her younger kids. Moore is married to Travis L. Moore. They have three kids at home ages, 2, 5, and 13.



CA'VETTE-LATICE J. BUFORD | CLASS OF 2007

Buford graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a degree in psychology. She worked in the mental health and human services field with at-risk youth and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This has spilled over into her new career as an esthetician. The ability to curate positive self-image, self-worth, and self-care with her hands is an honor each day.

Buford is an 8-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. As a member, she has served as Worthy Matron and has been initiated in higher auxiliaries. She supports WSSU as a member of the Baltimore Alumni Chapter (Charm City Rams) of the WSSUNAA, currently serving as Recording Secretary and Activities Chair. She is also a candidate for Miss Alumni 2019. Through these activities, she has been able to raise scholarship funds and share her WSSU story to attract new applicants.



MONTAVIUS CARSON | CLASS OF 2010

Carson graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a degree in exercise science. He earned his master's in applied information technology from Towson University and a graduate certificate in cybersecurity. He works at the US Department of Treasury—Office of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Carson is extremely involved in the Washington, DC fitness community. He is a co-captain for the District Run Collective, an organization that encourages people of color to run and get in shape. He is an Under Armour® sponsored athlete for distance running. Brown has completed two full marathons, 16 half marathons, five triathlons, and one duathlon. He recently completed the Speed Project, a relay race from Los Angeles to Las Vegas. Mr. Brown completed TCS New York City Marathon, the biggest marathon in the world with more than 50,000 participants. His dedication to fitness and empowering others is contagious.

Carson is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. He has helped raise money for a mobile library, prepare healthy meals for shut-ins, and works with Project Inspire, a scholarship organization for high school graduates.



GREGORY COLLETON | CLASS OF 2010

Colleton graduated from Winston-State Salem University with his degree in studio arts. At WSSU he served as the regional student representative and curator for the 4D Gallery, Dada Center of the Arts, and the University Gallery.

Presently, he serves as Director of Operations for Redux Contemporary Art Center in Charleston, SC, a nonprofit organization committed to fostering creativity and the cultivation of contemporary art through diverse exhibitions, studio space for visual artists, meaningful education programs, and a multidisciplinary approach to the dialogue between artists and their audiences.

Colleton was selected as Charlie Magazine's 50 Most Progressive of Charleston. He sits for the statewide art festival, Spoleto, as a SCENE committee member. He is the co-founder of the All My Children Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting creativity and providing outreach services for youths in rural south areas with limited access to visual art and STEM opportunities. A bronze sculpture he created is on permanent display at the International Civil Rights Museum in Greensboro.



KIA COLLETON-LIVINGSTON, MSN, ANP-C | CLASS OF 2003 & 2007

Colleton-Livingston works as an Adult Nurse Practitioner at the W. G. Bill Hefner VA Medical Center providing primary care to homebound veterans. After earning her B.S.in clinical caboratory sciences from Winston-Salem State University, she began working as a clinical microbiologist.

She returned to WSSU to earn her B.S. in Nursing and then earned an M.S. in Nursing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. In 2018, she was awarded the VA Geriatric Scholar Award and is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Nursing Practice at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

She cofounded the All My Children Foundation Inc., a nonprofit organization providing outreach services to children living in rural underserved areas and mentorship in the STEM and art fields. She is an active member of the Junior League of Greensboro, Minority Advance Practice Providers, and several professional organizations within the healthcare field.



TIESHIA DURANT | CLASS OF 2005 & 2014

DuRant is a Family Nurse Practitioner and an adjunct faculty member in the RN-BSN online program at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). She obtained her BS in Nursing from WSSU. She provided care as a registered nurse in several clinical settings such as trauma, pediatrics, community, and cardiac step-down.

She went on to earn her MS in Nursing in 2014 and currently presides over two nursing home facilities as a nurse practitioner.

In addition to her current roles, she is the founder of Minority Advanced Practice Providers (MAPP). MAPP is a collective group of nurse practitioners that provide community outreach and cardiovascular screenings for minority populations in the Piedmont Triad region. DuRant is an engaged preceptor, tutor and mentor for graduate nursing students. She also volunteers for Sickle Cell Camp hosted by Camp Care Free. She attributes her success to her strong spiritual base, loving husband and daughter as well as a host of supportive family and friends.



TISH FORNEY GUERIN | CLASS OF 2005

After graduating with her degree in psychology from Winston-Salem State University Guerin promptly began her career in the field. She is the Director of Player Wellness for the Carolina Panthers—the first full-time in-house clinician in the history of the National Football League (NFL).

After kicking off her career she wanted to expand her scope of practice beyond working with individuals and families to addressing issues she noticed from a care administration perspective. She pursued her Master of Social Work with macro concentration (organizations and communities), graduating in 2010 from University of South Carolina.

She serves on the boards of Florence Crittenton Services which provides health, education, and social services for at-risk or pregnant adolescents and PC Group 365, a nonprofit that raises funds and rallies support for other nonprofits. She enjoys spending time with her husband Michael and daughter Gracyn as well as traveling, exploring diverse cuisines, and expanding her love for great movies.



LATASHA FULLER | CLASS OF 2014

Fuller earned her BA in Political Science, with a concentration in Public Administration, from Winston-Salem State University. She is a Transition Specialist with LIFE Skills Foundation and works with foster youth and as an advocate for children.

As a former foster youth, she vowed to dedicate her life and career to fight for others. At WSSU she served as President of the Student Senate, organized the Trayvon Martin Rally, spoke out about the over-incarceration of Black Men, and served on the National Foster Youth and Alumni Policy Council.

Fuller was named a Notable Name to Watch by PRIDE Magazine in Charlotte, NC. She was also an ACUVUE 1 Day Contest Finalist, a Hyundai Diversity in Action Award winner, and is a Children's Trust Fund Hero with the Los Angeles, CA Children's Trust Fund. In 2018, she and her colleagues received the MLK Jr Dream Award for providing services to foster youth and homeless youth in Durham, NC. Fuller credits her family and faith as being her backbone of support as she has embarked on her journey over the years.



DR. TENILLE GAINES | CLASS OF 2004

Gaines is a licensed psychologist and the Interim Associate Director for Counseling at the Michigan State University Counseling and Psychiatric Services unit. She graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a major in psychology with a minor in biology.

She began working as a with youth and adolescents as a therapeutic counselor at the Carolina Children's Home in Columbia, SC. She knew that if she wanted to continue to be of help to this population that she would need to pursue an advanced degree. As a result, she earned a MS in Clinical Psychology at Georgia Southern University in 2007.

She was then hired as a Behavioral Specialist at East Central Regional Hospital in Augusta, GA, an inpatient psychiatric hospital for adults. Driven by a desire to attain more knowledge and experience within the clinical field, she pursued her doctoral degree ultimately earning her Ph.D. in 2017.

Her clinical interests include racial and ethnic identity development, African-American women's issues, first-generation college students, spiritual and existential concerns, depression, self-esteem and interpersonal concerns. She loves promoting, increasing access, and decreasing the stigma related to mental health services for the African-American community and other marginalized populations.



CAPTAIN SHANA SALLEE GONER | CLASS OF 2009

Goner is Networks Operations Officer in the U.S. Army Signal Corps. She earned her BA in political science from Winston-Salem State University and commissioned through Wake Forest University ROTC. Her military education includes Chemical Basic Officer Leader's Course, Signal Captain's Career Course, Unit Movement Officer Course, Defense Readiness Reporting System- Army Readiness Training Course, and the Tactical Battle Command Staff Operations Course.

Goner mentors and serves civilians worldwide and consistently makes a conscious effort to reach greater heights, undertake challenging projects and serve our country to be very best of her ability.

She has received awards and decorations including the Army Commendation Medal (20LC), Army Achievement Medal (30LC), National Defense Service Medal, Korean Defense Service Medal, Global War of Terrorism Service Medal, and the Army Service Medal.



SAMONE HOUSTON GRAHAM | CLASS OF 2006

Graham is the Assistant Principal at Mooresville High School (MHS). She graduated from Winston-Salem State University with her bachelor's degree in biology and is earning her master's degree from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She began her career in education at MHS in 2006 as a science teacher and joined the MHS administrative team in 2018.

She founded the REACH (Reward, Educate, Challenge, Honor) Club at MHS because she noticed a graduation gap in the minority population at the high school. She created a women's group that organizes back-to-school drives for students and hosts FAFSA information nights for parents and students. Graham also was on the elective board for the local Mooresville Chapter of the NAACP and the Vice President.

Graham was named the Mooresville Graded School District's Teacher of the Year for 2017-18. She was among the top nine finalists out of 99,000 teachers vying for North Carolina Teacher of the Year. She is the 2018 Burroughs Wellcome Fund Southwest Regional Teacher of the Year.



DR. CAMERON ROSE HAMLIN | CLASS OF 2000

Hamlin is a Forensic Biologist with the Miami-Dade Police Department (MDPD). She majored in molecular biology with a minor in chemistry at Winston-Salem State University. While at WSSU, she participated in Project Uplift, volunteered at the University Counseling Center, and joined the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. She spent a summer abroad doing research at the National University of Singapore.

Hamlin is the fist African-American female DNA analyst in the history of the MDPD. She works on DNA analysis for crimes including sexual assaults, homicides, burglaries, robberies, and police-involved shootings. She earned her Master of Science in Pharmacy with a concentration in Forensic DNA and Serology from the University of Florida in 2004. She completed her Doctor of Business Administration with a concentration in Public Administration from Northcentral University in 2018.

Hamlin is a member of the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Council of Greater Miami, Sexual Assault Response Committee of Greater Miami, Jackson Memorial Hospital Roxcy Bolton Rape Treatment Center Advisory Board, and Sexual Assault Response Team Regional meeting planning committee for South Florida. She's involved with Black Girls Run, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., South Florida Book Divas, and Second Baptist Church.



DR. ASHANTI HOLLEY | CLASS OF 2002

Holley graduated with a bachelor's degree in special education from Winston-Salem State University and went on to earn master's degrees in educational leadership and counseling from Wilmington University. She received her doctorate in Educational Leadership from Rowan University. Currently, she serves as principal of Perth Amboy High School and an adjunct professor at Concordia University.

Holley holds membership in the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association, Democratic Committees, NAACP, and Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. An active member of Delta Sigma Theta Inc., she participates in Delta Gems, offering weekly mentoring and tutoring for middle school youth.

She founded Students with Ambitious Goals (SWAG), a nonprofit that provides cultural, social and educational opportunities to teens including an annual college tour to HBCUs. She founded P.E.A.R.L (Poised Elegant and Responsible Ladies), a mentorship program that assists ladies with self-esteem.



KAMILLE S. JONES | CLASS OF 2001

Jones is a Human Resource Analyst at Duke Energy. She graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a degree in Business Administration with a Management Concentration.

Professionally, she is the current Chairperson of "We Are One," an LGBT/Ally Employee Resource Group at Duke Energy, where she helps lead the efforts to create a safe space for employees that identify as LGBTQ and employees who are allies of the LGBTQ community. She works to ensure equality, acceptance and inclusion of employees at Duke Energy and push for positive corporate representation and support in the Charlotte community.

She dedicates her time to helping others as the co-chair for the WSSU Young Alumni Council, a volunteer at the Walls Memorial AME Zion Church's annual Breast Cancer Awareness Bible Study Luncheon, and a historian for the Charlotte QC Rams Chapter.



LAUREN JAMILA JONES | CLASS OF 2011

Mrs. Jones graduated with her degree in social work from Winston-Salem State University. She excelled in the classroom and had a rewarding life beyond the classroom. She held numerous leadership positions with the campus hip hop dance troupe, Gamma Lambda chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., and the President of the Social Work Honors Society, Phi Alpha. She aslso served as Student Government Association Senior Class President.

She attended graduate school at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri where she became a co-chair of the Society of Black Student Social Workers (SBSSW) and advocated for the needs of students of color. After earning her MSW Mrs. Jones returned to the DC Metropolitan area. Currently, she is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) in Washington, DC and a Licensed Certified Social Worker - Clinical (LCSW-C) in her home state of Maryland.

Mrs. Jones understood the urgency for services and resources that not only meet the needs of the individual, but are also engaging, therapeutic and individualized to better serve the community. Utilizing her skill set as a social worker, social entrepreneur and artist, Mrs. Jones founded Propel Productions Center, Inc. (PPC) in 2013.



R. NATHANIEL JONES | CLASS OF 2009

Jones graduated from Winston-Salem State University with his degree in management and marketing. His impeccable approach to his craft combined with his astute business acumen have made him one of the most innovative leaders in the hair care industry.

After graduating from Dudley Cosmetology University, he continued his education at Winston-Salem State University. His drive and forward-leaning approach to style and business have afforded him opportunities to train with global industry leaders. Jones' dynamic personality coupled with his ever-expanding skills, has led him to work with public figures such Erica Campbell, of the gospel group Mary, Full-Figured Fashion Week in New York City, Mercedes SWIM Miami, Charleston Fashion Week, and the Bronner Brothers Hair Show.

His clean, edgy, and creative designs have been featured in publications such as Southern Bride, The Knot, and Munaluchi Bride. He has been named "Hairstylist of the Year" and "Rising Beauty Icon" awards. He freelances all over the world, building a loyal and dedicated clientele as he diligently works to expand his brand, Nathaniel Jaye Beauty.



QUENTIN JORDAN | CLASS OF 2002

Jordan graduated from Winston-Salem State University with his degree in mass communications. He is now the owner and CEO of All Day Fitness. He spent nine years as a personal trainer and training manager at Lifetime Fitness, Crunch fitness and Snap Fitness before opening All Day Fitness in Dunellen, NJ.

Jordan, also known as "Coach Q," is a weight loss coach, performance enhancement specialist, USA Weightlifting Level 1 Coach, and Certified Personal Trainer. He works with people of all fitness levels and pulls the best out of all his clients. He is passionate about helping his clients push past any insecurities, stigmas, stereotypes regarding weight lifting as a women or weight training after the age of 60. Quentin has also worked with athletes on the high school and collegiate level. While at William Paterson University, as a conditioning coach, William Paterson won back-to-back NJSIAA Championships.

Husband, father of two beautiful girls, and AdvoCare distributor, Quentin has always had a relentless passion for helping people achieve their goals.



CANDACE LAROCHELLE | CLASS OF 2002

LaRochelle graduated from Winston-Salem State University with her degree in sports management. She went on to earn her master's degree in Healthcare Administration and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Dayton School of Law.

She is the Director of Revenue Cycle Management with Richter Healthcare Consultants and works in post-acute care because she wants to make an impact in people's lives. Though she is not a clinician, she strives to make sure providers are operationally sound so they can provide the highest quality of care to their residents.

LaRochelle has served as the Community Director of the Junior League of Cleveland and led the Signature Initiative of Helping Children Transition out of foster care. She is a member of the Lambda Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Parliamentarian and Charter Member of the Erie Shores Chapter (OH) of Jack and Jill of America Inc. and a member of the historic Antioch Baptist Church in Cleveland. She resides in Ohio with her husband Ludgy, daughter Patterson, and son Maxime.



AMBER HARPER LEWIS | CLASS OF 2001

Lewis is the Supervisor of Outpatient Rehab at the Raleigh Campus WakeMed Health and Hospitals. She earned a BS in Occupational Therapy from Winston-Salem State University. She went on to earn her master's in Healthcare Administration and master's in Organizational Leadership from Pfeiffer University.

Lewis found her niche working with individuals who have neurological impairments including stroke or brain injury and has several certifications including Certified Brain Injured Specialist, Certified Stroke Rehabilitation Specialist, Myoelectric Prosthetic Trained for Touch Bionics - Robotic Hand.

Under her leadership, her outpatient site has seen substantial growth and was able to expand services; so much so that the hospital has to launch a new location for services. Her current site is highly regarded in the Neuro-Community and is seen as a location to get the most comprehensive and best care for therapy services. She has been the recipient of her employer's Pyramid Society in 2018 for Teamwork and Circle of Excellence in 2009 and 2011.



DR. LATOYA GREENE LINDSEY | CLASS OF 2004

LaToya Greene Lindsey graduated from Winston-Salem State University with her degree in sport management with a concentration in business management. She completed her MS in General Administration from Central Michigan University and her Ph.D. in Education from Northcentral University.

She was named Assistant Director of Athletics and Compliance Coordinator at the University of Mount Olive in 2006 and promoted to Associate Director of Athletics in 2014. She serves as Senior Woman Administrator, Student-Athlete Affairs Coordinator, SAAC Advisor, and freshman seminar instructor. Dr. Lindsey was named UMO Advisor of the Year (2010-11).

She has served on the NCAA Committee on Sportsmanship and Ethical Conduct and the NCAA Division II Leadership Academy. She is a graduate of the Women Leaders in College Sports Institute for Administrative Advancement and a graduate of the 2012 NCAA Leadership Institute for ethnic minorities in college athletics. She is involved with the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The UMO SAAC won the Conference Carolinas MVP Award for raising the most money of any conference school for the foundation five times.



DR. TANESHA MCCAULEY | CLASS OF 2007

McCauley graduated from Winston-Salem State University as a biology major with a minor in chemistry. After graduating, she took a job as a Clinical Trials Data Associate. Feeling uninspired by her profession, she decided to attend medical school from which she graduated in 2015.

Following medical school, she matched to a Family Medicine residency program in Detroit, MI where she developed a passion for serving the inner-city residents. She learned about health disparities and what it truly means to care for people in need. After graduation she remained in Detroit, committed to providing quality health care to those who need it most.

McCauley volunteered at Alternatives for Girls where she mentored inner-city and minority girls about life skills, setting goals, and excelling in school. She works as a physician at a private practice in Detroit where she treats low-income and homeless residents. She strives to educate her patients on the importance of proper medical care and follow up in order to decrease health disparities within the African-American community.



KENDELL MCKOY | CLASS OF 2001

McKoy graduated from Winston-Salem State University with his degree in political science. He is currently a law enforcement professional with the Georgia State Patrol. McKoy investigates traffic collisions, enforces criminal and traffic laws, assists stranded motorists and works with other federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. His work has an emphasis on traffic crash investigation.

He is a motorcycle instructor for the Georgia State Patrol Motor Unit where he is responsible for preparing and organizing motorcycle training exercises and conducting the yearly motorcycle recertification for each trooper on the Motor Unit.

McKoy is a board member of the National Black State Trooper Coalition, and a member of the Kappa Rho Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. He has received numerous proclamations from both city and state entities concerning his role in the bridge fire on I-85 North in Atlanta which also resulted in him being invited to the White House by the President of the United States.



ALEXANDRIA MONIQUE MILES, M.ED., CRC | CLASS OF 2011

Miles graduated from Winston-Salem State University with her BS in Exercise Science. She is a research assistant for the International Society of Wheelchair Professionals where she facilitates and evaluates programs for wheelchair service providers in less-resourced countries. She has traveled to countries including South Africa, Malaysia, and Cameroon to share how her research decreases health disparities and promotes the social inclusion of people with disabilities worldwide.

She started an international journal club that allows students and working professionals to stay abreast of current wheelchair and disability research. As a scholar at the University of Pittsburgh, she mentors undergraduate students, contributes to continuing education initiatives, and is a member of Students for Disability Advocacy.

Miles has been named an Academic Achievement Scholar, a Rehabilitation Services Administration Scholar, and has received the Provost Development Fund Award as well as a full graduate scholarship in support of her research. After graduating, she plans to continue driving professional development programs and being engaged in development agendas supporting the rights of people with disabilities at the community, national, and international levels.



DR. ELEROD MORRIS, III | CLASS OF 2012 AND 2016

Elerod Morris, II is an expert in cyber security and information assurance. He graduated from Winton-Salem State-University with a bachelor's in management information systems and master's in computer science. He went on to secure a Ph.D. in cyber security.

In 2015 he founded the nonprofit Bee Geek Inc, which focuses on bridging the gap in the STEM developmental curriculum of Winston-Salem Forsyth County schools. Bee Geek offers free IT training and orientation classes to its students. His inclusive model of leadership supports the academic and technological advancement for marginalized community members and stakeholders. These efforts include hands-on training to at-risk youth and career pathway certification classes to aspiring adults.

In 2017, Bee Geek Inc. launched the Bee Geek Cyber Security Academy. Today, Bee Geek Inc serves the Piedmont Regional Triad Community with a full-scale technology career workforce development initiative, helping students and families leverage new skills in a leading market of an ever-changing world. Morris is a member of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. and Founder and Director of NAF Academy of Information Technology at Carver High School.



JAMERIAN MYLES | CLASS OF 2010

Jamerian Myles graduated from Winston-Salem State University with his degree in psychology. He is one of the youngest African-American men to be an owner/operator of a Chick-fil-A franchise. The Chick-fil-A Corporation chose him to serve in their National Fellows Program where he mentors high school students from around the nation, leads workshops, and provides students with on-the-job experiences.

Myles is involved in the Dukes Foundation which focuses on mentoring at-risk youth. He serves as mentor of Co-Horton Atlanta Chapter, CFA Fellows Program, which provides life experiences for youths in business. Myles was selected for the Symbol of Success Award, Chick-fil-A's highest award given for successfully achieving aggressive sales goals over the previous year, at the 2015 and 2018 Chick-fil-A National Awards Conference. He believes the time and energy instilled by his professors and the student body of WSSU has helped mold him to be the young, savvy businessman he is today.



CRYSTAL KOREN PELLOM | CLASS OF 2006

Pellom graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a degree in recreational therapy and a minor in psychology. She earned her MS in Clinical Mental Health from Wake Forest University. She is now a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC).

In her current role as a Program Clinical Supervisor in the Child First program at Coastal Horizons Center—an evidenced based mental health treatment service for children under six and their caregivers—she supervises more than 30 professionals who serve families in four different counties.

In 2018, she founded the Minority Mental Health Networking Group, an advocacy and networking group that has 15 active members who hold various mental health, community, and service driven positions within the community. She sits on multiple boards and committees that focus on infant mental health, community activism, and education. Her mission is to impact the lives of others by encouraging them to live their life to the fullest and never ever feel anything but adequacy.



LORI LAWSON POAG | CLASS OF 2006

Poag earned her degree in mass communications with an focus in advertising and public relations from Winston-Salem State University. She is now the owner of Something BARowed Candy Bar Stations. Before becoming a full time entrepreneur she was the marketing coordinator at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. During her time at the Coliseum, she had the opportunity to create and execute marketing campaigns for Beyoncé, Prince, Taylor Swift, Cirque Du Soleil, Disney Entertainment, and the ACC Tournament.

In 2013, she formed Something BARowed Candy Bar Stations, alongside her husband, after being inspired by other minority business owners who channeled their creative passions into business opportunities. Her business has "Served Up The Sweets" at more than 200 events and she hosted more than 150 events at their party venue located in downtown Greensboro. Poag is a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. and a marvelous mom of Jack and Jill of America.



TIM PULLIAM | CLASS OF 2006

Tim Pulliam is an award-winning TV journalist who covers breaking news, politics, tropical storms and crime. He graduated from Winston-Salem State University with his degree in mass communications and went on to earn his master's degree in Communication from Johns Hopkins University.

Pulliam covers local and breaking news on ABC 11's television, digital, and mobile platforms. While working in Florida, he covered high-profile court cases, such as the verdict in the George Zimmerman trial. In 2015, his news reports on the Michael Dunn murder trial were featured in an award-winning HBO documentary titled "3 ½ Minutes: Ten Bullets" which examined the life and murder of unarmed Jacksonville teenager Jordan Davis.

In 2017, Mr. Pulliam was named Reporter of The Year by the Associated Press and the Radio Television Digital News Association of the Carolinas. In 2016, he received a Salute to Excellence Award in Journalism during the National Association of Black and Hispanic Journalists convention. He covered the historic opening of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington D.C., where he interviewed both Oprah Winfrey and Stevie Wonder.



ARIES RICHARDSON | CLASS OF 2003

Richardson is a businessman and leader in the financial service and consulting industries, with focus on driving efficiencies and creating sustainable results and client value. He prides himself as an analytical, innovative leader with a breadth of practical knowledge in the areas of sales strategy, organizational development, project management, consultation, finance, process development, portfolio management, and technology operations.

He holds a business administration management degree from Winston-Salem State University, an Executive MBA from the Said Business School at the University of Oxford U.K., and has completed multiple nondegree rendering educational and leadership programs.

Richardson has been involved with Junior Achievement, Habitat for Humanity, Second Harvest Food Bank, The Oxford Hub U.K. He believes that volunteering locally as well as internationally allows communities to become more exposed to information and resources not readily accessible on a normal basis, thus positively changing the trajectory of their lives. He is the proud father of two boys, Atlas and Aston Richardson - his most significant accomplishments and joy.



TIFFANY RICHMOND | CLASS OF 2006

Richmond earned her BA in Mass Communications with a focus in radio and television from Winston-Salem State University. She is currently pursuing her MBA at WSSU. As an undergraduate, she was a violinist, class president, and Miss WSSU. She was a charter member of the PI chapter of Alpha Nu Omega Sorority Inc. and the Association of Student Government's Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs for the state of North Carolina.

Currently, she is the Chief Executive Officer of A Four Eyed Company Inc. and is the executive producer, host, and editor of The Culture Shock podcast which focuses on politics, popular culture, and positivity. She is a public speaker who presents on subjects such as race relations to gentrification.

Richmond raises scholarship dollars for WSSU students, organizes community town halls, trains adolescents in the fundamentals of stringed instruments and other arts, tutors students and parents in math, and is dedicated to creating safe spaces for African-Americans to dialogue and create blueprints for financial literacy, community bonding, sex education, relationship building, and land procurement.



STEPHANIE ROBINSON | CLASS OF 2006

Robinson graduated from Winston-Salem State University in 2006 with her BA in psychology and a minor in rehabilitation studies. In 2009, she graduated from North Carolina Central University School of Law and was admitted to practice in the state of North Carolina.

While in law schoo, I she became a member of Phi Alpha Delta National Legal Fraternity, participated in the law schools first Domestic Violence Legal Clinic, served as Vice President of the Black Lawyers Students Association and was a trial team coach.

Robinson works at the Jeffers Law Firm in Raleigh, NC. Her primary areas of practice are criminal defense, family law and administrative law. She has served as a member of the Wake County Bar Association, Wake County Bar Leadership Committee, Capital City Lawyers Association, Wake County Academy of Criminal Defense and Trial Lawyers, Wake County Women Attorneys (Board Member) and the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers.

She recently became a North Carolina Real Estate Broker. Robinson is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and an advocate for Autism Awareness.



SHAWANDA LESTER SPENCER | 2011 AND 2015

Spencer is a Family Nurse Practitioner certified by the American Association of Nurse Practitioners. She earned her BS and MS in nursing from Winston-Salem State University. Shawanda additionally holds a Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry from the University of Rochester and associate degrees in Liberal Arts and Nursing from Monroe Community and Central Piedmont Community College.

As the owner of Premium Direct Medical, Spencer provides healthcare to underserved communities. Spencer has used her knowledge and expertise on several medical mission trips. She also dedicates her time volunteering at the Charlotte's men's homeless shelter. As a member of the Charlotte Chapter of the Links Inc., she spends her time assisting those in need in the Charlotte area and abroad.

Spencer has received several local and national awards and was recently invited to join Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. She was inducted into the Charlotte Chapter of the Links Inc. in 2018.



DR. MARKETA KEISHIA TAYLOR | CLASS OF 2005 & 2012

Taylor is an Adult-Geriatric Nurse Practitioner practicing in the House Calls division at United Health Group/Optum. After earning her BS in Nursing from Winston-Salem State University, she obtained a position as a registered nurse.

She went on to earn her MS in Nursing at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and became certified as an Adult-Geriatric Nurse Practitioner. Her love for the geriatric population landed her a position with United Health Group soon after graduation working in a nursing home providing primary care to residents in the Evercare program.

In May 2018, she obtained her Doctor of Nursing Practice from Old Dominion University. Taylor cofounded the Minority Advanced Practice Providers (M.A.P.P), a non-exclusive minority-based organization of nurse practitioners that provides health-focused community service to the underserved urban and rural population. She is an active member of the Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Taylor is also a member of NCNA, American Association of Nurse Practitioners and the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association. Taylor attributes her success to her strong family support system and the education she received at WSSU.



DR. COLETTE A. WADDELL | CLASS OF 2012

Waddell graduated from Winston-Salem State University with her B.S. in exercise science and a minor in sports medicine. She then attended Emory University where she received her Doctorate of Physical Therapy. Waddell works for Atrium Health at Carolinas Medical Center, a premier level 1 trauma hospital. She is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, and the Urban League Central Carolinas Young Professions. She has been promoted to a Level II therapist and sits on the Central Division Diversity and Inclusion Council. In the future, she looks forward to gaining her Women's Health Specialization and advancing her involvement in higher education.

Waddell says, "I am constantly servicing and giving of myself for my patients. Not only am I providing physical therapy services, but I am also their cheerleader, coach, and friend when needed. WSSU has taught me that the greatest gift you can give is your time. My time spent at WSSU was by far one of the greatest gifts that I have received."



TIFFANY DANIELLE WILLIAMS | CLASS OF 2008

Williams graduated from Winston-Salem State University with her BS in clinical laboratory science. She earned her Master's of Public Health degree from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Williams is a project coordinator at Gramercy Research Group where she coordinates multiple projects including the largest chronic disease prevention research study ever conducted that focuses on African-American men.

Williams began beekeeping as a hobby became certified as a beekeeper with the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association in 2018. This led to her entrepreneurial venture known as Miss Humble B's Hive. She maintains beehives, processes and sells honey, and educates youth and families about beekeeping with experiential learning opportunities.

Willaims serves as the lead board member for Carver High School's Academy of Hospitality and Tourism. She volunteers weekly at Speas Elementary School with the Corporate Volunteers Program, which helps to improve reading proficiency among elementary students. Williams is also a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.



DR. ALEXANDRA STEVENS WITHERSPOON | CLASS OF 2002

Witherspoon is a board-certified family physician with over ten years of experience. She is currently practicing at Palmetto Health USC Medical Group University Family Medicine, Columbia SC. She is also the owner of Precision Vet Claims LLC. Witherspoon's special interest include community outreach, pediatrics and women's health. She is passionate about developing relationships with patients and their families, providing comprehensive medical care from birth to adulthood. She is an honors graduate of Ross University School of Medicine, Dominica West Indies, and completed her residency at Palmetto Health Richland, Columbia SC.

Witherspoon completed her undergraduate studies at Winston-Salem State University, where she majored in Molecular Biology, graduating Magna Cum Laude. Her professional memberships include the American Board of Family Physician and the South Carolina Board of Family Physicians. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Witherspoon is a native of Sumter, SC and married to Travis Witherspoon. They have two boys Gavin, age 6, and Aiden Witherspoon, age 4.



SHERROD WOOD | CLASS OF 2006

Wood is a Client Service Consultant with Abbot Downing. He is a strong corporate professional with the passion of community service and diversity and inclusion initiatives.

His nominator said "Sherrod has the inordinate ability to go above and beyond the call of duty, step out of an ordinary situation and make extraordinary managerial decisions. Sherrod can pull his team together, as well as motivate community efforts with a maturity well beyond his age. He is skilled at juggling many tasks simultaneously and with accuracy. He connects with senior management and with community leaders because of his confidence and ease at seeing the big picture."

Wood is involved in his church, volunteer community organizations, his children's school projects as well as his volunteerism at work. His extraordinary efforts bring great attention to WSSU.

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