



**WINSTON-SALEM**  
STATE UNIVERSITY

*School of Health Sciences*

*presents*

# HEALTHCARE LEGENDS

*of* EAST WINSTON

honoring groups and individuals who have  
made a profoundly positive impact on the  
health and wellness of the residents  
of East Winston-Salem.



*in the*  
[ *beginning* ]  
WSSU Nurse  
Alumni  
Organization

honoring trailblazing nurses  
from the first classes at WSSU.

*Donald Julian Reaves Student Center, Room 100*

*Wednesday, September 28*

*11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.*

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Northwest AHEC, Presenting Partner

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# HEALTHCARE LEGENDS — of EAST WINSTON —

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## WELCOME AND OCCASION

Dr. Leslee Battle, Dean  
Winston-Salem State University  
School of Health Sciences

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## GREETINGS

Dr. Elwood Robinson, Chancellor  
Winston-Salem State University

Dr. Michael Lischke, Director  
Northwest Area Health Education Center

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## PRESENTATIONS

Ms. Melanee Mills, Coordinator  
Health Careers and Workforce Diversity  
Northwest Area Health Education Center

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## HONOREES

### 2022 Legends of Healthcare

The Winston-Salem Black Panther Party

Ms. Quilla Montgomery Smith

Mrs. Randon Blackmon Pender

### 2022 Future Healthcare Legends (Students)

This award is funded in partnership with NW AHEC.

### Nursing: In the Beginning

Mrs. Tremonte Boykin Crawford

Dr. Bettie Harvey Little

Ms. Shirley Wright

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND CLOSING

Dr. Leslee Battle, Dean  
Winston-Salem State University  
School of Health Sciences

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# HONOREES – Healthcare Legends of East Winston

**2022**

Winston-Salem Chapter of the Black Panther Party

Mrs. Randon Blackmon Pender

Ms. Quilla Montgomery Smith

## **2021 Honorees**

Mr. Michael L. Clements

Dr. Charles Richardson

WSSU Alumni Nurses on the

Frontlines of Covid-19

*(accepted by Sharon Gregg Correll '05)*

## **2020 Honorees**

Dr. Cleon Thompson

Dr. Bettie Harvey Little

## **2019 Honorees**

Dr. James D. Branch

Dr. Thomas L. Clarke, Sr. *(posthumous)*

Dr. Sylvia A. Flack

Dr. Nancy Gannaway *(deceased 2020)*

The Honorable State Representative

Earline Parmon *(posthumous)*

Mrs. Helen Peacock Phillips

Ms. Sandra I. Wilder

## **2018 Honorees**

Dr. Charlie Kennedy *(deceased 2020)*

Mrs. Gwendolyn J. Andrews

Dr. Rufus S. Hairston *(posthumous)*

Dr. Betty Alexander

Dr. Raymond Oliver, DDS

Dr. Sadie Brown Webster

## **2017 Honorees**

Kate Bitting Reynolds

Memorial Hospital Alumni

*(represented by Mrs. Jacqueline Howell)*

Twin City Medical Society

*(represented by Dr. Willard McCloud, Jr.)*

Dr. Henry Rembert Malloy

Dr. Alexander Hamilton Ray

*(posthumous, presented to Dr. William*

*Philadelphia for display in Ray Hall)*

Dr. Harvey H. Allen, Sr.

The Honorable State Representative

Larry Womble *(deceased 2019)*

Dr. Humphrey Hall

Ms. Lula Hairston, RN

## 2022 Legends of Healthcare

### THE WINSTON-SALEM BLACK PANTHER PARTY

After enduring heavy repression while being a National Committee to Combat Fascism (NCCF) Chapter, Larry Little believed in the potential of a Winston-Salem Black Panther Party Chapter even when Fred Hampton did not. Little argued, Hampton conceded, and Little returned to Winston-Salem to build a chapter with some of the most effective programs and one of the best local legacies.

An FBI report on the Winston-Salem chapter lists the party leadership as Larry Little Jr., Field Lieutenant; Hazel May Matt, Communications Secretary; Dolores Wright, Secretary; Russell McDonald, Director of Distribution for North Carolina Black Panther Party newspaper; Julius White Cornell Jr., Captain of Defense. The chapter was mostly comprised of young men like the beginnings of the original Black Panther Party chapter.

In the first two years, the chapter was only able to maintain their free breakfast program. Later they introduced free shoe and clothing drives, free pest control, sickle cell testing, prison visitation bus service to allow indigent community members to see incarcerated family and friends, and a free food program. The Joseph Waddell Free Ambulance Service was named for party member Joseph Waddell, who died in prison in 1972. It is believed Waddell was murdered, although his death was labeled a heart attack. He listed the Black Panthers as beneficiary of a \$1,000 life insurance policy and the funds were used to purchase more ambulances. The free ambulance program was important because ambulances would often refuse patients who were not in emergency situations, and the patients would have to pay for transport. Members of the Winston-Salem Black Panther Party received EMT and first aid certifications, and as additional donations were received, were able to expand their fleet of ambulances.

Though the chapter was marred by FBI and police repression before they were a full Black Panther Party chapter, they persevered and became one of the best at implementing effective programs and transitioning to political and legal affairs.

From an article written by Maxwell Guy

## 2022 Legends of Healthcare

### MS. QUILLA MONTGOMERY SMITH

QUILLA MONTGOMERY SMITH, class of 1968, retired with 37 years of experience in the areas of Maternal Child Health and Public Health.

As a new RN-BSN graduate, she began her career as a charge nurse and without orientation. She credits her outstanding maternal health training at WSSU and prayer with preparing her for the challenge then and throughout her career. Other nursing leadership roles include lead nurse in postpartum unit, prenatal and pediatric ambulatory centers and newborn nursery, maternal care coordination, generalized public health nursing, and school health.



While working as the school nurse at Diggs Elementary, it was noted that there was a need for more volunteers that looked like her to work with students that looked like her. She led the charge as the founder of the A.H. Anderson Alumni Friends of Diggs Elementary School Mentoring and Support Program United Dreamers. Since 2002, the program continues to provide support for the students, families and staff at, now, Diggs-Latham Elementary.

In 2005, she felt it was both an obligation and honor to be able to participate in the historic effort to keep the generic nursing program open through various actions. The results of the efforts can be seen in our outstanding nursing programs: BSN, RN to BSN, MSN, FNP and DNP.

Ms. Smith was inducted into the WSSU Sigma Theta Tau Rho Lambda Honor Society in 1997. She received the 2011 WSSU Nursing Trailblazer Award, Community: Samaritan Ministry Broad of Directory, March of Dimes Advisory Board, Fathers and Friends Advisory Board, Teen Talk Mentor, and Welcome Baby Advisory Boards.

Ms. Smith writes, "I just want my legacy to be 'one who provided loving care to all.'"

## 2022 Legends of Healthcare

### MRS. RANDON BLACKMON PENDER

Randon Blackmon Pender graduated from the Winston-Salem State University Nursing Program in May 1985 and served as the Vice-President of the Student Nurses Association. She began her nursing career at Forsyth Hospital/Whitaker Rehabilitation Center. This led her to a career as a Rehabilitation Specialist, and eventually, a Nurse Case Manager, acquiring certifications such as Certified Disability Management Specialist (CDMS) and Certified Case Manager (CCM) along the way.



In December of 1992 she started her own case management company, Triad Rehabilitation Services, which contracts with companies in the private sector, the League of Municipalities of NC and the Federal Government/Office of Workers Compensation Programs for the Southeast Region.

She most recently retired in August 2020 as an Independent Nurse Case Manager, managing primarily cases in the Workers Compensation industry. Throughout her career she also managed cases for special needs children in the CAP-C Program. Other areas of expertise include Medical File Review, Legal Nurse Consulting and Life Care Planning.

In addition to Ms. Pender's nursing career, she has been active in the business community of the City of Winston-Salem and has served as a volunteer with the Goodwill Industries Northwest NC Business Advisory Council, Forsyth County Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee, Chair of the City of Winston-Salem Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee, Chair of the NAACP Winston-Salem Chapter Economic Development Committee, Immediate-Past President of the Winston-Salem Black Chamber of Commerce, and served on the board of the US Black Chambers, Inc., Washington, DC. Most recently she serves as a member of the Minority Business Entrepreneur Advisory Committee and the Planning Committee of WS Rise. She has also served as the President of the WSSU National Alumni Association Brown Alumni Chapter, now the Winston-Salem Chapter of the WSSU National Alumni Association and currently serves as the secretary for the WSSU Nursing Alumni Organization. She is a member of Chi Eta Phi, Chi Chi Chapter, Inc.

Ms. Pender is the widow of Tommy Pender, from their union they had four sons.

## Nursing in the Beginning

### MRS. TREMONTEO BOYKIN CRAWFORD

Tremonteo Boykin Crawford has over 40 years of healthcare experience and service to her community and alma mater.

For over 40 years, Ms. Crawford has demonstrated Winston-Salem State's motto, "Enter to Learn. Depart to Serve." She has supported her alma mater and community on many levels. Tremonteo has served as president of the Nursing Alumni Organization and has been an active alumnus since graduating in 1979. Additionally, she currently serves as chair of the School of Health Sciences Advisory Board, where she has been instrumental in guiding its trajectory. Tremonteo was recognized during the 2017 Founder's Day with the Winston-Salem State University Alumni Achiever Award.



Ms. Crawford has served in a number of leadership roles throughout her career. She recently retired from Randolph Health Inc. in Asheboro, NC, where she served as Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer. During her tenure at Randolph, she served as the executive sponsor for opening a wound center and executive sponsor for facilitating staffing-to-demand as a major strategy for labor management. She also provided strategic leadership during the COVID pandemic and, thereafter, provided capable leadership to successfully transition the organization to new ownership.

Tremonteo graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a Master of Science in Nursing. In addition, Ms. Crawford completed a yearlong, rigorous executive leadership program through the American College of Healthcare and Executives. She is a member of several professional organizations including the American Organization of Nurse Leaders, the American Nurses Association, and the North Carolina Nurses Association. Most recently, Tremonteo was appointed to serve on the North Carolina Hospital Strategic Partners Board. She is actively involved in community service through the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Order of Eastern Star, and St. Peter's World Outreach Center. Tremonteo is also a faithful HORNS member.

Tremonteo has been married to her husband, Ronald Crawford, for 40 years. They share three children, Monica, Ron Jr., and Ashley. They also have four beautiful grandchildren.



# Nursing in the Beginning

## DR. BETTIE HARVEY LITTLE

Dr. Bettie Little is a 1971 graduate of Winston-Salem State University. Upon graduating from WSSU with a bachelor's degree in nursing she began her nursing career at the W.G. Hefner VA Medical Center (VAMC) in Salisbury, NC. During her career at the VAMC, Dr. Little held various supervisory roles a head nurse, medical surgical supervisor, and manager. Dr. Little, as the Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement/Chief Quality Officer manager, lead the medical center through several successful The Joint Commission accreditation processes. She distinguished herself as an expert quality manager and presented at local, state, and national meeting on processes that facilitate improved healthcare delivery systems and patient outcomes. Dr. Little was appointed Federal Mediator during her tenure at the VAMC.



Upon retirement from the VAMC, Dr. Little began a career in the academy in 2002 as the Director of the RN-BSN option at WSSU. Under her leadership the RN-BSN option grew from 65 students at 3 sites to well over 6,000 students at 16 sites at the time of her retirement. Dr. Little's legacy to WSSU has been the enormous growth and esteemed quality of the RN-BSN Program. During her tenure, the option experienced the greatest growth and was the RN-BSN program of choice by registered nurses in the Piedmont Triad region and beyond. In 2012 the Bettie Harvey Little Endowed Scholarship Fund was established in her honor. She continues to support the Division of Nursing as a consultant and process improvement expert. Dr. Little received her Master of Science degree in nursing from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and her Ed.D. from Walden University.

# Nursing in the Beginning

MS. SHIRLEY WRIGHT

I integrated my junior high school and high school. After that experience, I only wanted to attend a college that had students who looked like me. I graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a BS in Nursing. Left this all black environment to work at a hospital where I was one of a few black BSN prepared nurses. Then, in 1976 I joined the Air Force. One of 2-3 black female officers on the entire base.



I am thankful for all of the people who did not hold me back because of my race. There's a term for all the under tones I faced every day, microaggressions. I survived a lot of negativity directed at me.

My most memorable accolades include being a flight nurse and having over 1,000 hours of flight time.

I only flew the most critical patients, with one of most memorable being two babies in incubators. One of the babies went into cardiac arrest upon takeoff. Providing the emergency care they both needed required communication with my unit and the neonatal unit - over the radio!

## Nominee Submissions

The Winston-Salem State University School of Health Sciences seeks nominations for the Simon Green Atkins Healthcare Legends of East Winston Award

### NOMINATION PROCESS

Complete and return the nomination form detailing why an individual or organization is deserving of recognition. Please be clear and concise in your nomination, keeping in mind that your statement of recommendation may be all the information the selection committee has about the nominee.

### SUBMISSION PROCESS

The nomination form must be received by July 1 of each year. The form may be submitted by email, US mail, or hand delivery.

Email: coopergb@wssu.edu  
US Mail or Hand: WSSU School of Health Sciences  
601 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive  
FL Atkins Building, Suite 241  
Winston-Salem, NC 27110

**QUESTIONS** Please contact the Office of the Dean of Health Sciences 336-750-2570.

Individual nominees or families of deceased nominees, as well as organizations will be contacted to accept the award, to provide biographical information, and a photo. Nomination of an organization or individual does not ensure an award will be granted. The S.G. Atkins Healthcare Legends of East Winston planning committee reviews applications and determines all award winners.

### S.G. Atkins Healthcare Legends of East Winston AWARD NOMINATION FORM / DEADLINE – July 1

Name of Individual/Organization being nominated: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Mailing and email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone (home, cell, office): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Individual or Organization making the nomination: \_\_\_\_\_

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Complete Mailing and email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Contact Person for organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (home, cell, office): \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Statement of up to 200 words describing why the nominee deserves the recognition, and the nominee's major contributions to the beginnings of the provision of healthcare in East Winston community.

*(You may attach more paper.)*

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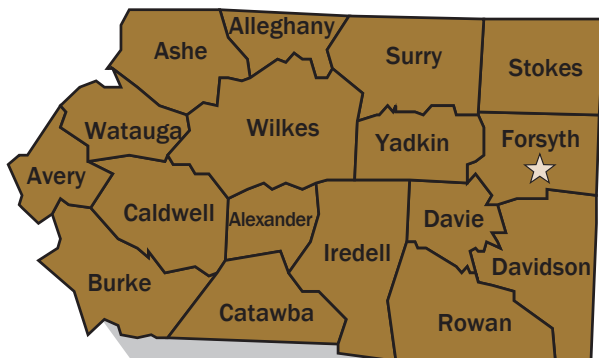
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The Northwest Area Health Education Center of Wake Forest University School of Medicine provides and supports educational activities and services with a focus on primary care in rural communities and those with less access to resources to recruit, train and retain the workforce needed to create a healthy North Carolina.

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Student and Preceptor Support  
Graduate Medical Education and Patient Services Support  
Continuing Professional Development Activities and Services  
Practice Support Services  
Library Services and Information Technology

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★ Northwest AHEC Base

We remain committed to bringing more health care opportunities and expertise within reach of more people throughout our 17-county region of Northwest North Carolina:

Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Rowan, Stokes, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin.

The Northwest AHEC of Wake Forest University School of Medicine is one of nine regional centers of the NC AHEC Program.