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A NEWSLETTER FOR WSSU ALUMNI & FRIENDS

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CHAPTER NEWS & INFORMATION

Quarterly Worship Service



“Thank You” to all of the Rams that came out to St. Paul AME Church on Sunday. What an excellent message for all in attendance. A “Thank You” also goes out to the membership committee for making this happen and the Rams that are members of St. Paul AME Church.

Join the
Raleigh-Wake Rams & Friends
At



6201 Capital Blvd.
Raleigh NC
May 2, 2015

You may visit the restaurant at any time on May 2nd

20% of the net sales from guests will be donated to our chapter.

Flyer is attached that must accompany the purchase of your meal.

Save the Date

Chapter’s End of Year Celebration

3 PM on Sunday, May 17, 2015

At the

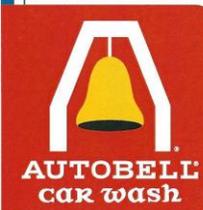
Knightsdale Community Clubhouse

202 Milburnie Rd

Knightsdale, NC 27545

*Stay tuned to **The Weekly Wire** for additional details on this event....*

Car Wash Coupons Fundraiser

	Your Car Wash Benefits:
	Raleigh-Wake Chapter of Winston-Salem State University Good for one Full Service car wash at any Autobell® location.

Please contact Elijah Haddock at ehaddock@nc.rr.com to get your coupons



We are seeking an individual to serve as chair of our By-laws committee. The purpose of this committee is to review our current by-laws and propose changes that reflect how we are currently operating as a chapter. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please reply to me via e-mail at shard74008@aol.com.

Thx,
Stanley N. Harding
Chapter President

Softball Players Needed!!

For the
**2015 Coed Alumni
Softball Tournament**
On
May 30, 2015
*Millbrook Exchange Park
1905 Spring Forest Road,
Raleigh NC 27615*

Save the Date and share this event with any WSSU alumni that are interested in playing on the Raleigh-Wake team!

This event is free and open to the public.

Chapter Committees



Listed below are the current committees and the general function of each. The committees meet outside of the monthly chapter meetings and most do so via conference calls, so can participate from the comfort of your home. You are encouraged to contact the chair of the committee that you wish to join and request information on the next conference call date and time.

Membership – formulate plans to increase the Association’s membership by recruiting individual members as well as national members.

Co-Chairs – *Nikki Marshall*
nmarshall4@gmail.com and – *Melody Moore*
mmoore@wcpss.net

Student Recruitment/Scholarship – shall discover, refer and support high school graduates who may have a good potential for attending WSSU. Oversee the selection and awarding of the annual Luther Johnson Jr. Scholarship and support former scholarship recipients by mentoring and advising as they matriculate through WSSU.

Chair – *Monica Money* – mlmoney44@gmail.com

Social Action – shall promote community activities that will contribute to the betterment of the community and better understanding between the community, university and Association; plan and promote programs that will bring the Association together for business and social purposes and work

collectively with other standing committees to carry out said task.

Chair – Veronica Bitting – Vbitting@outlook.com

Ways & Means – shall formulate and lead campaigns to raise funds for the Association.

Chair – Elijah J. Haddock – ehaddock@nc.rr.com

Public Relations – shall promote the greatness of the Association by distributing to external news, print and social media all pertinent Association activities and developing programs, which include community support. This committee is seeking those Rams that are ready to become involved in this chapter.

Chair – Victor Bruinton - vbruinton@nc.rr.com

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. has donated \$10,000 to Winston-Salem State University for its general scholarship fund.

A fraternity representative presented the donation to WSSU Chancellor Elwood Robinson at the fraternity’s Sixth District annual meeting on Sunday, the fraternity said in a statement.

The Sixth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc. consists of all graduate and undergraduate chapters in North Carolina and South Carolina.

The fraternity has more than 700 chapters throughout the United States and worldwide. It was founded in 1911 at Howard University in Washington, D.C., and it is the oldest black-greek letter fraternity founded at a historically black college or university.

(Winston-Salem Journal, April 28, 2015)

WSSU NEWS & INFORMATION

The Division of Advancement and
The Department of Athletics
cordially invite you and a guest to join us for the

**WE SEE RED
REGIONAL ALUMNI TOUR**

Featuring
Chancellor Elwood L. Robinson

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
May 1, 2015
Vera M. Pope Resource Center
1008 Railroad Street
Wilson, North Carolina

**COME OUT AND
SHOW YOUR RAM PRIDE!**
Chancellor Robinson's comments will begin promptly at 7:30 pm



Please RSVP to Regina Craven
at cravenr@wssu.edu or
(336) 750-3147



Refreshments
will be served



*Gold-Wayne Chapter of the
Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association*

presents

**An Evening With
Winston-Salem State University
Choirs**





**Friday
May 8, 2015**

7:00 p.m.

Under the Direction of
Maestra D'Walla Simmons-Burke
Dr. Myron Brown, Accompanist

First African Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Louis Leigh, Jr., Senior Pastor
803 Harris Street
Goldsboro, NC
(919) 734-4935

Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Donates \$10,000 to WSSU

**First African Baptist Church
803 Harris Street
Goldsboro NC**

**Winston-Salem State University
Commencement Ceremony**

**Friday, May 15, 2015
9:45 a.m.**

**Bowman Gray Stadium
1250 South Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive
Winston-Salem, North Carolina
(Rain site: LJVM Coliseum)**

We anticipate approximately 1,000 undergraduate and graduate students will be participating in the 2015 Commencement Ceremony, including those who completed their requirements in August and December 2014 and students who applied for May graduation. The graduation ceremony is anticipated to last approximately three hours.

The Commencement Ceremony will be held at Bowman Gray Stadium. Graduates and faculty will be seated on the field and guests will be in the stands. *There are no guest limits or ticket requirements for the ceremony.*

**WSSU SPORTS NEWS &
INFORMATION**

**Ta’Janel McNeil & Wykevin Bazemore
Tabbed as Top Student-Athletes of 2014-
15, as WSSU Athletics Celebrates Ace
Awards**

The Winston-Salem State University Department of Athletic celebrated the great achievements of their student-athletes with the ACE Awards on Tuesday night in KR Williams Auditorium on the WSSU campus.

The ESPY style awards were a big hit with the students-athletes, coaches, parents and fans, as the Athletic Department paid homage to another great year in Ram Land.

The highlight of the night is always the announcement of the Mary Garber Female and Male Student-Athletes of the Year, as Ta’Janel McNeil and WyKevin Bazemore walked away with the honors this year.

McNeill, a senior from Newark, N.J., has owned the field events in the CIAA. During her career, she is the six-time Field Events MVP of the conference track and field championships (indoor and outdoor). At the national level, she ranks among the elites. McNeill is a three-time All-America, twice in the triple jump and once as a member of the Lady Rams 4x100 relay.

WyKevin Bazemore, a senior from Kelford, N.C., was selected to the All-CIAA Team for the fourth consecutive year. He is only the fourth player in the history of the CIAA to earn that honor four times! Bazemore started all 28 games this season and averaged 13.3 points and a team and CIAA high 9.8 rebounds per game. He scored a season high 25 points versus Johnson C. Smith and also pulled down 17 rebounds versus Fairmont State. He finished his career with 1,337 points and 984 rebounds. His rebounding total ranks him 3rd All-Time in WSSU history behind Carlos Terry's (1975-78) 1,467 and Mike Robinson's (1976-80) 1,242. Other awardees include: The Chancellor's Cup, that went to WSSU Baseball's Hayden O'Neal (3.89 GPA) for the highest grade point average of a student-athlete in the department; The Claudette Weston Spirit Award went to Kienus Boulware, head football coach, for his overall commitment to supporting all sports at WSSU; and The C.E. Gaines Coach of the Year went to head track & Field coach, Inez Turner. Tuner brought home a CIAA Championship in Indoor Track and finished a close second in Outdoor Track.

(www.wssuRams.com)

Lady Rams Power past Virginia Union for 15-5 Win to Open 2015 CIAA Softball Championship Tournament

The Winston-Salem State Lady Rams (21-20) definitely brought their offense when the team took an impressive 15-5 win over the Virginia Union Panthers (15-10), Thursday in the opening round of the 2015 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Softball Championship Tournament. The Lady Rams took the win behind a strong offensive performance as the team scored 15 runs on nine hits to take the victory.

The Lady Rams made the most of nearly every offensive opportunity in the game as the team scored at least one run in four of the five innings of the game. After scoring four opening inning runs, the Lady Rams added six second inning runs to go ahead 10-0. Both teams went scoreless in the third inning before Virginia Union added five fourth-inning runs, including a grand slam home run that cut the WSSU lead in half, 10-5. The Lady Rams answered in the bottom of the fifth inning when sophomore third base Mercedes Hargett hit a solo home run to go ahead, 11-5. From there, the Lady Rams added a pair of fifth-inning runs before sophomore pitcher Katherine Zimmer hit a walk-off three-run home run that ended the game, 15-5.

As a team, the Lady Rams totaled nine hits in the game with Hargett leading the way. She went three-for-three at the plate with a home run, four runs scored, and two RBI. Sophomore Chyna Riley went two-for-three with three runs scored and an RBI. Zimmer rounded out the effort with a one-for-four performance with a home run, two runs scored, and three RBI.

Zimmer (5-0) took the pitching win, going three innings with three runs allowed (three earned). She added a strikeout on four walks. Riley came in for an inning and allowed two runs on two hits with a strikeout and a walk. Hargett also came in for an inning and recorded a strikeout with no hits allowed.

(www.wssuRams.com)

Lady Rams Battle, But Fall Short in 5-2 Loss to Chowan in 2015 CIAA Softball Championship Tournament

The Winston-Salem State Lady Rams (21-21) played a solid overall game, but it was not enough as the team took a hard-fought 5-2 loss to the top-seeded Chowan Hawks (24-12) in the 2015 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Softball Championship Tournament. With the loss, the Lady Rams fall to consolation bracket of the double-elimination tournament and cannot afford another loss in their bid for consecutive conference championships.

The Lady Rams played well in the game, but could not stop the aggressive Hawks in the game. After allowing a pair of second-inning runs to the Hawks, the Lady Rams answered in the third inning when sophomore outfielder Chyna Riley hit an RBI single that scored sophomore first base Jada Johnson and left the Lady Rams trailing 1-2. The Lady Rams fell behind 5-1 after allowing a fifth-inning sacrifice fly and a pair of sixth-inning runs that were scored on a bases-loaded walk and a bases-loaded hit batter. The Lady Rams mounted a seventh-inning rally when freshman outfielder Anna Marino hit an RBI groundout that scored senior infielder Katrina Bartlett. However, the run was all that the Lady Rams could muster and finished the day with the loss.

As a team, the Lady Rams had a solid overall effort both on offense and defense. The Lady Rams totaled five hits in the game while holding the aggressive Hawks to just six hits. Five WSSU players recorded one hit each with Bartlett hitting the sole extra-base hit, a seventh-inning double. She also scored a run. Riley was one-for-two with an RBI as well while Johnson went one-for-two with a run score.

Sophomore Mercedes Hargett (9-12) took the pitching loss, going 5.1 innings. She allowed four earned runs in the game, but also recorded seven strikeouts. Riley came in for 0.2 innings and allowed one earned run and two walks.

With the loss, the Lady Rams fall to 21-21 for the season and fall to the consolation round of the 2015 CIAA Softball Championship Tournament.

(www.wssuRams.com)

WSSU Wins Baseball Tournament Opener

Four-time defending champion Winston-Salem State scored two runs in the eighth and one in the ninth to beat St. Aug's 5-4 on Thursday afternoon in the CIAA Baseball Championship in Cary.

The Rams trailed 4-2 heading into the bottom of the eighth but Connor Andrus hit a two-run homer to tie the game at 4. Andrus, a graduate of Reynolds High School, was named CIAA player of the year earlier this week.

In the ninth, Taylor Idol singled, stole second and, after Des Roberts walked and Gavin Culler struck out, Colby Keene got the game-winning hit with a single to score Idol.

Keene was 3 for 5 for the Rams with two RBIs, and Idol and Nathan Steger each had two hits. Jordan Cummings, who pitched the final two outs in the top of the ninth for the Rams, picked up the win.

The Rams, who are 16-2 in the last five years in the tournament, the championship game is scheduled for Saturday at 1 p.m.

(Winston-Salem Journal, April 30, 2015)

WSSU's Andrus Named CIAA Player of the Year

Catcher Conner Andrus, a senior at Winston-Salem State, was named the CIAA's player of the year as selected by the conference coaches.

Andrus, a Winston-Salem native and graduate of Reynolds High School, led the CIAA in RBIs with 44 and has hit .382 so far this season. He finished the regular-season with a .513 slugging percentage and his on-base percentage was .485.

Andrus was also a star on defense with just two errors and five passed balls. He also threw out 11 runners trying to steal in 20 attempts.

Pitcher Brandon Pearson of St. Aug's was named the CIAA rookie of the year.

Andrus was one of 10 WSSU players named to the first and second team. Joining Andrus on the first team were teammates Colby Keene (second base), Des Roberts (outfielder), Gavin Culler (outfielder) and Dylan Dombrowskas (designated hitter).

The Rams making the second team were Sam Burton (pitcher), Rashad Webster (first baseman), Taylor Idol (second baseman), Nathan Steger (shortstop) and Jacob Barber (designated hitter).

Making the all-rookie team from WSSU were pitcher Tyler Scarce and infielder Phillip Page.

(Winston-Salem Journal, April 29, 2015)

Rams Sweep Trojans in Games to Close out Regular Season

In one of the longest days in WSSU baseball history, the Rams wrapped up the regular season with three wins over Virginia State University – 6-1, 5-4 & 11-2.

WSSU had to play three games on Monday to finish rained out games from the weekend, in order to fulfill the conference mandate on playing all of its conference games.

In game one, Aaron hatch pitched a complete game, allowing just one run, while striking out five to earn the win in WSSU's 6-1 win.

Rashad Webster drove in two runs, and Connor Andrus, Dylan Dombrowskas, Jacob Barber and Taylor Idol each drove in one run each.

Gavin Culler, Connor Andrus, Dylan Dombrowskas and Jacob Barber each had two hits in the 6-1 victory.

In game two, WSSU jumped out to a 3-0 lead before the Trojans came storming back in the top of seventh inning to take a 4-3 lead.

But in the bottom of the seventh inning, after two outs, Des Roberts single to center field, followed by a single to left from Colby Keene.

After a pitching change, Connor Andrus was hit by a pitch to load the bases. Jacob Barber was hit by a [pitch next to bring in a run to tie the game, setting the stage for some heroics from Gavin Culler. Culler single to center field, scoring Colby Keene to give the Rams a 5-4 walk off win.

Jordan Cummings picked up the win for the Rams.

In the final game of the afternoon, WSSU scored nine runs in their last three at-bats to pull away for an 11-2 win.

Tyler Scarce got the win for the Rams, allowing four hits and one run, while striking out five.

Gavin Culler and Jacob Barber each went 4 for 4, and Connor Andrus drove in a four runs, with Barber adding two runs batted in to pace the Rams.

(www.wssuRams.com)

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OCT 10	J.C. SMITH
OCT 31	SHAW
NOV 7	FSU

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RAMS
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THE ALBERT B. ANDERSON
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2015 Softball Tournament Schedule
FREE ADMISSION



BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

USA Baseball National Training Complex
7445 Green Hope School Road
Cary, NC 27519
April 30 – May 2, 2015
\$5 Admission per game

[2015 Baseball Tournament Schedule](#)

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COMMUNITY NEWS & OTHER INFORMATION

U.S. Reps. Alma Adams and Bradley Byrne Start a Congressional Caucus to Help Historically Black Colleges

U.S. Reps. Alma Adams, a North Carolina Democrat, and Bradley Byrne, an Alabama Republican, are starting the first bipartisan Congressional Historically Black Colleges and Universities Caucus.

“As a former 40-year professor and administrator at an HBCU and as an alumnus of an HBCU, I know the impact that these schools have on students, particularly students from the most under-served communities,” Adams said in a press release on Tuesday as she announced the new caucus.

“This bipartisan HBCU Caucus is bringing together champions for HBCUs, so that we can make an even bigger impact – to ensure their needs are heard in every aspect of policy making and across party lines. I will continue to learn from our HBCUs and our students and keep those discussions with me as we work to reauthorize the Higher Education Act and fight for much needed Pell grant funding,” she said.

Adams earned her undergraduate and master’s degrees at North Carolina A&T State University, an HBCU. She has a Ph.D. in art education and multicultural education from Ohio State University and taught at Bennett College in Greensboro, where she lives.

Byrne is a former chancellor of the Alabama Community College System. Both he and Adams are members of the House Education and the Workforce Committee and its Subcommittee on Higher Education.

Michael L. Lomax, president and CEO of UNCF, the minority education organization, said in a statement that the new caucus was needed. UNCF directly supports 37 private HBCUs.

“Confronted with declining levels of federal support and regulatory threats, we welcome these congressional champions who will help us fight for needed federal investments in HBCUs and in the thousands of first-generation, low-income, students of color that we serve,” Lomax said.

The caucus has 37 members, including North Carolina’s Republican Reps. Mark Walker of Greensboro, Richard Hudson of Concord and Walter Jones of Farmville, and Democratic Reps. G.K. Butterfield of Wilson and David Price of Chapel Hill, in addition to Adams.

(The News & Observer, April 20, 2015)

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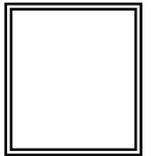
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Association Motto:
“Linked together in unity. Serving together with purpose.”

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