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A NEWSLETTER FOR WSSU ALUMNI & FRIENDS

Raleigh-Wake Chapter of the WSSU National Alumni Association, PO Box 24826, Raleigh NC 27611-4826

CHAPTER NEWS & INFORMATION



To all of the Mothers and those that serve in the capacity of mothers....

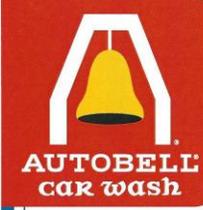
End of Year Celebration In conjunction with the Final Chapter Meeting of this Fiscal Year



3 PM on
Sunday, May 17, 2015
Knightdale Community Clubhouse
202 Milburnie Rd, Knightdale, NC 27545

You should receive an e-mail from SignUpGenius. If you plan on attending and have not receive an e-mail, please contact **Nikki Marshall** at nmarshall4@gmail.com. This event is a family affair and is open to all Rams and Friends of Rams

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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

Players Needed!!
For the Raleigh-Wake Team
In 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 who 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

**WSSU NEWS &
 INFORMATION**

WSSU Receives \$2.3 Million Grant to Support Research Initiative

Winston-Salem State University has been awarded a five-year grant totaling \$2.3 million from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to better prepare undergraduate students in the biomedical and bio-behavioral sciences to compete for graduate programs leading to Ph.D., medical degrees or a combination of a Ph.D. and medical degree.

"The WSSU Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) program is centered on a four-stage training model that aims to increase the pool of underrepresented students who gain admission into graduate and professional programs by developing an educational pipeline from lower to upperclass levels," said Dr. Azeez Aileru, the director of WSSU's Biomedical Research Infrastructure Center and the principal investigator of this award. "The RISE program along with MARC U*STAR, a program that focuses on maximizing access to research careers for undergraduate students, provides our faculty the opportunity to contribute to the knowledge base of WSSU students in the STEM fields."

RISE provides support for academic success and career exploration, as well as training in critical thinking, problem solving, test-taking and engagement in independent research. The WSSU program was established in 2009 with a grant of \$500,000 from NIH. The program has grown since then and works with students from the second semester of their freshman year to graduation.

Chancellor Elwood L. Robinson was delighted with the additional funding for the program and understands the potential RISE can have for students.

"In previous positions, I served as director of a MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) program for 11 years," Robinson explained. "With the support provided through mentored hands-on research activities and exposure to career opportunities, I saw 80 percent of the students receiving this extra attention enter graduate school and 40 percent of them achieved doctoral degrees. I know that this funding to continue the RISE

program at WSSU along with WSSU's own MARC program will have a positive impact on the students participating in these programs and increase the number of underrepresented graduates in these scientific fields."

(www.wssu.edu)

*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

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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

Lady Rams Solid on Opening Day of Duke Twilight

The Winston-Salem State Lady Rams track & field team showed some quality performances down the final stretch of the regular season with some impressive performances on the opening day of the Duke Twilight. Looking for some solid performances prior to the 2015 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field National Championships, the Lady Rams performed well against some of the best competition in the nation.

The Lady Rams made their biggest impressions on the track. Sophomore Tametris Morrison continued her great season when she placed seventh in the women's 400m hurdles with a 59.79, an NCAA Division II provisional qualifying time. The sprint tandem of senior Nya Michaux and junior Raven Covington both ran qualifying times in the preliminaries of the women's 100m dash. Michaux topped Covington with an 11.75, setting a new personal best and placing sixth in the prelims. Covington placed seventh with an 11.76. Michaux followed the effort when she placed fifth in the event with an 11.78. Covington did not compete in

the finals. Sophomore Ro'Daijah Faucette also had a great day when she placed sixth in the women's 400m dash with a 56.03.

(www.wssuRams.com)

Rams Baseball Team Gets to 40 wins

Shortly after Winston-Salem State ended its regular season on Wednesday with a doubleheader sweep of Bluefield State in Mocksville Coach Kevin Ritsche gave his players a short speech.

"I just told them that we can't be satisfied with the CIAA (championship) or getting to 40 wins, because our goal all season has been to win the regional," said Ritsche, who has 40 victories for the first time in his five seasons at WSSU. It is also a school record for victories in a season.

The Rams (40-13) have moved up to fourth in the Atlantic Region rankings and are in good shape just before playoff pairings are announced on Sunday night. The regionals will start May 14, and Ritsche is excited about how the Rams finished the season.

"I think getting to the 40 wins was important," Ritsche said. "It's been a goal for us since we started the program five years ago. It also will put us in the upper half of our region, and that's important."

On Wednesday at Mando Field, one of the three stadiums the Rams use for home games, the Rams won the first game 8-3, then won the second game 15-11. The Rams had a 12-run lead in the second game, and then it got sloppy, according to Ritsche.

"We didn't really close the game like I wanted, and we had a bunch of errors but, at the same time, I thought overall we took care of business by getting the sweep," Ritsche said.

The Rams will head into regional play having won 18 of their last 19 and nine in a row. The only loss was 12-1 at Lenoir-Rhyne on April 21.

The Rams took care of business on the weekend winning their fifth straight CIAA championship by going 3-0 in the tournament. They beat Virginia State 8-3 in the title game in Cary on Saturday at the USA Baseball Complex.

Ritsche said that getting in the two games with Bluefield State helped keep his team focused.

“It beats the heck out of practicing,” Ritsche said. “So I think getting back on the field for a couple of games after the CIAA championship can only help us. Now we’ll see what happens with the region.”

According to Ritsche, WSSU has submitted a bid to the NCAA to play host to the regional May 14-17 at Finch Field in Thomasville. The Rams’ main home field, BB&T Ballpark, wasn’t available.

“We did put in a bid and, as far as I know, the only other school to put in a bid was Mercyhurst,” Ritsche.

Mercyhurst (34-8) has been at the top of the Atlantic Region for most of the season, but it’s located in Erie, Pa.

Weather could dictate where the NCAA awards the bid.

“It could come down to what the forecast might be in Erie and what it will be here,” Ritsche said. “So we’ll just have to wait and see on Sunday night where the regional will be held.”

In the latest Collegiate Baseball poll Mercyhurst is ranked 11th, and WSSU is ranked 21st.

The Rams have played host to the regional before in 2013 at the Wake Forest Baseball Park.

“Our next goal is right in front of us and that’s to win the regional and get to the College World Series,” Ritsche said. “That goal is attainable and our guys will be ready.”

(Winston-Salem Journal, May 7, 2015)

WOW!! WSSU Wins 5th Consecutive CIAA Baseball Title



Winston-Salem State Rams Climb to #21 in Latest DII Poll

Fresh off of their fifth consecutive CIAA Baseball Championship, the Winston-Salem State university Rams Baseball team has moved up to #21 in the latest Collegiate Baseball Newspaper Poll.

WSSU, 38-13, defeated St. Augustine's University, and Virginia State University in back to back days to win the conference championship.

The NCAA DII Regional Selection Show is Sunday, May 10th at 10:00pm, and the Regional will begin on May 14th and run through May 17th.

(www.wssuRams.com)

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OCT 10	J.C. SMITH
OCT 31	SHAW
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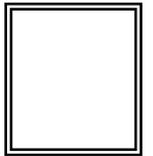
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