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A NEWSLETTER FOR WSSU ALUMNI & FRIENDS

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## CHAPTER NEWS & INFORMATION



Wishing all of the Raleigh-Wake Rams and Friends a Happy Memorial Day

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A special "Thank You" goes out to the membership committee and others for organizing the End of Year Celebration. We had a great time with games, food and reminiscing. A "Thanks" also goes to Gary Raiford for his culinary skills and to all of the other Rams and friends that contributed by bringing their special dish. Pictures are posted on Facebook at WSSU National Alumni Association-Raleigh/Wake Chapter.

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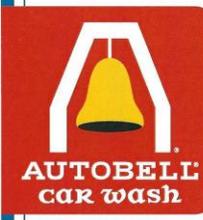
Congratulations to Miss Brianna Alexis Scott for being selected as the 2015-2016 Luther Johnson Jr. Scholarship Recipient. Brianna is a graduating senior from Leesville Road High School here in Raleigh and her intended major at WSSU is Exercise Science. We welcome Brianna to the Ram family.



L to R, Paula Carter-Scott (mother), Brianna Scott, Mrs. Monica Money-Scholarship/Student Recruitment Committee Chair, Quincy Scott (father). Not pictured Kaitlyn Scott (sister).

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## Car Wash Coupons Fundraiser



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*This event is free and open to the public.*

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](mailto:shard74008@aol.com).

Thx,  
Stanley N. Harding  
Chapter President

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## 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 who are interested in playing on the Raleigh-Wake team!*

## WSSU NEWS & INFORMATION

### WSSU Proposes Restructuring its Masters Degree in TESL Program

Winston-Salem State University has proposed restructuring its master's degree program in teaching English as a second language and applied linguistics and combining it with the master's program in teaching.

If approved, the change would take effect after the 2015-16 academic year.

UNC General Administration has identified the program as one of 221 programs with low enrollment in the UNC system, according to the 2014 UNC Academic Program Productivity Report. The report recommended that UNC discontinue those 221 programs or combine them with others.

Corey Walker, WSSU's dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, Business and Education, said Tuesday in an email that the school's proposal is designed to attract people from teaching and nonteaching backgrounds and other academic programs to enter the teaching profession.

"One of the key goals is to provide an alternative pathway for individuals to enter teaching while developing a novel curriculum that prepares a new generation of educators to advance the profession," Walker said.

The master's in TESL and applied linguistics program began in 2006, Walker said. Its average enrollment is 11 students a semester.

Fourteen students received master's degrees in TESL and applied linguistics last Friday at WSSU's graduation ceremony at Bowman Gray Stadium.

Applied linguistics refers to a broad range of activities that identifies and offers solutions of language-related real-life problems.

Nora Streed, who plans to receive her master's degree in the existing program in May 2016, said

she enrolled in the program because of the applied linguistics component, which she said was popular with students. She said the university shouldn't drop it.

"You are not going to get international students coming to WSSU for just a master's degree in teaching," Streed said. "They can get that anywhere."

Streed said she has sent a letter to UNC system President Tom Ross, WSSU Chancellor Elwood Robinson, Provost Brenda Allen and other WSSU administrators. In it, she discusses the need to keep the program and the challenges that dropping it will bring.

"I am dismayed on behalf of my colleagues who, if the program is dropped abruptly, will have to transfer to other institutions or limit their master of arts programs to add-on certification in teaching English as a second language," Streed wrote in her letter.

"This credential is useful, of course, to those who wish to pursue teaching careers in the United States, and who already possess or are pursuing K-12 certification. It is a credential that can be obtained from many other institutions in North Carolina and throughout the country. The need for trained English as a second language teachers here is great, and continues to grow."

The program will have 15 or 16 students taking classes in the fall semester of the 2015-16 academic year, said Doina Kovalik, an associate professor in WSSU's department of education and the coordinator of the master's TESL and applied linguistics program.

Kovalik said she first learned of the proposal May 4 in a meeting with Denise Pearson, WSSU's associate provost for faculty affairs. The UNC board of governors will consider the proposal at today's meeting in Chapel Hill, she said.

The existing program is designed for students to learn that teaching English as a second language is part of applied linguistics, Kovalik said. It should remain in place, she said.

"The majority of students who come here is for the applied linguistics component," Kovalik said.

(Winston-Salem Journal, May 21, 2015)

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## WSSU, UNCSA Collaboration Wins Two Awards in NSF Video Showcase

A three-minute video produced by two Winston-Salem State University Faculty members and featuring their cinematography, along with work by students and graduates of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, won the Public Choice and the Presenters' Choice awards in the National Science Foundation's (NSF) 2015 Teaching and Learning Showcase.

The Public Choice was selected based on the number of votes received for the video the public viewers felt was the most compelling. The Presenters' Choice was based on votes from all the project video presenters.

Dr. Nickolay Hristov, assistant professor of biological sciences and design researcher at the Center for Design Innovation, and Dr. Louise Allen, faculty in biological sciences and WSSU's Office of Science Initiatives, produced the video to support iSWOOP or Interpreters and Scientists Working On Our Parks, a pilot project funded by the NSF. This initiative is designed to create a model of professional development for national park interpreters to help advance STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) learning for the more than 275 million annual visitors to America's national parks.

Through on-sight professional development, scientists, informal science educators and park interpretive rangers work together to conduct research relevant for each park. The teams then design interpretive programs on scientific topics that give visitors an opportunity to see aspects of the park that are usually not visible.

"When I think about the questions of science, I think about the stories that tell the answers and their discoveries," says Hristov, a lead investigator on the project. "iSWOOP is a sandbox where researchers, park interpreters and educators come together to hone their storytelling skills and celebrate learning."

Hristov and Allen, both known worldwide for their studies of bats, are involved in the iSWOOP

pilot project at Carlsbad Caverns National Park, a sanctuary for up to 1 million Brazilian free-tailed bats. The park rangers explore data, scientific visualizations and graphical productions based on Hristov and Allen's research that can then be shared with visitors through visual storytelling, questions and discussions. The results of that work supports the park's "Bat Flight Program" and other ranger-led activities.

See the video at:

<http://resourcecenters2015.videohall.com/posters/474>

(www.wssu.edu)

## **WSSU SPORTS NEWS & INFORMATION**

### **Three WSSU Student-Athletes Named to 2015 CIAA Commissioner's All-Academic Team**

Two Winston-Salem State University student-athletes capped the 2014-15 year in style when they were named to the 2015 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Commissioner's All-Academic team, Tuesday afternoon. The WSSU trio included first team selection Connor Andrus and second team selections Dionna Scott and Colby Keene.

The CIAA Commissioner's All-Academic Team consists of 20 male and 20 female student-athletes, as voted by the CIAA Sports Information Directors' Association. To be eligible, a student-athlete must have completed at least one full academic year at a CIAA institution, have a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.20 on a 4.0 scale, and must have completed as a starter or important reserve in a CIAA sanctioned sport during the academic term.

Andrus' selection to the team capped another great year for Andrus, who led the Rams to their fifth straight CIAA championship. On the field, he was named the CIAA Player of the Year and was named to the NCAA Division II Atlantic All-Region team by the National Collegiate Baseball

Writers Association (NCBWA), Daktronics, and the ABCA/Rawlings. He also earned a spot on the 2015 All-CIAA first team as well. He led the Rams with a .380 batting average and 56 RBI. Additionally, he has also totaled a 3.71 GPA.

Scott earned her spot on the team after another stellar season for the Rams women's basketball team. The win caps a season where she led the Lady Rams averaging 12.2 points per game and 5.6 rebounds per game. For her efforts, she was named to the 2015 CIAA All-Conference team for the second straight season. Academically, she has compiled a 3.81 cumulative GPA and was one of nearly 1,000 graduates from WSSU last week. This was also her second straight selection to the Commissioner's All-Academic team as well.

Keene was also named to the team after the fifth straight CIAA championship for the Rams baseball team. Like Andrus, he also earned first team All-CIAA honors as well. For the season, he compiled a .324 batting average with 34 RBI. In the classroom, he was equally impressive as he amassed a 3.65 GPA.

(www.wssuRams.com)

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### **WSSU Rams Regional Championship Run Ends with 6-5 Loss to Millersville**

The Winston-Salem State season came to a stunning end on Sunday in the NCAA Atlantic Regional, as the Rams dropped a heartbreaking 6-5 decision to Millersville at Jerry Uht Park, in Erie, Pa.

With the loss, WSSU falls to 42-15, while Millersville improves to 45-10.

Winston-Salem State got on the scoreboard first, when in the third inning they were able to plate two runs on two hits with help of one Millersville error.

Taylor Idol started the inning with a walk, followed by another by Des Roberts. Gavin Culler bunt singled, and Idol would be brought home on a sacrifice fly from Colby Keene. Connor Andrus would single home Des Roberts, giving WSSU an early 2-0 advantage.

The Millersville Marauders would answer with a run of their own in the fourth inning to cut into the WSSU lead at 2-1.

WSSU would add another run in the top of the sixth inning, when a Jacob Barber single would bring home Connor Andrus, pushing the Rams lead to 3-1.

Millersville would answer back with two runs in the bottom half of the sixth, on three hits to tie the game at 3-3 heading into the final innings.

And like they had done all season, the WSSU Rams continued to scratch and claw, and a Nathan Steger two run single in the seventh inning gave the Rams the lead back at 5-3.

But the Marauders would once again answer the call, and they would also score twice on three hits in the bottom half of the inning setting up the dramatic ending.

In the eighth inning, Millersville threatened but Jordan Cummings pitching got the Rams out of the inning.

Winston-Salem State, however, could not muster any offense in the ninth inning, and headed to the bottom half still tied at 5-5.

Millersville would string together a couple of hits in the ninth inning, but a great play from outfielder, Gavin Culler to throw out a Marauder runner at the plate kept the game tied and the Rams hopes alive.

But a Millersville single up the middle plated a run to give the Marauders a 6-5 walk off win, bringing the WSSU season to a dramatic end.

Connor Andrus finished 3 for 5 with a run scored and a run batted in, while Nathan Steger went 2 for 4 with two runs batted in. Colby Keene went 2 for 4 with a run scored and a run batted in. Jacob Barber went 1 for 3 with a run batted in, and Des Roberts went 1 for 3 with a run scored. Gavin Culler finished 1 for 4 with a run scored. Taylor Idol also scored a run for the Rams.

Devin McLemore went 5.2 innings for WSSU before leaving with an injury, giving up three runs on three hits with six walks and four strikeouts. Tyler Scarce went 0.1 inning, allowing one run on two hits with a walk. Eric Corlett allowed four hits, and one run and Jordan Cummings went 1.2

innings, allowing one run on three hits with a strikeout, picking up the loss.

The 42 wins by WSSU in 2015 are the most in school history, and the Rams advancing to within 2 wins of the NCAA DII College World Series is the furthest a CIAA baseball team has ever gone.

WSSU's Connor Andrus, Colby Keene and Gavin Culler were named to the Atlantic Region All-Tournament team.

- Atlantic Regional All-Tournament Team
- C – Connor Andrus, Winston-Salem State
- 1B – Dan Stoltzfus – Millersville
- 2B – Pat McCarthy – Seton Hill
- 3B – Colby Keene – Winston-Salem State
- SS – Dylan Tice – West Chester
- OF – Gavin Culler – Winston-Salem State
- OF – Jeremy Musser – Millersville
- OF – Ryan Siegel – Mercyhurst
- DH – John Brogan – Millersville
- P – Colin McKee – Mercyhurst
- P – Jake Hall – Mercyhurst
- MVP – Jake Hall – Mercyhurst

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**WSSU'S Tonia Walker Selected as NCAA D2 Athletic Director Mentor for 2015-16**

Winston-Salem State University Athletic Director, Tonia Walker, has been selected as a NCAA D2 AD mentor for 2015-16.

The NCAA and Division II Athletics Directors Association have partnered to create a women & minorities mentoring program that provides a unique opportunity for young women and all minorities interested in a career as a Division II Director of Athletics. This experience partners each successful candidate with a current Division II Athletics Director at another institution for the purpose of enhancing career development. Mentors provide year-long guidance and role modeling that encourages a commitment to a long range career

goal of serving as a Division II Director of Athletics.

The objectives of the program include, but are not limited to, assisting the mentees with successfully navigating a career in athletics administration, providing an enriched learning experience that may enhance career mobility, and helping mentees to set personal and professional goals for the future while encouraging a healthy balance between home, work, and recreation.

A total of ten mentees will be selected. Participants will receive:

A one year membership in NACDA.

Resource materials including research material regarding mentoring and athletics administration.

Expenses to attend a mandatory orientation session at the NCAA National Office in late June or early July, 2015, and to the NACDA Convention in mid-June, 2016.

Weekly communication via phone/email/correspondence.

Monthly Webinars from September through May.

Access to a secure website or a Collaboration Zone through the NCAA.

A Resource Center within the website or Collaboration Zone which will include reference material, articles, etc.

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### Three Rams Earn Atlantic All-Region Honors

Three Winston-Salem State University baseball players have earned Atlantic All-Regions honors as announced by the National collegiate Baseball Writers Association, Daktronics and ABCA/Rawlings.

CIAA player of Year, Connor Andrus, was named to the NCBWA second team as a catcher, along with Dylan Dombrowskas, as the designated hitter. Dombrowskas was also named to the Daktronics second team as a non-pitcher utility player, and Sam Burton, was named to the

ABCA/Rawlings second team All-Region as a pitcher.

Connor Andrus finished the 2015 season leading the Rams in hitting with a .380 average. He also finished with a team high 68 hits, had 11 doubles, six home runs and scored 42 runs. He also led the Rams with 56 runs batted in. He was named first team All-CIAA at catcher, and was named the 2015 CIAA Player of the Year. It is the second consecutive year he was named to the Atlantic Region second team.

Dylan Dombrowskas hit .302 with 49 hits, 12 doubles and six home runs. He scored 29 runs and finished with 40 runs batted in, second on the team. Dombrowskas was named first team All-CIAA as the designated hitter and as the utility player.

Sam Burton finished the 2015 season with an impressive 6-1 record and led the pitching staff in strikeouts with 71. His 2.37 ERA was second on the team.

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**WSSU Athletics Summer Camps and Clinics**

[Camps and Clinics Registration](#)

**WSSU ALUMNI NEWS & INFORMATION**



WSSU Class of '80 Pre-Reunion  
Cook-Out

**June 20, 2015**

Begins at 12 noon  
Reynolds Park  
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2450 Reynolds Park Road  
Winston-Salem, NC 27107

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Craig Umstead at  
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Hello members of the Class of 1975. In case you did not know..... our class reunion is being planned right under your noses.

**Facebook Page:** WSSU Class of 1975 - All the information is there.

**Conference Calls:** Yes there have been 3 so far. Contact Joyce Leake ([jla71@hotmail.com](mailto:jla71@hotmail.com)) if you would like to listen in.

**Information:** We are looking for all kinds of information. Many have not updated their information since graduation. We are in pursuit of 100% contact. So make sure all your Class of 1975 are at least getting the information.

**Memorials - Fallen Rams:** We are trying not to miss anyone. I can email the list or you can contact Fred Whitted at [blackheritagereview@yahoo.com](mailto:blackheritagereview@yahoo.com) or Michelle Blackwell at ([shallbee376@hotmail.com](mailto:shallbee376@hotmail.com)).

**Money:** Almost Forgot; our goal is to give the school a check for \$40K. Ollie B has spelled this out and I will forward next. But basically go to School donations website and specify it is for the Class of 1975.

**Athletics:** The Athletic Director want to recognize the members of WSSU's first basketball team (1974). We know; Believe it or not I was on the team. Don't laugh. Coach was Eddie Gregg and Assistant Coach Raymond Cobb; team members were Mary Holden, Maurice Murphy, Phyllis Fink, and others Terrie Ward, Joli Robinson, Fredda Caldwell, Olinda Tillman. I attached a picture.

**One other item;** not sure how many of you know that WSSU has archives in O'Kelly Library. Thought it would be great to collect as many pictures of our class as we can find. Also we are designing a format to collect our life history. This would be a great tool to show how we have impacted society. Fred Whitted has volunteered to compile information and Ritchie Graham Carroll is designing the format. Some of us are long winded. Lol. And spill the beans on our off springs as well.

If I forgot anything, don't be shy... let me know so we can get it right. I will send out a list of people we have not been able to contact.

And thanks to Ollie Ballard and Sandra Lawrence for spear heading the Reunion.

The WSSU Town Cryer  
- Shirley Wright

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**COMMUNITY NEWS &  
OTHER INFORMATION**

**Four HBCUs Among Top 10 in Division II Football Attendance**

Like their counterparts at the FCS level, HBCUs may not have won any Division II playoff games this year, but they did draw well compared to the rest of their division. Nine HBCUs finished among the top 30 in D2 football attendance, according to NCAA figures.

Tuskegee was the head of the class, averaging over 9,960 fans per game, good for second in the country to Grand Valley State. The SIAC Champs were joined in the top 10 by Albany State, **Winston-Salem State** and Miles.

The SIAC also led all D2 football conferences in attendance, averaging 6,271 fans per contest. The CIAA was seventh with an average of 2,984.

Livingstone averaged the lowest turnout per game, drawing just 653 fans per game.

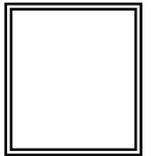
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