

City of Winston-Salem College Advisory Board



2021 Spring Newsletter

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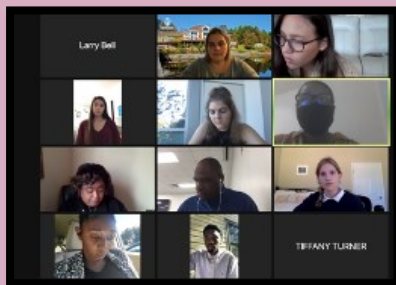
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sents into consideration. It cannot be a monopoly when it comes to group dynamics.

The third point, though there are many to discuss, is: try to recognize the gifts and talents of those around you. I have learned that no man or woman is an island. Humility dictates that if someone has a skill set in which they can do something better than you, then great leaders allow them to flourish in their element. There is no harm in delegating responsibilities to someone more competent in a task. As they say pride comes before destruction. If we are attempting to build something, then do not let YOU get in the way of US! Encourage your team and build a dynamic where each member can excel in their gift or talent. Simply put, there may not be an “I” in team, but there definitely can be plenty of ‘YOU’s.’

I realize that this is not an exhaustive piece, and there can be many approaches to effective leadership. For the time and space constraints, these are a few points I find helpful in my development as a leader and builder in life.

National League of Cities

by Bruce Williams III

The ongoing goal of the National League of Cities two-year grant is to provide



assistance with housing and food insecurity among college students. Particularly our local HBCU, Winston – Salem State University. As of now, we are in the process of diligently working on our blueprint to tackle this issue and create avenues so that we can effectively serve with the intention to help in every way and provide adequate assistance for the future.

Collegiate Trust Talks

by Bruce Williams III

On April 8th, 2021, the College Advisory Board hosted our annual Collegiate Trust Talk. The premise of the event was to engage in healthy dialogue discussions to gain an understanding of the motivations, fears, and concerns among students and law enforcement



A Message From CAB Leadership

by Curtis Walker



As the current Chair of the College Advisory Board, I get to experience leadership from those around me, as well as my own attempt.

How does leadership affect the way we go about our business? I believe that there are a couple of points that I try to emphasize.

First, be present. There is no greater way to impact your group than to be there. You may have the charisma, the intellect, the verbal mastery, and all the enthusiastic gifts to inspire your team, but if you are not present, no one gets to benefit from it.

Second, give your ear to others. Effective communication is a two-way street. I realize that the best leaders are probably the best listeners. If you strive to gain the confidence and trust of your peers, you must respect their voice, and give it importance. They must feel that you take their opinions and dis-

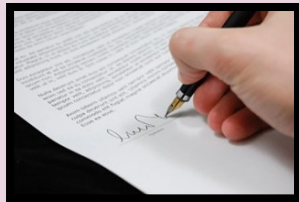
from the five universities in our city. As a collective, we were able to uncover the truths and dispel stereotypes that are placed upon students and the officers.

Community Building: Winston-Salem City Council Meeting

by Cameron Allen

Members of the College Advisory Board (CAB), led by its Committee on Government Affairs, attend the March 22nd, Regular Meeting of the Winston-Salem City Council. Recognized for their attendance by Mayor Allen Joines, CAB members were given the opportunity to virtually interact with the live-streamed event by proposing recommendations for future meetings and learning more about the legislation that shapes resident affairs. One of the first items on the agenda was Item C-15, a resolution to establish a Pre-K task force following the founding of the Winston-Salem Pre-K Coalition in 2014 to expand public and private Pre-K access in Forsyth County. Item C-15 passed with unanimous consent. This investment in early childhood education is supported by CAB members who have used their collegiate experiences to provide tutoring and community outreach initiatives for the city's youth.

Moreover, the City of Winston-Salem City Council passed Phase 1 of the LGBTQ+ nondiscrimination ordinance to create more inclusive protections for city workers and contractors, suggested guidance to local businesses to update their discrimination policies and established the new Nondiscrimination Study Subcommittee. This impactful committee aims to present a final report and action plans to the council following 18 months of research. Though the meeting was socially distanced, it created space for the community to come together.



Spring Break

by Cameron Allen

This year, many colleges and universities took a different approach to semester breaks to attempt to limit the spread of coronavirus across their campus communities. Although alternative options for student respite were supplied, like allocating set wellness days and ac-

tivities that promote healthy living, some students are feeling the pressure. Finding a balance between school, work, extracurriculars, and self-care was already difficult for many students prior to the pandemic. Increased availability through Zoom and other virtual platforms while navigating this difficult time has proved taxing. Results from a student survey led by the University of Michigan across multiple schools showed 83% of students indicating their mental health having a negative impact on their academic performance (Eisenberg et. al 2020). Actions taken by students, faculty, staff, and community members to continue to reach toward their goals and navigate safety and life during the pandemic are, nonetheless, commendable.



Tuition Free College

by Cameron Allen, WFU & Bruce Williams III, WSSU

A pressing issue that will affect college students worldwide is the concept of free college tuition. As the Biden Administration evaluates a plan to cancel a set amount of student loan debt, other members of Congress have taken action to reduce the financial burden of post-secondary education by introducing the College for All Act. The passage of this bill would provide free college for all students who attend community colleges, four-year colleges, HBCUs and even trade schools that come from a family earning less than \$125,000 can qualify. The bill would also increase Pell Grant funding and invest more capital, programming, and services for students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

Wake Forest Campus Kitchen

by Ali Morton, WFU

The Campus Kitchen at Wake Forest University functions as a student-led non-profit against food insecurity within Forsyth County. With nearly a dozen community partners, the organization relocates otherwise-wasted food resources to areas in the community where residents have limited access to nutritious, affordable meals. There are three types of shifts run by Campus Kitchen which include cooking shifts, redistribution shifts, and delivery shifts. Volunteering possibilities within the organization are reopening soon as the conditions of the pandemic are leveling out. All members of the community are encouraged and invited to get involved in the fight against food insecurity!



Winston-Salem

City Council

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