



College Advisory Board

Women's History Month Activities

By Joanna Mills

We are in the month of March, and schools across the nation are organizing Women's History specific events and lesson plans in order to remind today's generation that discrimination towards women is not at all a concept of the past: we still need to fight in order to be recognized and appreciated for our full potential. Women all over the world are struggling with the inability to voice their concerns and to speak out against injustices that are happening to them and to those around them. This article will briefly highlight a few contemporary women who have spoken out against the oppression of women and of humankind, whether internationally or locally.

Benazir Bhutto (1953-2007), a founding member of Council of Women World Leaders, a central figure of the Pakistan People's Party, and twice the Prime Minister of Pakistan, was a human's rights activist who sought not only to empower the citizens of Pakistan but was a diligent advocate for Women's Rights. She was the daughter of former Pakistani Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Nusrat Bhutto, and was the wife of current Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari.

Hannah Song, the current Executive Director of the California-based NGO, LiNK

(Liberty in North Korea), works with her amazing staff and volunteers to rebuild the lives of North Korean refugees who otherwise would be living in underground refugee camps for the rest of their lives, fearing trafficking or repatriation. Ms. Song established the first shelter in Southeast Asia for North Korean refugees as well as the first Liberty House, one in South Korea and one in the United States

Aung San Suu Kyi (1945-) from Burma is a non-violent activist inspired by both Mahatma Ghandi's teachings and the Buddhist lifestyle. After being under house arrest since 1989, Aung San Suu Kyi has been placed in and out of political prison for her Human Rights Activism, often times undergoing hard labor. She was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1991 for her determined non-violent struggle for democracy and Human Rights.



Joanna Mills

CITY COUNCIL

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College Advisory Council Community Projects

1. Planning community and fundraising events in cooperation with other members
2. Corresponding with appropriate facilities, directors, members of the community for projects
3. Creating and coordinating special programs
4. Seeking and establishing partnerships with community agencies and groups

Public Relations

1. Producing promotional material for public events
2. Overseeing maintenance and initial formation of website
3. Producing announcements and recruitment material for new applicants
4. Producing a newsletter each quarter for public dissemination

Government Affairs

1. Developing and coordinating programs with the City Council and other elected officials
2. Developing and creating an annual report to present to the City Council annually

Neighborhood Mediation Committee

The Neighborhood Mediation Committee is responsible for creating a mediation program in which college students and neighbors of college students can participate to improve neighbor relations and avoid conflicts and disputes. The neighborhood mediation committee will continue to work with Neighborhood Services and the Police Department in various ways. The committee will create relationships with neighborhood associations and educate students on general code violations.

The committee will also work to provide more opportunities for the Winston-Salem Police Department to educate students at off-campus housing informational events. The committee will receive mediation training and recruit student and neighborhood association volunteers to attend mediation training as well. The committee will serve as mediators for students/permanent neighborhood residents conflicts, soliciting referrals from residents, neighborhood associations, students, and schools.

Greetings From the Chair

Carrie Stokes

Greeting from the Inaugural College Advisory Board! I, Carrie Stokes, am a junior at Wake Forest University and am honored to be the Chair of this year's commissioned board.

We were commissioned to advise the City Council regarding matters that are of interest to students who are enrolled in colleges and universities in Winston-Salem, which, in turn, will encourage the retention of college graduates in Winston-Salem. We have representatives from Wake Forest, Winston-Salem State University, Salem College and Forsyth Tech. At our monthly meetings we discuss relevant issues to our standing committees as well as intercollegiate relationships and relationships between the college institutions and the greater Winston-Salem community.

Our current committees are Community Projects, Governmental Affairs, Neighborhood Mediation, and Public Relations. Each member of the Board is a representative to at least one of the

committees to focus in on their individual interests and strengths as young-adult leaders.

This year's Board is primarily laying the foundation for the duties and aspirations for this group in years to come. By laying the groundwork in establishing our standing in relation to the City Council, the community of Winston-Salem, and allegiance but camaraderie within and among our respective schools we hope in years to come, the commissioned members of the Board will continue in actively engaged in the core direction of our group. We wish to contribute ideas and possible solutions to issues relevant to college students in Winston-Salem and be advocates for students and mediators within the community.



Carrie Stokes



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CALENDAR

CAB Neighborhood Mediation
Community Meeting
Tuesday, March 16, 2011
3-4:30 PM
Benson Center
WFU Campus

CAB Regular Meeting
Thursday, March 24 at 4 PM
Committee Room, City Hall

CAB Neighborhood Mediation
Community Meeting
April
Date & Time TBD
Location TBD

CAB Regular Meeting
Thursday, April 28 at 4 PM
Committee Room, City Hall

CAB Regular Meeting
Thursday, May 26 at 4 PM
Committee Room, City Hall

CAB Meets with Hands On Northwest, NC

By Shannon Stokes

In December 2010, the College Advisory Board (CAB) met with executive director, Amy Lytle, of Hands On: Northwest North Carolina. The purpose of Hands On: Northwest North Carolina is to strengthen the community by building the capacity of regional nonprofits and increasing volunteerism.



Shannon Stokes

Hands On works closely with more than 350 different nonprofits and thousands of volunteers annually by connecting each group through a network database. While Hands On primarily focus their efforts on connecting volunteers with nonprofits in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, they also have services for nonprofits and their

surrounding communities in Davie, Davidson, Yadkin, Surry, and Stokes Counties. The presentation of Hands On was extremely helpful to CAB Community Project Committee because it allowed for the committee to connect with organizations that provided services similar with their interests. Through

Hands On, the Community Project Committee will have the opportunity to participate in two service projects this semester: 1) Scene in Winston-Salem 2011 Scavenger Hunt, and 2) the Piedmont Environmental Alliance Earth Day Fair. Both events will take place in the month of April.

Neighborhood Mediation Program

By Aaron Bullock

The neighborhood mediation committee is charged with the task of aiding in redefining the relationship between college students and the neighborhoods in which they may live. This year we are targeting the areas around Wake Forest University and will move on to Salem College, Winston-Salem State and North Carolina School of the arts. On March 15th we held a brainstorming session on the campus of Wake Forest University. We invited students and introduced the idea and took their feedback. We will use this information as we prepare for a community forum later



Aaron Bullock

this month.

Our goal is to create a system in which complaints can be received and dealt with in a peaceful manor. We want to encourage beneficial relationships between students and community members. We want to stray away from first contacts between students and their

neighbors being with police officers involved. We are modeling this program after the Landlord/Tenant mediation program that is run by the Human Resources office and has had much success. We expect many things to come out of this program in the next year

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Neighborhood Mediation - Aaron B. (Chair)	Mario C., Joanna M., Carrie S.
Public Relations - Justin R. (Chair)	Joanna M., Carrie S., Shannon S.