



**Fayetteville \* Cumberland County Human Relation Commission**  
**2015 Annual Recognition and Scholarship Banquet**  
**Thursday, March 19, 2015 \* John D. Fuller Recreation Center**  
**Master of Ceremony Ron McElrath - Human Relations Director**



**Inez Easley**  
**Educator Award**  
**Ms. Rhonda A. McNatt- Recipient**



**Alphonso McCoy**  
**Youth Award**  
**Mr. Dexorist Timmons- Recipient**



**Religious Leader Award**  
**Pastor Al Brice**  
**Covenant Love Church - Recipient**

**The Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations Recognition and Scholarship Banquet honors**

**by Jae McKrae**

Thursday, March 19, The Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations Recognition and Scholarship Banquet was held at the John D. Fuller Recreation Center. The chairwoman of the Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations Commission also presented the first Carlos and Terri Union-Zukowski Humanitarian Award.

In the fall 2014, the commission announced it would name the prestigious annual humanitarian award in honor of Zukowski and Union. Kelly Tweddell, a journalist and director of the Fayetteville Dream Center was the recipient. Kelly is a volunteer victim advocate for 5 Sparrows also; it's an organization of volunteers who counter human trafficking. It was founded by her husband.

Carlos Zukowski was known for volunteering and helping the community. He died in July 2014 at 84 yrs. old. Zukowski was a tenacious yet compassionate activist, a civic volunteer as well as a philanthropist. In 2014, a \$1 million gift was presented to Methodist University on behalf of Carlos Zukowski and Terri Union. The gift supported the Judaic studies endowment and the fine arts.

Zukowski held a lifelong dedication to the cause of human rights. His strong hold on human rights is personal. He lived under an oppressive government in Argentina.

The evening included a video of Zukowski's life. He loved the people of this community. Most important, they loved him back. Ronald McElrath, former director of Fayetteville-Cumberland Human Relations Department reflected on Carlos Zukowski. "What we are doing tonight is keeping his memory alive." Zukowski was recognized for supporting the Human Relation Commission's Martin Luther King scholarship fund. In fact, five outstanding students were recognized as MLK Scholarship recipients that evening.

On being recognized, Union expressed her appreciation of those who paid tribute to her husband and his life. "I'm just floored and blown away by this whole event," said Union; she served on the Fayetteville Public Works Commission board from 2002 to 2012.

**The following are the recipients and the awards they were presented:**

**Dextorist Timmons**

A talented violinist who many have seen playing in Fayetteville; he is a 2014 graduate, Reid Ross Classical School, who attends Elizabeth City State University The Alphonso McCoy Youth Award.

**Rhonda Anderson McNatt**

Principal of Lucile Souders Elementary School The Inez Easley Educator Award

**Sheila Cuffee**

Chairwoman of the Human Relations Annual Recognition Banquet Committee

The Burton Pate Commission Award

**Chief Harold Medlock and the Fayetteville Police Department**

The Inaugural Ronald McElrath Commission/Organization Award

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**Edward Beard**

The commander of VFW Post 6018

The Ester Department and Mary McAllister Individual Award

**Pastor Al Brice**

Senior pastor of Covenant Love Church

The Religious Leader Award.

**Five students also received Dr. Martin Luther King Scholarships:**

**Amani Rashad**, Reid Ross Classical High School; **Demetrius Lacey**, Cumberland International Early College High School; **LaTanya Gordon**, South View High School

**James Richardson**, Pine Forest High School; **Phillip Hart**, Terry Sanford High School.



**Carlos and Terri Union-Zukowski**  
**Humanitarian Award**  
**Ms. Kelly Tweddell - Recipient**



**Industry/ Business Award**  
**Royal Chiropractic Center**  
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## Miss Fayetteville State University Scholarship Pageant & Mr. FSU Scholarship Competition



**Miss Fayetteville State University:**  
Dara Colon  
Hometown: Bronx, New York  
Classification: Senior  
Major: Psychology

The 24th Annual Miss Fayetteville State University Scholarship Pageant and the 13th Mr. FSU Scholarship Competition: Bronco Empire was held on Saturday, April 18, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. in the Seabrook Auditorium on the campus of FSU. The pageant celebrated the rich heritage and strong family bonds that are steeped in the University's legacy. This year's competition promises to be entertaining and exciting!

Miss Fayetteville State University, Dara Colon and Mr. Fayetteville State University, Lorne Whitehead, Jr. relinquish their crowns to one of the eight contestants. The contestants vying for the coveted crown of Miss Fayetteville State University are: Jasmine Bogan, Mercedes Herron and Tara Smith. The contestants vying for the coveted title of Mr. Fayetteville State University are: Joel Cook, Qu'Derrick Covington, William Mobley, Brian Thomas and Damar Young. To be eligible to compete, each contestant must possess a high scholastic average and be in good standing with the University. The contestants will compete in six categories: interview, athletic wear, talent, on-stage knowledge and awareness, evening formal wear, and the student vote.

As in previous years, the crowd-pleasing opening number will feature the reigning queen and king and the contestants. A host of exciting entertainment will also be showcased throughout the evening.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is free. For more information, please phone (910) 672-1201 for the FSU Division of Student Affairs.



**Mr. Fayetteville State University:**  
Lorne Whitehead, Jr.  
Hometown: Enfield, NC  
Classification: Sophomore  
Major: Biology



**Contestant: Jasmine Bogan**  
Hometown: Fayetteville, NC  
Classification: Junior  
Major: Biology  
Talent: Violin



**Contestant: Tara Smith**  
Hometown: Fayetteville, NC  
Classification: Senior  
Major: English \*  
Talent: Vocals



**Contestant: Mercedes Herron**  
Hometown: Charlotte, NC  
Classification: Sophomore  
Major: Criminal Justice  
Talent: Liturgical Dance



**Contestant: Joel Cook**  
Hometown: Fayetteville, NC  
Classification: Junior  
Major: History \* Talent: Violin



**Contestant: Qu'Derrick Covington**  
Hometown: Fayetteville, NC  
Classification: Junior  
Major: Social Work  
Talent: Monologue



**Contestant: William Mobley**  
Hometown: Goldsboro, NC  
Classification: Junior  
Major: Business \* Talent: Mime



**Contestant: Brian Thomas**  
Hometown: Annapolis, Maryland  
Classification: Junior  
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The Power of Togetherness

Sometimes we find ourselves living with the impression that everything should remain the same. We should be in the same place, doing the same things and getting the same results. Even to the point of meeting the same type of people, content with the same types of challenges, worrying about the same worries and fighting the same fights. We somehow want everything to always end up the same. We may even say, “I want things to change.” Then do nothing to change them; what are we really saying? That we unconsciously want more of the same; or that we want others to be responsible for the changes? With more of the same, we know what to expect; with more of the same, we are secure in our comfort zones. Why Bother?

And then...and then...along comes a man, with a dream for America. That dream was, “That one day sons and daughters of slaves and former slave owners would be able to sit down at the table in fellowship and harmony; that little black boys and little black girls would one day be able to play with little white boys and little white girls. That one day....” \_ (Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Speech: August 1963). Nothing has been quite the same since. But some of us live under the impression that everything always will be the same. Some have stopped looking for anything else. It’s called mental stagnation. We are not using our creative imagination to make the Dream a reality. “I find myself in a state of confusion and bewilderment. I believe all things are the same, but I see change. **What am I to do? I’m so confused.**”

I am reminded of an email, received (Cup of Coffee): A group of alumni, highly successful in their careers, got together to visit their old university coach. Conversation soon turned into complaints about work related stresses and life in general.

Offering his guest coffee, the coach went to the kitchen and returned with a large pot of coffee and assortment of cups – porcelain, plastic, glass, crystal, some very plain and some very exquisite. Telling them to help themselves, he observed their selections of cups. When all had a cup of



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coffee in hand, the coach said, “If you’ll notice, all the nice looking expensive cups were taken up, leaving behind the cheaper and plain ones. While it is normal for you to want only the best for your selves, that is the source of your challenges. Rest assured that the cup itself adds no quality to the coffee. In most cases it is just more expensive and in some cases even hides what we drink.”

“What all of you wanted was coffee, not the cup, but conditionally you went for the best cups... And then you began eyeing each other’s cups. Now consider this: Life is the coffee; the jobs, money and position in society are the cups. They are just tools to hold and contain Life, and the type of cup we have does not define, nor change the quality of Life that we live. Sometimes, by concentrating only on the cup, we fail to enjoy the coffee God has provided us. God brews the coffee, not the cups... So enjoy your coffee! The happiest people don’t have the best of everything. They just make the best of what they have and leave the rest to God.”

In Today’s world, what is best, oftentimes, is not what appears to be best. We must learn to look beyond appearances to what really is: Believe that the ideas of other people have merit and can add value to the team. You’re part of the team.

As we learn to Work Together (WTG) this becomes a Principle: a Fundamental Truth, a Law, a Doctrine or a Motivating Force upon which others agree. Strict adherences to this principle will produce a specific effect. As we work together in Faith, we create a forward looking direction (called a vision). Not to just maintain, but to create new and better ways of doing things (WTG Destroys Fear). As we drive our vehicles, all of our frontal windshield area is designed to enrich

our forward view; but, if much of our time is spend looking in the rear mirror, we’re headed for a crash. It’s ok to glance at the rear mirror to see what or maybe who’s gaining, on you.

But, your attention should be concentrated on where you’re going and with whom. So, turn loose the past, and step into the Destiny of your future.

Personality Disagreements! Why do I act like I do? Why do I fight when I fail to get my way? The answers to these questions: Lack of understanding; lack of knowledge; fear and ignorance; Hosea 4:6 say “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge and understanding.” Ignorance, (my friends) is backed by fear, lack of understanding and simply not knowing.

Let’s understand the mental roles of WTG and continually analyzing self. When you change your Thinking, you change your Beliefs; When you change your Beliefs, you change your Expectation; When you change your Expectations, you change your Attitude; When you change your Attitude, you change your Behavior; When you change your Behavior, you change your Performance; and when you change your Performance, you change your whole World (The cup is not as important!).

As others with like minds and WTG attitudes, observe you’re spirited movements, they will step aside and help push your ideas. Two heads are better than one, especially when they are thinking in the same direction. It is my belief that every **Great Idea** begins with several good ideas. Most good ideas are shared with others. Ben Jonson said, “He that is taught only by himself has a fool for a master.” In our Communities, Our Economic Freedom depends on our Working Together, to see reality for what it really is.

**THERE IS POWER IN TOGETHERNESS: IT WORKS.** Give me a call and let’s talk about The Power of Togetherness.

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# Community News



## Black Afro-African American Culture Identity Organization



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To Congressman David Price,

Dear Congressman Price, we would like to thank you once again for presenting to us our proclamation on June 1, 2014 from President Barrack H. Obama The White House. Now it is time for us to move forward, we would like to have our flag registered in The White House. We would also like a Bill to be passed where our flag is acknowledged nationally. I am sending you one of our flags which we've used every year during the International Folk Festival for the past four years. You are free to visit our website. [www.baaaci.com](http://www.baaaci.com) and view the parade.

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We would greatly appreciate if this could make it to the floor, also any feedback that would help us reach the goal of making this a law would be greatly received.

Thank you greatly Naim Hasan,  
*Minister Naim Hasan*  
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Minister Naim Hasan  
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Dear Minister Hasan:

Thank you for your letter regarding the flag of the Black Afro-African American Culture Identity Organization (BAAACI). I enjoyed meeting you and learning about your organization at the First Family Festival last year.

I applaud your organization's commitment to promoting values of diversity and equality and raising awareness of African and Afro-American culture and identity in the Fayetteville community. I am not aware of any precedent for the United States Congress enacting legislation to acknowledge or establish the flag of a private organization as a national flag, nor am I aware of any process by which to "register" a flag with the White House. However, should I become aware of any such opportunities, I will be happy to keep your request in mind.

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