February 1st commemorated the 69th anniversary of one of Greensboro’s most popular sit-ins. On February 1, 1960, four black college students sat down at a lunch counter labeled “whites only” and were denied service at Woolworth’s store here in Greensboro. The four black students refused to leave despite being denied service and over the following weeks and months, others joined them in the sit-in.

Many tried to discredit the protest. Some called the sit-ins “another college fad” while others referred to the four students as agitators. However, “sit-ins helped to draw young people into the civil rights movement and create new leaders and organizations."

Sit-ins, like the one at Woolworth’s in 1960, were successful forms of activism that integrated lunch counters.

Source: The Learning Network with the New York Times

In Greensboro, North and South Aycock streets has been named to Josephine Boyd Drive in honor of the first Black student to integrate Grimsley High.

Josephine Boyd was a student at an all-white school which was then called Greensboro High School. Boyd recently passed in 2015.

Community activist Lewis Brandon asked Greensboro Council to rename the street to honor the role Boyd played in the local civil rights movement. The change costed the city roughly $15,000 but acknowledging our local civil rights hero is priceless.

Source: News and Record

Antoinette “Toni” Harris was recently featured in the Toyota Super Bowl commercial. The commercial set out to encourage others to defy expectations, using the RAV4 Hybrid as an example of getting past expectations about what an SUV has historically been. Including Harris was another example of getting past society’s expectations of girls and women.

Harris is a free safety for the East Los Angeles College, a community college in California. ELAC head coach, Bobby Godinez, says Harris “earned everybody’s respect...her resilience, her perseverance...[we said that] we gotta get her on the field.”

Harris is the first female football player to receive a scholarship offer at a skilled position. Harris received a scholarship offer from Bethany College, an NAIA school in Kansas back in January 2018 and has now received three additional offers. She’ll make her decision in the near future.

Source: Yahoo Sports
Program Spotlight

WEIL & WINFIELD VISITS INTERNATIONAL CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM

On MLK Day, Weil & Winfield staff and residents took a trip to the International Civil Rights Museum here in Greensboro.

CRL Owens was inspired to organize the trip to help broaden the views of residents and increase their understanding of the past to better appreciate the life they live now. She believes it is our job to educate residents about those who sacrificed so much and fought for freedom, respect, and equality in order to instill confidence, efficacy and courage to be the heroes and activists of tomorrow.

The residents felt incredibly inspired and provoked by the content they witnessed.

This trip may have been a small attempt to educate and empower, however, Martin Luther King Jr. once expressed: “Take the first step in faith. You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step.”

Program Spotlight

VAGINA MONOLOGUES

2019 marked the 7th annual production of the Vagina Monologues at UNCG. This year was a record-breaking production with 566 attendees, over 300 personal hygiene items collected, and $4,210.40 being raised and donated to the Clara House here in Greensboro.

The Vagina Monologues aims to bring awareness to gender-based violence and oppression and normalize the experience of having a vagina through a theatrical play.

Two Assistant Coordinators for Residence Life, Liz Shepard and Ashton Inman, one Residential College Coordinator, Will Dodson, seven Coordinators for Residence Life, Kelli Thomas, Christine E. Woods, Juliann Losey, Alyssa Mitchell, Jessica Webb, Shawn Copeland, and Natasha Young, and Assistant Director of Residence Life Shelley Wald made up the production committee. As a team, they empowered students to cultivate positive change within themselves and the community.

Program Spotlight

"SET SAIL AND STUDY ABROAD" IN JEFFERSON SUITES

Jefferson Suites RA Christian Cagle, in collaboration with UNCG International Programs Center, hosted a study abroad informational program in the Jefferson Suites Lobby.

Decorated with pictures and personal narratives from study abroad students, residents from Jefferson Suites, Spring Garden, and Tower Village interacted with staff members and explored the idea of studying abroad. Attendees discussed ideal destinations that align with their majors, funding options, cultural shock and other student experiences.

Staff members dispelled myths about host countries and respective cultures while challenging students to critically explore their reasoning to travel to certain countries and not others.

Put It Into Practice

RACIAL IDENTITY

Some think we should "leave the past" in the past when it comes to history and racism. Does knowing the past really matter?
BREAKING BARRIERS
Signature Programs - All Are Welcome!

Break down the barriers that prevent interaction and growth of people, cultures, regions, neighborhoods, and campuses.

Tuesday, February 19
Cone Basement, 7 p.m.
**Paint Your Picket:**
*A Review of Counterculture and Protest Art and Posters from the 1960s and Today*

Tuesday, February 26
Grogan First Floor Parlor, 7 p.m.
**99 Problems But My Identity Ain’t One**

Wednesday, February 20
Winfield Parlor, 7 p.m.
**L.I.F.E**
*(Learning Intersectionality by Forging Experiences)*

Wednesday, February 27
Ragsdale Conference Room, 7 p.m.
**See The World Through My Eyes**

Thursday, February 21
Haywood Clubhouse, 7 p.m.
**This Is America**

Thursday, February 28
Phillip/Hawkins Basement, 7 p.m.
**W.T. Feminism?**