

Northwest Collegiate and Technical Academy's Media Newsletter

Car Racing

Northwest Collegiate and Technical Academy's ROTC students and other students volunteered to build Lego Cars in the Media Center. The students will also work with the Robotic Car Team next semester. The students will complete activities from www.ten80education.com, to study the science of racing. The students are learning the following vocabulary words: speed, velocity, average speed, instantaneous speed, constant speed, and constant velocity. The students began building the cars in September 2023.



Right to Left: Tre'von Richardson, Davion Richardson, Marquez Williams, and El'Mani Alston.

Car Racing continued



Right to Left: Javion Brinson, Nehemia Daniels, Gregory Oglesby



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Halifax Underground Railroad Freedom Seeker

Visit Sacramento, California

The History Department at Northwest Collegiate and Technical Academy will visit Historic Halifax in March 2024 to celebrate the Historic Halifax's Semi-Quincentennial. The students will take a tour by reading information and viewing the Historic Sites on Historic Halifax North Carolina. The historic sites are from the Revolutionary Era; however, The Halifax Underground Railroad encompasses the Revolutionary Era through the end of the Civil War. The students will walk and read information on The Underground Railroad Freedom Seekers stories.

Piety Cotton, also known as Patsy Young is one of the Freedom Seekers who is featured on the Underground Railroad tour in Historic Halifax. View the website: <https://www.wral.com/story/nc-ghost-town-patsy-young-underground-railroad/20992261/> Patsy Young's story was featured on WRAL. Mrs. Jackie Ruffin-Pittman, Northwest and Southeast's Media Specialist shared the story of Patsy Young and the Smithsonian now celebrates Young's life view the website: <https://www.si.edu/sidedoor/fugitive-brewer>

Mrs. Ruffin-Pittman was invited to the Oak Park Black Film Festival by former NBA Player, and 55th Mayor of Sacramento, California, Mr. Kevin Johnson. The sponsors of the festival are the following: Guild Theater of Sacramento, CA, Underground Books of Sacramento, CA, Slim & Husky's, and Oak Park Brewery, Sacramento, CA. The Media Sponsors were the following: Sacramento Observer, KDEE Radio, Sac Cultural Hub, and Neighborhood Innovation. A NPR representative was also attending the event.

The Guild Theater hosted all of the featured films, authors and oral histories. The Featured Films on Friday, October 13, 5:00 p.m. through 10:00 p.m. were the following Feature Film: Going to Mars: The Nikki Giovanni Project Directed by Joe Brewster and Michele Stephenson, Author Talk: Clint Lanier, Ted Mack and America's First Black-Owned Brewery, One Pint at a Time directed by Aaron Hose, The Fugitive Brewer Patsy Young, Oral History told by Jackie Ruffin-Pittman, Black is Beautiful documentary directed by Marcus Baskerville. Thursday October 12, 5:00 p.m. through 9:00 p.m. had an interesting documentary on Hampton University: One of the Wonders of the World directed by Phill Branch, the short film that will be shown on PBS soon, Own the 8 Count directed by Dawn Manning discussed Roanoke Rapid's own JaQuel Knight, who now resides in LA, a well known choreographer who choreographed for Beyonce and other entertainers, Debbie Allen another choreographer also discussed the quest for recognition and authenticity in viral dance creations. Another film, Gaining Ground: The Fight for Black Land was a documentary that our own Dr. Gary Grant from Tillery, NC spoke in the film. The Fight for Black Land put the spotlight on the legacy of black farming in America, the devastating impact of heirs' property, and how landowners are reclaiming their agricultural rights, and their paths to generational wealth. It was directed by Eternal Polk. The Featured Author was Victor Luckerson who wrote the book, Built From the Fire: The Epic Story of Tulsa's Greenwood District, the book tells the story of an aspirant black neighborhood that, like so many others, has long been buffeted by racist government policies.

Mr. Kevin Johnson may possibly visit Historic Halifax to celebrate Patsy Young's story along with The Halifax Underground Railroad stories along the walk to the Roanoke River in Halifax, NC.

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Right to Left: Mrs. Jackie Ruffin-Pittman, Mr. Kevin Johnson, and Mr. Emerson Pittman celebrate the story of Halifax Underground Railroad's Patsy Young. Mrs. Ruffin-Pittman holds the book, *Built From the Fire: The Epic Story of Tulsa's Greenwood District* by Victor Luckerson.



Mr. Kevin Johnson had a panel discussion with Dawn Manning, Phill Branch, and Yasir Nasir. Own the 8 Count directed by Dawn Manning discussed Roanoke Rapid's own JaQuel Knight, who now resides in LA, a well known choreographer who choreographed for Beyonce and other entertainers, Debbie Allen was also discussing the quest for recognition and authenticity in viral dance creations in the film.