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WS/FCS Announces New Principals

SPECIAL TO W TIMES

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Board of Education has approved principals for three schools. Tiffany Krafft is the new principal of Griffith Elementary. Shawna Penn will lead Carter High School. Cynthia Russell will be the principal of Gibson Elementary.

Krafft earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education at the College of Charleston. She began her career with WS/FCS when she completed an administrative internship at Clemmons Elementary while earning her Master of School Administration at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She went on to earn an Education Specialist Degree in Curriculum and



Tiffany Krafft

Instruction from Gardner-Webb University.

She taught at South Fork Elementary and was on the core team that opened Middle Fork Elementary. Mrs. Krafft was a curriculum coordinator and assistant principal. She has been the principal of North Hills Elementary since 2010.



Shawna Penn

Penn earned her Bachelor's Degree in Physical Education from North Carolina Central University, Master's Degrees in Adaptive Physical Education from North Carolina A. & T. State University and Orientation and Mobility from North Carolina Central University.



Cynthia Russell

She earned a School Administration certificate from Appalachian State University. She is currently working on a certification in Assistive Technology for the Visually Impaired at North Carolina Central University. Penn has been with WS/FCS for 28 years. She began her teaching career as a physical

education teacher at Hanes Middle School in 1994. She taught at West Forsyth High School and continued her career at Wiley Middle School as the physical education teacher and athletic director. In 2017, Ms. Penn joined Carter High School as the assistant principal.

Russell graduated from

Winston-Salem State University where she received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Middle Grades Education. She earned her Master's Degree in School Administration from Gardner-Webb University. Ms. Russell started with WS/FCS in 2003 as a 7th grade math teacher at Wiley Middle School. She later moved to John F. Kennedy Middle School where she served as curriculum coordinator for 10 years. In 2017, she became the assistant principal at Julian Gibson Elementary School. She previously worked as a math facilitator/coordinator and a talent development and advanced studies coordinator for Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools.

Enriching Child Care, Engaging Families and Enhancing Communities



SPECIAL TO W TIMES BY REMONA RAMSEY-BROOKS

For more than 30+ years, Child Care Resource Center has

been serving families with young children. CCRC, as its commonly referred to, is a child care resource and referral organization that has been providing programs

and services to assist families in accessing quality childcare at centers and family home providers. CCRC helps build the capacity of childcare professionals with comprehensive coaching and professional development opportunities and provide support to businesses as they manage the challenges associated with their employees' childcare needs and its effect on business productivity. Child Care Resource Center serves 9 counties including Alleghany, Ashe, Davie, Davidson, Forsyth, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes and Yadkin.

To ensure quality learning experiences for every child in our community, Child Care Resource Center educates the community about quality child care while advocating for a comprehensive, high-quality early childhood delivery system, pay equity and benefits for early childhood professionals and policies that support family choice and empowering families to make informed decisions about quality child and family care.

National research and trends show that more than 70% of young children between ages birth to 5 are not in licensed care. These children are being cared for by a family, friend, or

neighbor. "Kinship Caregivers or Family, Friend and Neighbor Caregiver (FFN)" as they are called, are adults who care for young children either in the child's home or in their home. They are the Family member - grandparent, relative, sibling; or the Friend - friends keeping each other children; or the Neighbor - the neighbor who lives in the neighborhood and keeps children at their home who everybody knows and is affordable but isn't a licensed provider.

Many families choose "FFN" form of care for several reasons including, but not limited to --the high cost of licensed childcare, safety concerns, culture, personal relationship with the caregiver and work schedules. Recognizing that the Caregiver plays a very important role in the early brain development of the young child, CCRC is using various curriculums, tools, strategies to introduce strategies, information, and activities on how to keep the child engaged and help the child's learning while they have them.

CCRC applied for and received a grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust to explore ways to reach out to the growing community of "FFN Caregivers". CCRC is using

several approaches in order to connect this very important sector.

The FFN grant allows CCRC to provide materials, books, activities, and information for
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BUSINESS VIEW... by Joe Watson

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So you want your business to make it? Regardless of your background or how much money is sitting in your bank account your business can make it. First, you must possess these three elements in your toolbox: faith, patience, and a positive mindset. Faith; if you believe in your goals they will come to pass. The thing about faith is it's all centered on you,

you are the driving force! If you can believe, then in time others will see. Faith requires you to believe on a daily basis no matter what it looks like. Patience; you have to wait, but while you're waiting you work with what you have. In the business world you will need patience to survive, you can't skip the process, while you wait you're growing on the inside. The final

component is the mindset to know what you want and taking the faith and patience to bring it to life. Listen, there is only one person in the world who can set your mind and that's you. We all have this power within us. Decide what you want, set the tone, and go for it. You got this!

Enriching Child Care

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free to FFN Caregivers. The one-hour classes are designed to be easy and fun because we want the

Caregiver and the child to have a great experience in the class. So much so, that they will repeat the

activity at home and come back for more!

In the class, the Caregiver is reminded of how important their relationship with the young child is and the impact of that relationship on the child's learning. More often than not, Caregivers – Grandparents, Godparents, Best Friends and the Neighborhood Momma believe they are just keeping children clean, safe and fed. But, they are also impacting what the child is learning, how much they are learning and when they are learning. Today it's not enough to put them on an iPad with ABC Mouse, there must be conversations with the child to build language skills, puzzles to build cognitive (brain) skills, music and movement for gross motor skills, painting, drawing, cutting with scissors for fine motor skills.

Caregivers can't think "well, they will learn when they get to school" – No! by the time they get to school, 80% of early brain development in the young child

has taken place - before they get there, and it shows up in school.

The program is known as "Books with Mrs. Brooks". The classes are designed to be interactive, so the Caregiver and the child do the activity together, learn together and play together. The class is the place the Caregiver and child have uninterrupted time. Activities range from music and movement to making their own spices/vegetable pots. Classes are available at several locations in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. The booksand materials provided are free. "Books with Mrs. Brooks" also shares how important relationship with the Caregiver is in the child's early years and how what they learn at home will strengthen the child's early development.

"Books with Mrs. Brooks" holds weekly classes in person, virtually and pre-recorded. Registration is required for the in-person and virtual classes. For further information or registration

for "Books with Mrs. Brooks", please call 336-245-4900 ext. 1007 or email at use rbrooks@childcareresourcecenter.org. For information about any of the services or programs offered by Child Care Resource Center, please call 336-245-4900 or visit the website: www.childcareresourcecenter.org, Facebook: @ChildCareRC, Twitter: @ChildCareRC.



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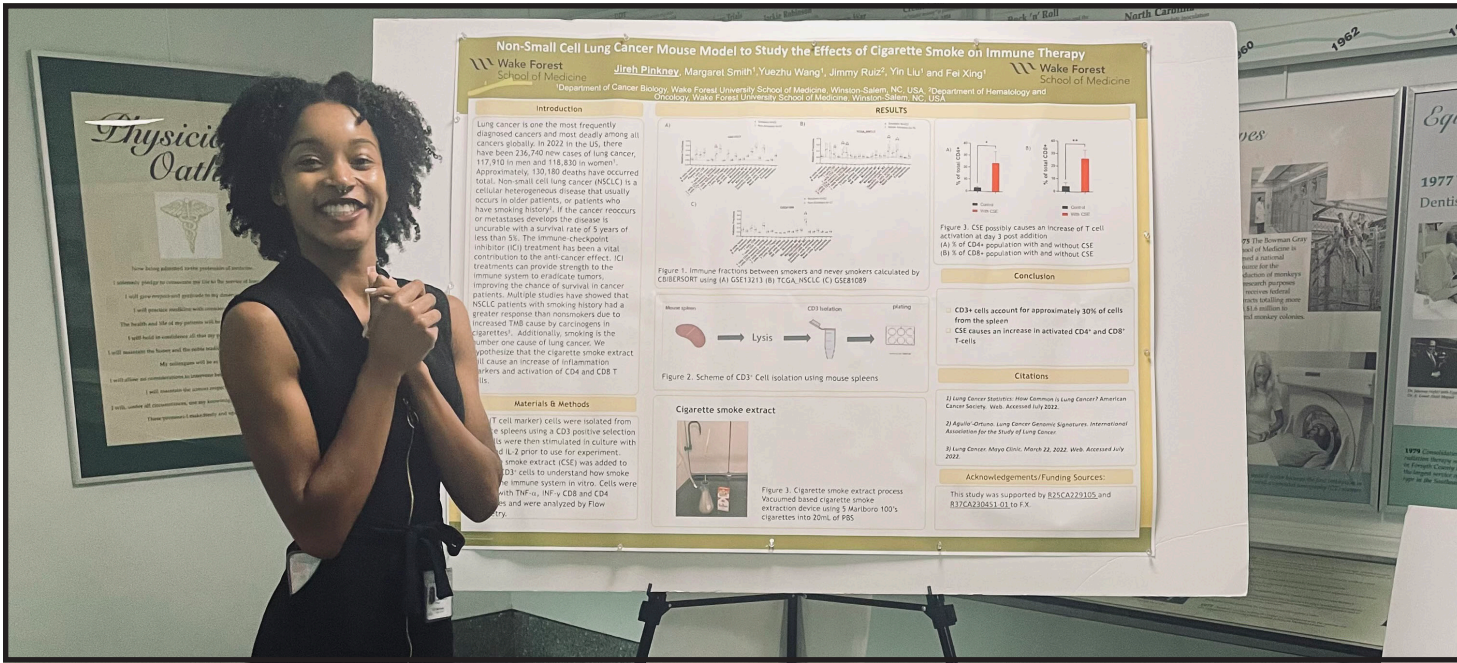
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Pinkney Earns Opportunity to Attend Annual Biomedical Research Conference



The Charlotte native was one of ten minority students that got to work side by side with the PhD students and research doctors with their specific research. Students from UNC Pembroke, UNC Chapel Hill, North Carolina A&T

“It was a learning experience, and I was very hands on in the lab where I learned how to use flow cytometry, Western blotting, cell isolation and among other things,” said Pinkney. “Maggie Smith and

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It was not a normal summer for sophomore Jireh Pinkney from the Winston-Salem State University volleyball team after earning an internship with Wake Forest in their cancer biology program.

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Yuezhu were the PhD students I worked with most of the time. They were amazing and so helpful and were very honest about the PhD process and what to expect. Additionally, they published me in the manuscript for this research we currently did.”

internship, the students got to present their research via a poster presentation to the professors. Pinkney’s presentation was on non-small cell lung cancer and the effects of cigarette smoking on immune therapy. They also found out that two of the presentations would

be selected to be presented at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minoritized Scientists (ABRCMS) in Anaheim, California. “At the end of the internship we had a poster presentation where two winners including myself were chosen to fly to San

Diego California and present at a national institute,” said Pinkney.

“I am so excited and honored to have this opportunity especially as an African American woman. This is a big milestone for Black people wanting to go into stem, specifically science. I want to pursue a PhD in immunology and infectious disease on a micro level.”
experience will continue in the fall when she gets to present her presentation once again in November. For more information on WSSU volleyball, visit www.wssurams.com and follow us on social media, [wssu_athletics](https://twitter.com/wssu_athletics) (twitter and Instagram) and [wssuvolleyball](https://www.instagram.com/wssuvolleyball) (Instagram).

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