



Class of 1983 Held 30th Reunion

The Bowman Senior High School Class of 1983 held their thirtieth reunion recently. Classmates enjoyed a weekend of activities, including tailgating and attending a Friday night AHS football game, a dinner and dance on Saturday evening, and church services on Sunday. The class issued an appeal to Ansonians to establish an Anson County Athletic Hall of Fame to recognize the many accomplished athletes from here such as former NFL player David Lutz and pro wrestler Sylvester Ritter. For more information contact Samantha Tillman at 704-604-8871 or tillmansamantha6@yahoo.com.

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Meeting for Classes of 1968, '69 & '70

There will be a class reunion meeting for the classes of 1968, 1969 and 1970 on Saturday, December 14 at Golden Corral in Matthews at 2 p.m. The reunion is scheduled for September 6, 2014. All Charlotte area classmates are asked to join in the meeting too. The Golden Corral is located at 11025 East Independence Boulevard.

Deborah Davis Named Anson County Principal of the Year



In a release from Anson County Early College: The staff and students at Anson County Early College celebrate the news that their beloved principal, Mrs. Deborah Flowers Davis, has been named "Anson County Principal of the Year." When developing the concept of early colleges, the New Schools Project identified Rigor, Relevance, and Relationships as the key elements in a school's success. Mrs. Davis has successfully established these three factors as the foundation for Anson County Early College.

Mrs. Davis challenges both staff and students by enforcing a rigorous curriculum. Mrs. Small, a science teacher at the early college, shared that "Mrs. Davis is constantly challenging us to teach differently and to never stop learning. We are encouraged to think outside the box and to share our methodologies with each other. It is Mrs. Davis' leadership that pushes us to provide the best learning opportunities for all students." Tymesha Melton, a junior at ACEC, believes that this is why "Mrs. Davis is the core of Anson County Early College because she strives to give the best to her staff and her students." In return, Mrs. Davis expects the best from them as well which creates rigor. "She has faith in us, even when we don't have faith in ourselves. She always pushes us to our full potential," shares Amber Thomas another ACEC junior.

Mrs. Davis has worked hard as a principal to prepare her students for the "real world". She is passionate about the early college program because of the opportunities it provides for the students. She has implemented several successful programs to ensure that students have real world experiences such as Career Development, Job Shadowing, and Interdisciplinary. Mrs. Davis does not just support students in becoming better students but in becoming better citizens. "She believes that a rigorous academic atmosphere prepares our students as 21st century learners and aids them in their future careers after graduation," says ACEC math teacher, Mrs. Park. Corey Lowery, a freshman at ACEC, also stressed how Mrs. Davis helps prepare the students for the real world because "she demands manners and that will serve us for the rest of our lives."

Time and again, her students revealed that what makes Mrs. Davis truly stand out as a principal is her relationship with them. "She is always concerned about her students. If any of us need money, she will give us some. If any of us have a problem, we can always go to her. She treats us as if we were her own children. She can be strict at times, but only because she wants nothing but the best for us," Jamila Marsh said. And Destiny Little stated that "she has a connection with each and every one of [her] students, and I find that very amazing with the many duties she has." Overwhelmingly, it is her relationships with staff and students that drive the success of the early college. Mrs. McMurray, an English teacher at the school, said that, "Working for a leader who values and appreciates you is a pleasure! Mrs. Davis has established a climate of excellence in everything she does. It is infectious! It overflows into every aspect of the school. None of us, students or staff, want to disappoint or let her down."

While it is wonderful to have her recognized for her achievements, the greatest honor is having her as a principal. Kacie Winfield, a junior at ACEC said, "She helps, protects, provides, and has faith and hope for the entire student body." "One of the qualities I most admire about Mrs. Davis is that she makes us feel like a family. She always has a smile on her face that reassures me that everything will be all right. She has a sweet soul and a sweet spirit. This all proves to me that she loves us," concluded Karisma Lisenby, a ninth grader. In the eyes of her staff and students, Mrs. Davis is Principal of the Year every year.

Mrs. Deborah Flowers Davis is a native Ansonian. Mrs. Davis is the daughter of the late Haze H. Flowers, Sr. and Bessie S. Flowers, who resides in Wadesboro. Mrs. Davis married her high school sweetheart Willie Davis and they have been married for twenty-seven years. Mrs. Davis has been in education for thirty-two years, serving as health and physical education teacher, assistant principal, and principal. She coached AHS Varsity Cheerleaders for thirteen years. Mrs. Davis attends Gatewood Station AME Zion church in Morven, North Carolina, serving as the Christian Education Director and is a member of the Second Sunday Church Choir. Her pastor is Reverend David T. Richardson. Her favorite scripture is Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

Mrs. Davis will be competing in the regional Principal of the Year competition in Davidson, North Carolina on Monday, December 16th. Good luck, Mrs. Davis! We love you!

AHS Drama Club Presents Play this Weekend at the Ansonia



Rehearsals for the Anson High School Drama Club play *Juvie* are well under way at the Ansonia Theatre. The play will be given Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7 at 7:30 p.m.

The play is a serious look at juvenile crime and its consequences. The ensemble cast includes Joseph Brooks, Azeem Hassan, Jonathan Pope, Erin Thomas, Gage Tarleton, Michael Wright, Vince Gilmore, Tia Turner, Jolanda Kendall, D'Angelo Gatewood, Madi Martin, Teelee Yang, Drew Chambers, Makeya Clark, Christy Christian, Hailey Napier and Ms. Herrmann as the "voice."

Christy Christian and Jolanda Kendall will also perform a Reader's Theatre production of *Tell Me Another Story, Sing Me a Song*.

Drama Club sponsors, Liz Rockett and Justin Weltz of the Anson High English Dept. are directing and producing the play, with the help of the Arts Council. Tickets are available at the high school and at Lacy's. Cast members are also selling tickets. Tickets will be available at the theatre on performance nights.

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The day will begin at 3 p.m. with a Free Concert at First United Methodist Church by the Anson Singers, entitled *A Symphony of Carols*. The group is directed by Emily Litaker Privette.

You may then travel to Southern Medley Wine Cellar to taste their locally made wines and purchase tickets for the Tour. The winery opens at noon, and tickets will be available at 3:30 p.m. at this location for \$10. There are four homes on the Tour and local businesses will be open too.

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