

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

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YOUTH FEATURE – GRAYSON BARNETTE



MECKLENBURG CELEBRATION HONORING WOMEN ELECTED TO OFFICE!

On December 6th the Black Women's Caucus of Charlotte Mecklenburg and the Charlotte Women's March held a celebration honoring women elected to public office. From the left in the picture above are: Mecklenburg County Democratic Party Chair Jane Whitley, Democratic Women President Connie Green-Johnson, State Representative Mary Belk, and State Representative-Elect Rachel Hunt.



DW Vice President Lisa Ellsworth, Pam Hutson, State Rep. Beverly Earle, and State Rep. Mary Belk.



Proof that women have a difficult time advancing in the Republican Party: Not a single women in the picture above is a Republican. Yes, 2018 was truly THE YEAR OF THE DEMOCRATIC WOMAN!



Marilyn Forrest with Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles

Special Invitation: All Candidates Running for State Democratic Party Offices at the State Executive Committee Meeting in Charlotte on January 26th are Invited and Encouraged to Send A Two-Page Article Including Pictures to This Publication by January 12, 2019. Send Your Article To: melvin535@gmail.com



WAYNE GOODWIN – A STATE CHAIR IN ACTION!

After leading Democrats in a dynamic 2018 statewide campaign, State Chair Wayne Goodwin has gone forward in many areas of political activity. He has been a voice for fairness and accuracy as national news media have reported on the controversial situation in the Ninth Congressional District. He has proven to be a very well-spoken Democratic leader.



Wayne flew to Puerto Rico to attend the meeting of the Association of State Democratic Chairs. He was welcomed by Puerto Rico Governor Ricky Rossello.

Ryan McGill, President of the Hispanic American Democrats of Mecklenburg discussed issues with Wayne in Charlotte.



Wayne met with a group of Mecklenburg County Democrats at their Headquarters in Charlotte.



YOUTH FEATURE: GRAYSON BARNETTE!

Grayson Barnette has done a lot of good work for the Democratic Party in his first 22 years. He is currently Western Regional Director of the Young Democrats of North Carolina and Vice President of the Young Democrats of Caldwell County.



In 2018 Grayson worked in Governor Cooper's Break The Majority Drive and as Field Director in Ray Russell's successful campaign to oust a Republican State Representative from the seat that represents Watauga and Ashe counties.



After graduating from West Caldwell High School, Grayson attended East Carolina University and then transferred to the University of St. Francis (Illinois) to finish his degree. He earned a Bachelors Degree in Political Science with a focus on American Government and Public Policy.

In the picture above Grayson was introducing State Representative Will Buzzardi at a Town Hall in Joliet, Illinois. Rep. Buzzardi was originally from Chapel Hill, North Carolina.



Grayson was the Chicago Suburban Regional Director of the College Democrats of Illinois. The picture above shows him participating in the Women's March on Chicago in 2016.



After finishing his Bachelors Degree early, he served as a Fellow on Senator Dick Durbin's environmental policy staff in early 2018.



Grayson with Senator Jeff Jackson

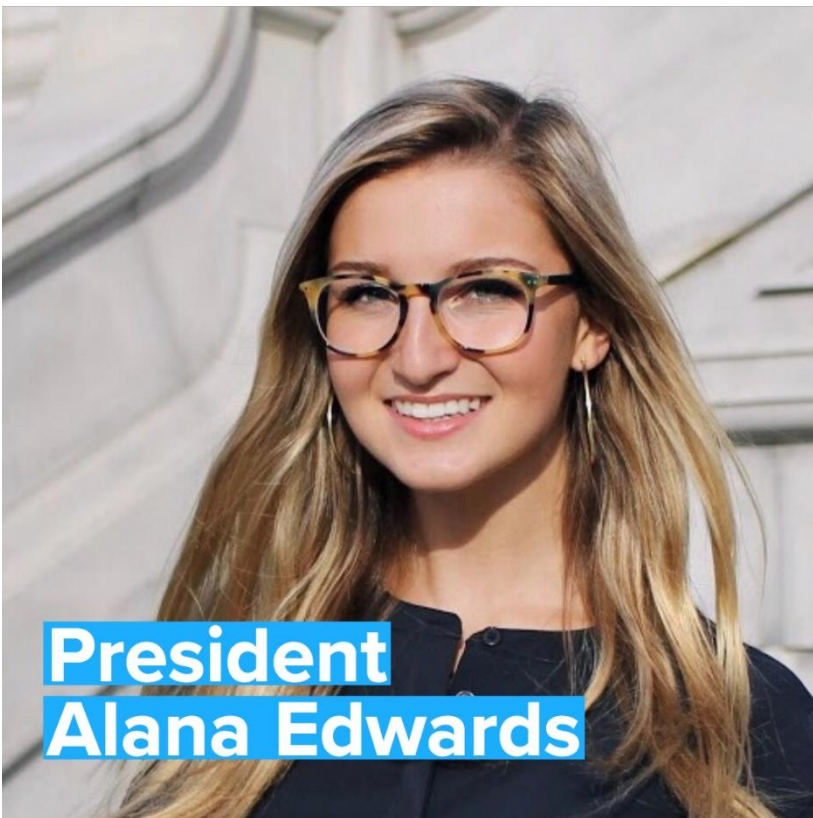
Outside of political activities, Grayson is very involved in football. He played in college on a scholarship at East Carolina University before transferring to play at St. Francis. He is also a documentary addict!

As he looks to the future, Grayson would like to serve in a federal or statewide office, but until then he wants to make sure that he is doing as much as possible to help out in North Carolina.

Grayson says: "I believe that North Carolina has major potential to be a solid blue state in the future, but that starts with investing in our rural communities. People always ask what can Democrats do to bring people to the party. I always say that's the wrong way of looking at it. We must bring the party to the people. We have to connect with independent voters and those who feel left behind by those in Raleigh and Washington. We have to let them know that we are on their side."



**Grayson with his mother, Dawn, his twin brother, Grant, and his father, Ray.
Democrats may write to Grayson at: barnetteg14@gmail.com.**



**President
Alana Edwards**

**UNC-CHAPEL HILL YOUNG
DEMOCRATS ELECT
NEW OFFICERS FOR 2019!**

For 200 years UNC-Chapel Hill was an all-male university. The fact that it has come a long way from those days is demonstrated by the fact that all of the newly elected Officers of the UNC-CH Young Democrats are female.

President Alana Edwards is a junior from Sanford who is majoring in Political Science and Public Relations.



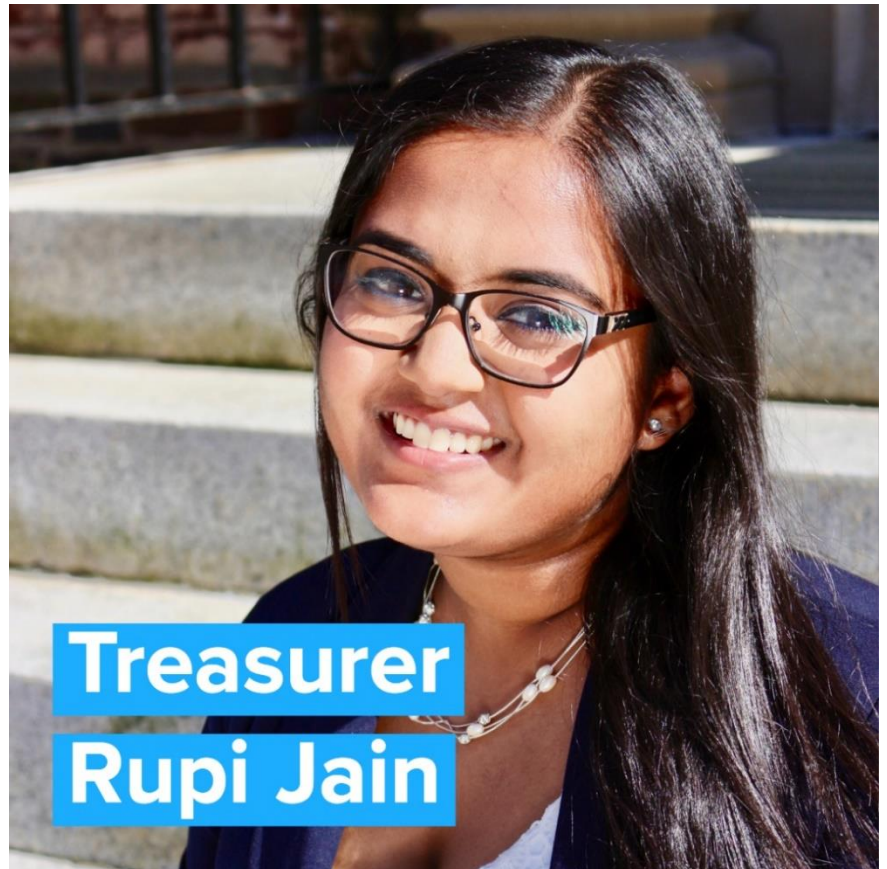
**Vice President
Katie Lenoard**

Vice President Katie Leonard is a junior from Asheville. She is double-majoring in English and History.



**Secretary
Alley Steele**

Secretary Alley Steele is a sophomore from Apex and she is double-majoring in Political Science and Advertising/Public Relations.



**Treasurer
Rupi Jain**

Treasurer Rupi Jain is a sophomore from Morganville, New Jersey majoring in Global Studies.

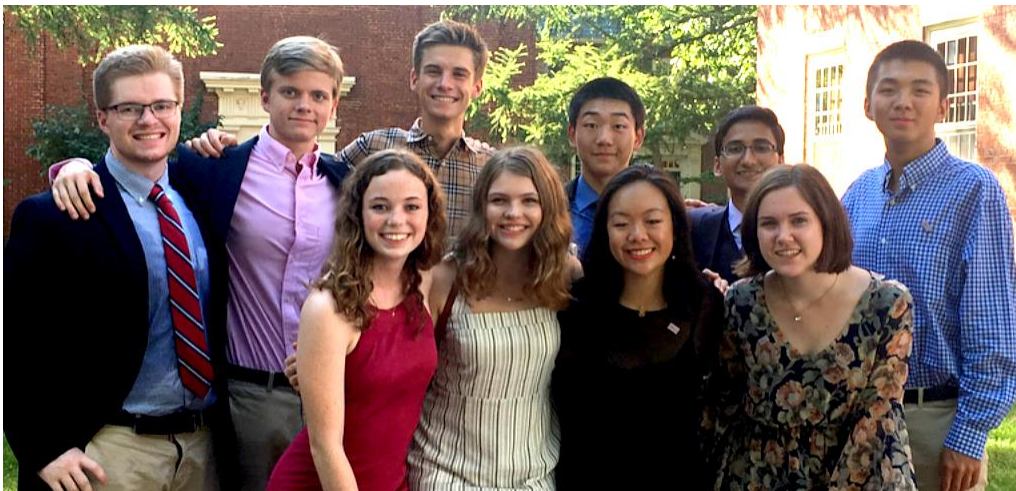


JACK SWANSON – THE \$600,000.00 MAN!

This publication has featured several articles about Jack Swanson of Morganton through the years when he was Vice President of the Teen Democrats of North Carolina, when he made a perfect score on the ACT College Entrance Test, and when Harvard University awarded him a full ride four-year scholarship.

Last week Jack was elected Treasurer of the Student Council, a position in which he will manage bank accounts containing more than \$600,000.00! He is the first freshman to be elected Treasurer in many years.

Jack is on the left in the picture above in which he is with Dean Rakesh Khurana and some of his fellow students.



Jack is second from the left in this picture with some of his Harvard friends.

He has immersed himself fully in every possible educational experience since arriving at Harvard. He has had personal conversations with the President of Columbia, former Secretary of State John Kerry, and the President of Panama. He has had lunch with former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu several times. Next week he is scheduled to have a conversation with Nobel Prize Winner Malala Yousafzai of Pakistan.

He is currently living in Weld Dorm which was constructed in 1863 and was the dorm of President John F. Kennedy when he was at Harvard. Jack worked on the staff at the Ceremony at which the 2018 Profiles In Courage Awards were presented by the Kennedy Presidential Library.



CHRISTMAS PARTY AT BENNETT BUNN PLANTATION!

Tom, Jill, Katie, and Lori Hendrickson welcomed lots of Democrats to their Christmas Party at Bennett Bunn Plantation near Zebulon on December 8th.

From the left in picture above are Steve Wrinn, Natalie Murdock, Deborah Ross, Elaine Marshall, and Cal Cunningham.



Lila Peden, Governor and Mrs. Roy Cooper, with two of Lila's classmates from St. Mary's.

Host Tom Hendrickson welcomed Brenda and Larry Pollard

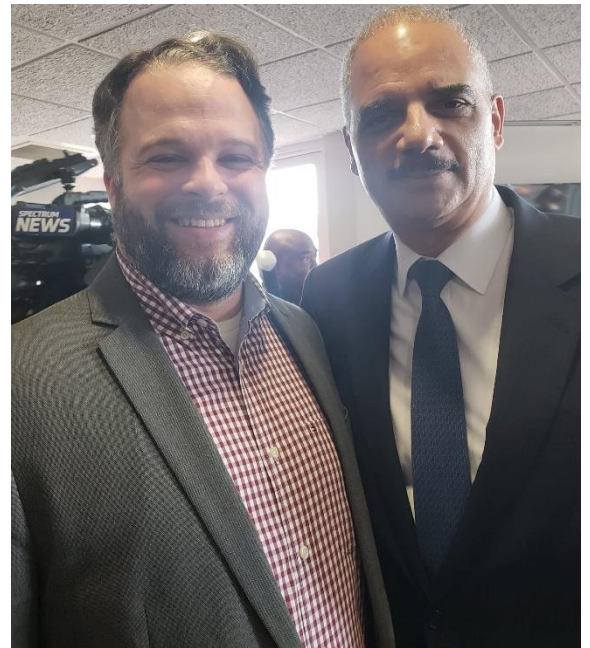




**LARKEN EGLESTON IS ENJOYING
HIS FIRST YEAR ON THE
CHARLOTTE CITY COUNCIL!**

During his first year as a Charlotte City Councilman, Larken Egleston has met and talked with several outstanding Democratic leaders. He had a chance to discuss the challenges big cities face with former New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu at the Western Gala in Asheville in October.

When former Attorney General Eric Holder came to Charlotte to campaign for Anita Earls, Larken talked with him about law enforcement matters and other concerns.



Larken welcomed former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick when he came to Charlotte to support Dan McCready. The two Democratic leaders had an opportunity to converse and share ideas.



KAY CASHION INSTALLATION CEREMONY!

Popular Kay Cashion is one of our state's longest serving County Commissioners. Last week she was sworn in for another term due to her uncontested victory on November 8th.

Dutchie Sexsmith (left) and Brenda Pollard serve with Kay on the Capitol Foundation and they happily attended her installation ceremony in Greensboro.

CLARENCE BIRKHEAD INSTALLED AS NEW SHERIFF OF DURHAM COUNTY!

Due to his promises to make major improvements in the operation of the Sheriff's Department, the voters of Durham County gave Clarence Birkhead a resounding victory in the November General Election.

At his Inauguration last week, he was joined by his fellow church member, Brenda Pollard.





CELEBRATING VIOLET CRESPO'S NINTH BIRTHDAY!

Violet Crespo of Randolph County has been in a Democratic home from the day of her birth. Her parents, Rebekah Todd and Eric Crespo, are ardent Democrats who are always happy to promote the cause of good government through "The Party Of The People." Last week Violet's Ninth Birthday Party was held. This publication requested pictures of the event so Democrats all across the state can enjoy them.





BUDDIES – WAYNE AND JACKSON!

State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin relishes his role as a father. He spends every possible minute with his children, Jackson and Madison. Last week Wayne joined Jackson for a carriage ride through their Raleigh neighborhood.



This picture shows Jackson with one of his friends before the ride began.



A MEANINGFUL CARD!

One of the most treasured Birthday cards I received on November 30th contained this picture of former Stanly County Chair Judy Hammill, with her daughter, Jamie, and her son-in-law, Lanny. Judy invited me to speak at one of her Stanly County meetings in 2015. That trip is one of my favorite Democratic memories!

**All Democrats Who Plan To Run For A
State Party Office
At The January 26th SEC Meeting in Charlotte,
Are Invited and Encouraged
To Send A Completed Two-Page Article
To Me For Inclusion In This Publication
By January 12, 2019.**

**Your Democratic Friend,
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