

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

January 25, 2018

YOUTH FEATURE – EMMA PARRY – ORANGE COUNTY!



NIDA ALLAM ADDRESSES WOMEN'S MARCH ON RALEIGH!

Our NCDP Third Vice Chair Nida Allam was one of the main speakers at the Women's March on January 20th. In this picture she is with NC Court of Appeals candidate Allegra Collins and NC Supreme Court candidate Anita Earls. Nida greeted everyone with "Assalamualaikum" which

is an Arabic greeting meaning "Peace be upon you." She said "being a leader doesn't just mean running for office. Our leaders include phone bankers, canvassers, protesters, campaign managers. Without these leaders, no movement would last. She emphasized: "Don't ever let anyone tell you that you can't make a difference, because you are the woman who is going to change the world!"



The Democratic Women of Moore County filled a bus to travel to the Women's March on Raleigh.

Their group included 52 Re-Sisters and 2 Re-Misters!

26 different Democrats submitted pictures of the marches.



Wake legislators: Duane Hall, Rosa Gill and Darren Jackson



The Gillikin family from Carteret County



Aaron Wolff with Holly Springs Town Council Member Christine Kelly



Lumberton attorney Tiffany Powers and Attorney General Josh Stein



Democratic Women of Robeson County



**Electrifying speech by Jessica Holmes,
Chair of the Wake County Commissioners**



**Jessica Holmes, Yvonne Brannon,
MaryBe McMillan, and Anita Earls**



Thousands jammed into Halifax Mall for the Raleigh Rally!



**Wake Commissioner Erv Portman, Morrisville Town Council Members Satish Garimella
and Steve Rao with Lori Bush**



Supporters of Sixth Congressional District Candidate Ryan Watts proudly marched.



Ryan Watts talking with marchers



Wake County's Margarite Scott



**"The Raging Grannies" performed.
They became famous during Moral Mondays.**



Democratic Women of Durham



Zainab Baloch and Edward Jones



**County Commissioner James West
and Judge Ashleigh Parker Dunston**



**Rev. Nancy Petty, State Representative Duane Hall
and MaryBe McMillian of the AFL-CIO**



**State Representative Cynthia Ball
and Donna Mayer Bailey**



THOUSANDS MARCH IN CHARLOTTE!

The young women holding balloons saying “RESIST” were part of the thousands who joined the Women’s March in Charlotte on January 20th.



State Senator Jeff Jackson greets Solomon Hamilton at the Charlotte March



Union County Democrats John Kibler and Matt Alexander proudly supported the march



Part of the massive Charlotte crowd



Ryan McGill, 9th Congressional District Candidate Dan McReady, Laura McReady, and 8th Congressional District Candidate Scott Huffman.



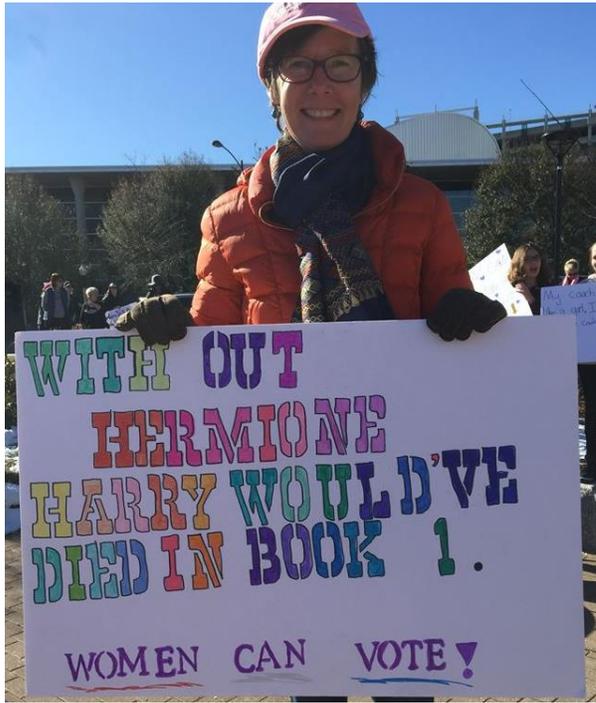
Great sign!



8th Congressional District Candidate Scott Huffman with Charlotte City Councilman Matt Newton and Tiffany Arroyo Newton



A clear message



Rachel Hunt Nilender



Senator Jeff Jackson with young marcher



Thirteenth Congressional District Democratic Party Chair Cozzie Watkins (second from left) with a WFAE reporter and friends. Cozzie enjoys making the Democratic Party visible!



Part of massive Charlotte crowd!



GASTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Gaston County Democrats enjoyed supporting the Women's March. They carried signs which were original and creative. Gastonia City Councilman Robert Kellogg joined Becky McBride in the picture on the left above.



**The sign on the right says:
"They tried to bury us. They didn't know we were seeds!"**



YOUTH FEATURE

EMMA PARRY – ORANGE COUNTY!

At age 15, Emma Parry has already done a tremendous amount of political work for the Democratic cause! She is currently a sophomore at East Chapel Hill High School and an organizer with the North Carolina Democratic Party. She enjoys engaging volunteers in the political process and is dedicated to helping break the majority in today's NCGA. In the picture above Emma and Max Poteat are with a llama at the North Carolina General Assembly.



Emma credits President Obama' 2012 re-election campaign for sparking her interest in politics. At age 10 she completed her first voter registration shift with Organizing for America and spent many hours calling volunteers, then voters.

By the fall of 2012, Emma was running phone bank shifts and participating in special events like debate watch parties and a march to the polls.

Simone Leiro is with Mary in this picture.

Because of her dedication to the campaign, Emma was invited to meet First Lady Michelle Obama during her October appearance at UNC's Carmichael Auditorium. Her mother, Mary, joined Emma for this treasured picture.

Gaining access to her favorite role model and First Lady at age 10 was a milestone Emma will never forget!

These experiences shaped her early involvement and lit a political fire that continues to burn today.

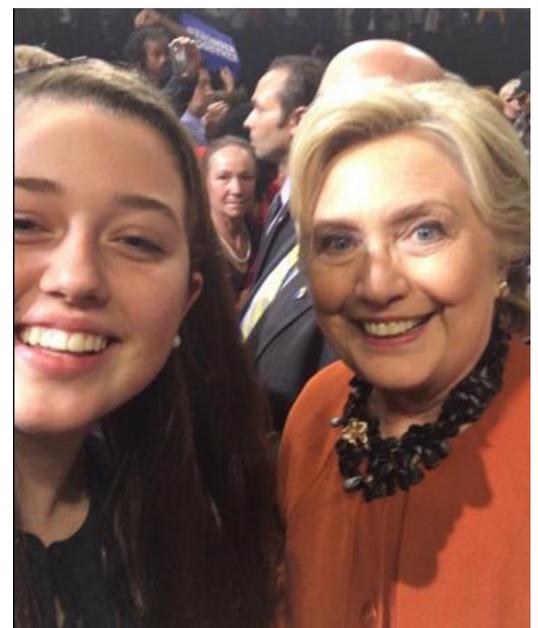


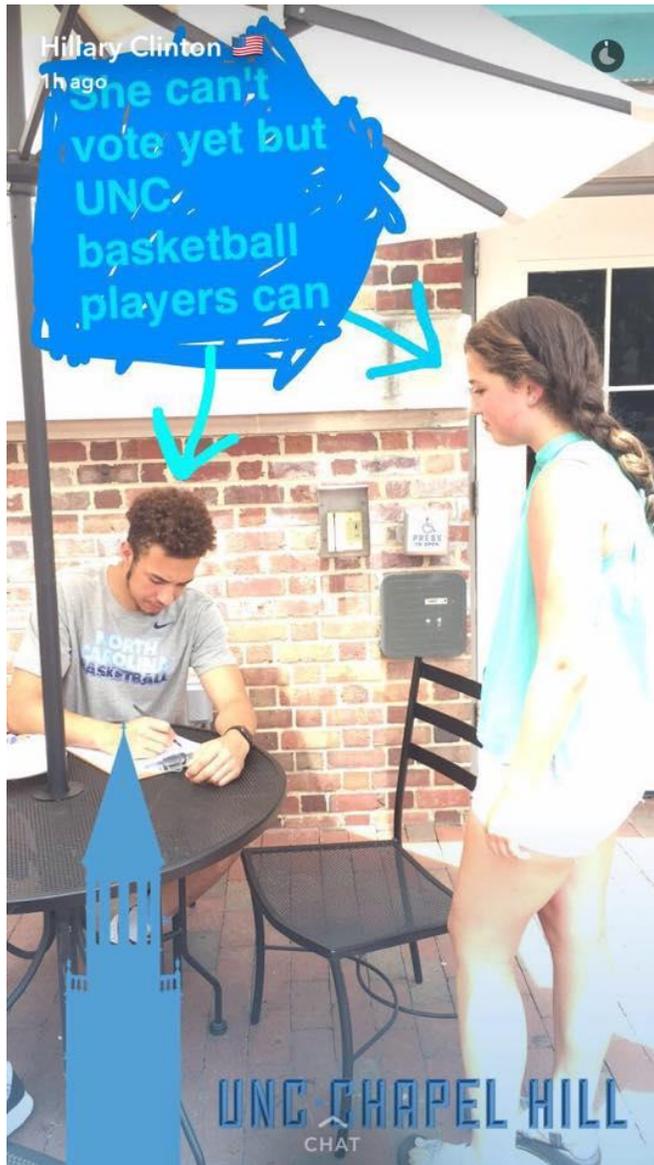
During 2014 Emma was invited to become an Honorary Page at the North Carolina General Assembly, shadowing Representative Tricia Cotham of Mecklenburg County. She enjoyed being on the floor of the House and watching the legislative process first hand. It was fun learning the lay of the land in the legislative building and meeting many elected officials.

Continuing to pursue an interest in elected office, Emma shadowed Senator Valerie Foushee of Orange County in 2017, learning about bills related to the environment and gun control, among others.

As a result of her previous volunteer experience and knack for the work, Emma was invited to take on a Fellowship with the North Carolina Democratic Coordinated Campaign in 2016. She eventually worked her way into an internship with Hillary Clinton's campaign. Through this role, she met hundreds of Orange County volunteers of all ages.

Her favorite moments during the 2016 campaign were meeting Hillary Clinton and Chelsea Clinton – and being part of the team who helped elect Governor Roy Cooper, AG Josh Stein, and other Democrats who continue to serve in office today.





Emma with Ariana Sheeks & Bailey McCafferty

Emma's focus on political activities has been noticed by local and statewide groups. She was selected as a WCHL-Chapelboro Hometown Hero, which included a recorded radio interview about her political experiences. She was also honored with the "SHE IS FIERCE AWARD" by Women AdvANCe, a statewide non-profit organization focused on advancing women's issues in North Carolina.



In this picture Emma is teaching other young people about voter registration.



Betsy Polk Joseph, Heather Benjamin, and State Representative Graig Meyer are among the Democrats of all ages who enjoy working with Emma.

Emma was born in Texas but she has lived in North Carolina since her first birthday.

Last year she attended the Women's March on Raleigh with her mother, Mary, a writer and children's book author. She also attended HKonJ and the Citizen's Climate March in Washington, DC with her dad, Alan, a civil litigator and environmental advocate.

Emma's older brother, Nathan, is a sophomore at Appalachian State University working on his PGA certification. Her younger brother, Ben, is a student and basketball player at Phillips Middle School.

Despite having two more years of high school, Emma says she can't wait for college, where she plans on continuing to study politics and being involved as a Democrat. She feels hopeful about the future of our local, state, and national politics, knowing that "Democrats are dedicated to creating a better future for our country."



Through her role in the 2016 campaign, Emma met many teens who worked with her to launch Orange County Teen Democrats in 2017.

Democrats may congratulate Emma by writing to her at: EParryNCDP@gmail.com



JUSTICE MORGAN GIVES MLK SPEECH IN HAYWOOD COUNTY!

After delivering an electrifying speech to a capacity crowd at the 28th Haywood County Martin Luther King, Jr. Prayer Breakfast at Lake Junaluska, Supreme Court Justice Mike Morgan is shown in the picture above joining his wife, Audrey, and Planning Committee Member Juanita Dixon in singing the closing song, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."



Justice Morgan and Mrs. Audrey Morgan as they were speaking at Lake Junaluska.

**Haywood Democrats
Rocky Tucker
and
Rose Williams**





STEVE WOODSMALL FOR CONGRESS!

Dr. Steve Woodsmall, retired US Air Force Major and Brevard College Professor, announces his candidacy for the US House for the NC 11th District. Steve states, "I'm running for the people of the 11th District because I learned early in my service to the country if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. I want to be part of the solution. That is my promise to the people of the 11th and that is my pledge: Reasonable solutions for reasonable people. The people of the 11th District are good people who care for one another and want someone who represents them. Their representative should be one who listens to them and legislates for their interests."

Because of his focus on constituents, Steve advocates getting big money out of politics. "Representatives are there for their constituents not the multi-millionaire/billionaire donors and corporations that strive to control our economy and our political system. I will focus every day on doing the right thing, not the political thing. Again, I believe in the *best* solutions, not conservative or liberal solutions."

His positions on some major issues are:

- limiting the amount of money that corporations can donate to political campaigns and eliminating secret donations (dark money)
- fair and equal treatment for all human beings, regardless of age, nationality, place of residence, sex, national or ethnic origin, color, religion, language, sexual preference, gender identification, or any other status
- a simpler, fair tax code to level the playing field for all Americans
- protections for Social Security benefits for generations to come
- investments in global clean energy and new green technologies
- legal protections for individuals brought into the country as children
- Net Neutrality protections as a fundamental principle of the Internet, not a partisan issue
- protections for North Carolina's extraordinary environment for future generations
- a living wage and that workers should share in the profits they help create
- major federal investments in our failing infrastructure
- common sense gun regulations, such as an assault weapons ban, "bump stock" ban, closing the gun show loophole, and requiring a photo license I.D., background check, and gun safety test for gun purchasers
- quality health care as a fundamental right for everyone, especially for our veterans

Dr. Woodsmall, who holds a PhD in Organization & Management and a Master's degree in Business Administration, says, "Public servants must be held to the oath they take to support and defend the Constitution of the United States. I took a similar oath as an officer in the United States Air Force, and I will bring the same commitment to service to Congress that I lived by in the Air Force—duty, honor, and country." His webpage and Facebook addresses are:

<https://WoodsmallForCongress2018.org/> - <https://www.Facebook.com/WoodsmallForCongress2018>
State Senate Candidate Norm Bossert is with Steve Woodsmall in the picture on the left above.



DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF JACKSON COUNTY!

New Officers of the Jackson County Democratic Women were installed at the Jackson County Party Headquarters in Sylva on January 18th.

From the left these leaders are: Secretary Cindy Burke, Co-President Barbara Bell, Vice President Joyce Stratton, Co-President Jane Koenig, and Jackson County Democratic Party Chair Frank Burrell. Missing: Treasurer Jenifer Montsinger. Everyone wore black in solidarity with the “Time’s Up” and “Me Too” movements.

2018 CONVENTION YDNC CDNC NCATE
WHEN: APRIL 6 - APRIL 8
WHERE: CHARLOTTE, NC

YDNC 90TH ANNIVERSARY
#90YEARSYOUNG

YOUNG DEMS, COLLEGE DEMS, & TEEN DEMS CONVENTION!

The NC Seventh Congressional District Democratic party
cordially invites you to the

2018 Democratic Leaders Banquet

Featuring honorable guests

NC Justice Mike Morgan



NC Senator Jeff Jackson



Saturday, February 3rd, 2018

6:30 pm

River Landing Clubhouse

109 Paddle Wheel Drive, Wallace, NC 28466



To buy tickets go to

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-seventh-district-democratic-leaders-banquet-tickets-39507258273?aff=es2>

or visit our Facebook page at

N.C. Seventh Congressional District Democratic Party



Larry and Brenda Pollard invited State Party Chair Wayne Goodwin and his son Jackson to join them for the UNC–Clemson basketball game in Chapel Hill on January 16th. Larry and Wayne earned their Law Degrees at the UNC School of Law.



A great father-son picture! Wayne and Jackson happily posed with the Tar Heel Ram before the game. Wayne was a Morehead Scholar during his undergraduate days at UNC. Wayne has been outstanding at every stage of his life. His number one priority is: Being a dedicated father. He enjoys every minute that he spends with his children!



SAVE the DATE!

When: Thursday, March 1st from 5:30-7:00 PM
Where: The Cannon Room, 16 W. Martin St., Raleigh, NC

Campaign Social and Fundraiser

Allegra
COLLINS

for
Court of Appeals

**SAVE THE DATE FOR ALLEGRA COLLINS' FUNDRAISER:
MARCH 1ST!**



Allegra Collins with her daughter Maegan



**DEMOCRATIC STAR
JACK SWANSON
ACCEPTED AT HARVARD!**

State Teen Democrats Officer Jack Swanson of Morganton made a perfect score on the ACT college entrance test last March. This was the culmination of many years of hard work, but it was also the “beginning” of his college search because he realized he could be competitive for some high-end universities. Here is a link to a news article about his score: <http://www.burke.k12.nc.us/about-us/district-news/fhsstudentscoresprefectonact>

Jack attended the Governor’s School during the summer of 2017. That is where he decided to study political science in college and developed his plan for college applications.

Jack says: “I decided that Harvard was my first choice college and I applied under their Restrictive Early Action program. This program allowed me to submit an application by the first of November so I could receive an admissions decision by mid-December (before the traditional January-April timeline.)”

Jack was notified that the admissions results would be posted on December 12th. He decided to open the result at his elementary school because he owes so much of his success to his years there.

The admissions results were sent online. He opened them with several of his closest friends including William Knight, Jessica Hardee, and Randy Whitehead. As he entered the school he secretly called his mother so she could hear him announce the results to his friends.

Jack says “It was a very relieving moment to know I had been accepted by Harvard!” Then he called other close friends and mentors including his Calculus teacher and mentor Mrs. Baker, his English teacher and tremendous influence on his life, Mr. Fossett, former Freedom High student Ben Succop now at Duke, another teacher Mrs. McGlamery, former Freedom High student Drew McRacken who is now at UNC, his grandmother and other family members.

His friends and family took him out for dinner and he spent the rest of the evening sharing his news on social media. He also exchanged emails with other students who were accepted by Harvard. He has spent a great deal of time since then communicating with “tons of new people many of whom are involved in Teen Democrats across the country.”

Here is a link to an article in the Morgantown newspaper about Jack’s admission:

http://www.morganton.com/news/freedom-senior-jack-swanson-accepted-to-harvard/article_5298fb02-ea66-11e7-bc20-ff10754d056c.html



Jack was photographed with this frozen waterfall earlier this month.

In recent weeks Jack has also had time to reflect on his journey so far. He is a first generation college student from a low income, single parent household. His mother, Amy Swanson, has been his “biggest supporter throughout my life. She has tirelessly supported our family (and some of my crazy dreams.)” He says he “would be nothing without the impact my friends and family have made on my life.”

He writes that he “has been lucky to have tremendous political role models in my life including Governor Roy Cooper, State Senator Jeff Jackson of Charlotte, and, of course, President Obama.” Jack was an Intern in the Governor’s office for a week in the fall of 2017.

Jack says: “I have done some looking into the future. I’ve decided to major in Government/Political Science, with a minor concentration in English. I also intend to enlist in the military. I’m looking at the Marines and the Army in particular after my undergraduate career. I don’t intend to make the military a career, but I think it is incredibly important for all of those interested in public service to serve in the most selfless way possible – for your country.

“After the military, I intend to go to law school. From there, hopefully into public service! Regardless, the next few years are sure to be interesting. I’m excited for all of the opportunities Harvard will present.”

Democrats may write to Jack at: JMSwanson2000@gmail.com.

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