

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

April 17, 2020



COLLEGE DEMOCRATS ELECT NEW OFFICERS!

The College Democrats of North Carolina elected an outstanding team of new State Officers at their April 5th State Convention. They may have set a record by electing Officers from ten different colleges!

President – Jarrett Patrick – NC State

Vice President – Emily Hogan – Appalachian State

State Council Chair – Christopher Ingram – St. Augustine's

State Council Vice Chair – Giovanna Scirrotto – High Point

State Council Secretary – Grant Alford – Campbell University

Communication Directory – Drew Skilton- Wake Forest

Political Director – Brenda Caldwell - NC A&T

Membership Director – Stephen Hunter – Western Carolina

Development Director – Jonah Perrin – Duke University

Programming Director – Michael Davis – UNC-Greensboro

The College Democrats have set up a brand new website.

They invite everyone to see it

by going to:

www.collegedemsnc.org



President
Devonte Wilson



Executive Vice President
Bailey Stinson

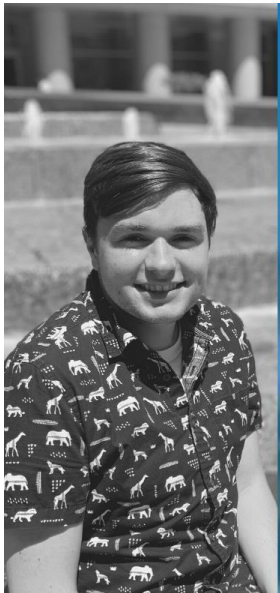


NC YOUNG DEMOCRATS ELECT NEW OFFICERS!

During their April 5th State Convention, the Young Democrats of North Carolina elected a strong slate of Officers to lead them for the next term.

On the left above: President Devonte S. Wilson of Moore County

On the right above: Executive Vice President Bailey Stinson of Yadkin County



Vice President of Communications
Wilson Brown



Vice President of Membership
Kelvin Stallings



Wayne County Democrats are proud that two of their outstanding young people were elected to State Young Democrats positions:

Left: Vice President of Communications Wilson Brown

Right: Vice President of Membership Kelvin Stallings



**Vice President of
Development**

Quamekia Shavers



**Quamekia Shavers of Forsyth County
was elected VP of Development**



Secretary

Shannon Auer



**Shannon Auer of Catawba County was
re-elected Secretary.**



**YDA
Representative**

Anderson Clayton



**YDA
Representative**

Jon McLamb



**North Carolina will be represented at national Young Democrats meeting by
YDA National Committee Representatives
Anderson Clayton of Person County – on left
Jon McLamb of Forsyth County – on right**



LINDA GUNTER'S MOTHER – A DEMOCRAT TURNS 102!

Helen Hinkleman celebrated her 102th Birthday on January 4th. She is still a proud Dem.

At her Birthday Dinner she was joined by her grandson, Tracy Gunter, and her well-known Democratic daughter, Linda Gunter. Linda has held many positions in the Democratic Party including Delegate to the Democratic National Convention and she has been a State Senator.

Two different cakes are featured in the pictures above because her Birthday was celebrated at both lunch and dinner on her happy day.

Helen was born in Niagara Falls, New York in 1918. There were three girls in her family. One sister passed, but her younger sister lives in Anchorage, Alaska at age 100.



CELEBRATING THE MARRIAGE OF ALAN LONGMAN & ELIZABETH CRUDUP!

Harnett County Democratic leaders Alan Longman and Elizabeth Crudup were married on April 4th.

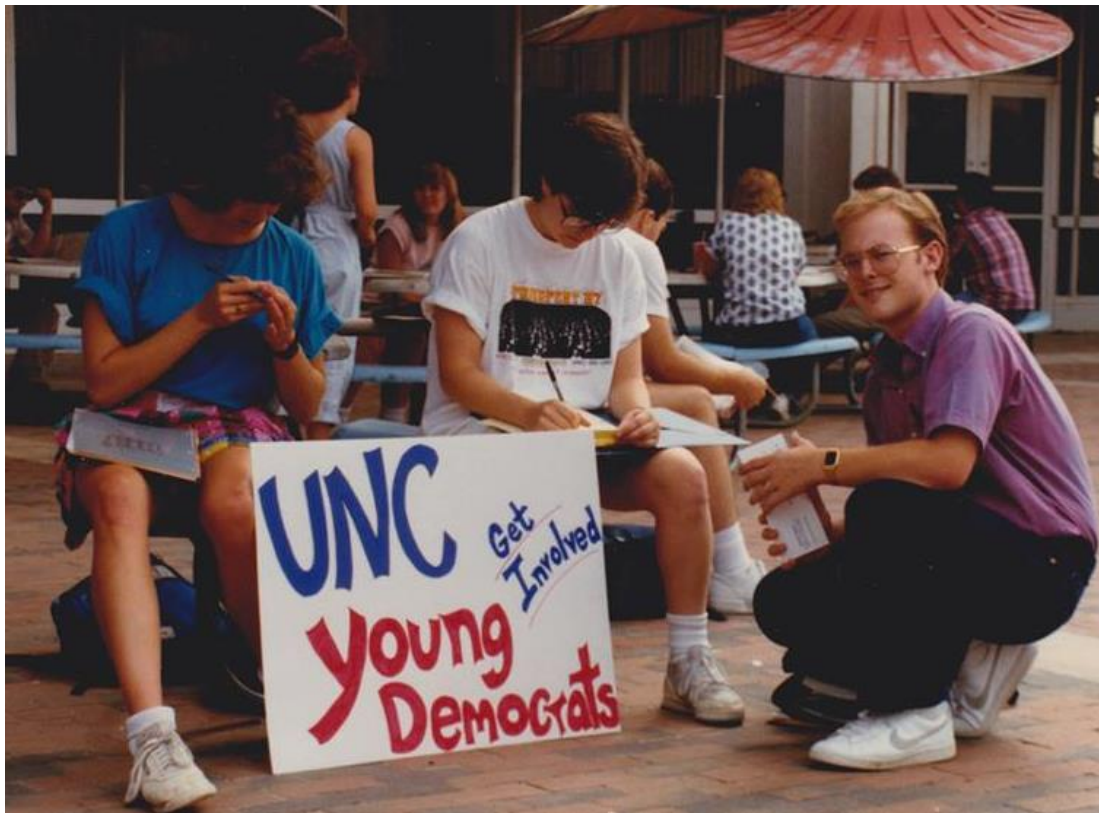
They are looking forward to promoting the cause of good government through the Democratic Party as they go through life together!



SWAIN COUNTY DEMOCRATS!

Swain County Democrats have happily erected signs at all the county's schools thanking teachers, bus drivers, food service personnel, administrative staff and others for continuing to work for the students through the virus shutdown.

Leila Tvedt sent this cheerful sign to the **GOOD NEWS**.



HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A DEMOCRAT!

Here is Wayne Goodwin with Democratic friends outside the UNC Student Union near the famous "Pit" recruiting new members of the UNC Young Democrats in 1988. That was the year of the Michael Dukakis-George H. W. Bush presidential race. Wayne was President of the UNC Young Democrats that year. 32 years later Wayne is still going strong for the Party.



SEC Members were stunned and elated when it was announced that Dr. Jill Biden was coming onto the stage at the recent SEC meeting in Charlotte!

A BIG DEMOCRATIC DAY IN CHARLOTTE!

**Hundreds of Democrats gathered in Charlotte on February 29th
for four exciting events:**

State Executive Council Meeting – UNC-Charlotte

State Executive Committee Meeting – UNC-Charlotte

Blue Reception – University Hilton Hotel

Big Blue Extravaganza Banquet – University Hilton Hotel

The next several pages will feature pictures from those four happy celebrations!



**Dan McCorkle with Mecklenburg
County Party Chair Jane Whitley**



**11th Congressional District Primary Winner
Mo Davis, Rutherford County Commissioner
candidate Ed Hallyburton, NC House candidate
Josh Remillard of Henderson County, and
Rutherford County Commissioner candidate
Jerry Wease**



These five Democrats were elected to represent North Carolina at meetings of the Democratic National Committee for the next four years:

Front – Jennie Clark of Forsyth County

DeeDee Adams of Forsyth County

Shelia Huggins of Durham County

Matt Hughes of Orange County

John Verdejo of Wake County



**Our distinguished candidates
for statewide judicial positions
shown in these
Charlotte pictures
include:**

**Chief Justice Cheri Beasley,
Attorney Tricia Shields,
Judge Lucy Inman**





I try not to be pictured in the GOOD NEWS very often. However, I was honored to be photographed with these famous Democrats at the SEC meeting.

Left: Commissioner of Labor candidate Jessica Holmes & Ingrid Nurse of Cabarrus County.

Right: Violet Crespo of Randolph County who has starred in this publication many times.



Left: Former State Party Vice Chair Veleria Levy of Rowan County inserted a caption into the picture on the left above.

**Right: Mecklenburg DW President Lisa Ellsworth
(This is my best standing picture in years.)**



On the SEC stage: Secretary Melvin Williams, Second Vice Chair Matt Hughes, and First Vice Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson



Gwen Wilkins with Jill and Tom Hendrickson



Charlotte City Councilwoman Dimple Ajmera promoting her campaign for State Treasurer.



Cone Auditorium at UNC-Charlotte was filled to overflowing with good strong Democrats during the SEC meeting!



Our Triumphant Leader – Governor Roy Cooper!

(This picture and several more were made by former Senator Floyd McKissick)



TWO DEMOCRATS NAMED YVONNE!

**State Representative Yvonne Lewis Holley with former Wake County
Commissioner Yvonne Brannon before Rep. Holley's victory
in the Primary for Lt. Governor.**



**US Senate Primary winner Cal Cunningham with Paulette Keffas Chassim.
Democrats all across America are focusing on Cal's race!**



Connie Green-Johnson, Eileen Paroff, & Maytee Sands of Mecklenburg



Gwen Wilkins of Nash County, State Representative Deborah Butler of New Hanover, and Nash County Chair Valerie Steele



Left - Ronnie Chatterji won the Democratic Primary for State Treasurer.



Right – Brenda Pollard and Chair Wayne Goodwin



New Hanover County Democratic Stars:

County Chair Richard Poole

Stephanie Fetzer

Elli Klein

Siara Divel

Seventh Congressional District Chair

Sonya Bennetone



Elaine Berry, Jacqui Laukaitis, and Yvette Gaboury of Alamance County



Mayor Michael Bloomberg with Mecklenburg DW President Lisa Ellsworth



**SEC Member Nervahna Crew
and DNC Member John Verdejo
happily promoted Jessica Holmes'
Campaign for Commissioner of Labor.**



JUDGE CHRIS BROOK!

Our highly respected Democrat, Judge Chris Brook of the NC Court of Appeals, was the Keynote Speaker at the North Carolina Open Government Coalition's Sunshine Day. The Open Government Coalition works with journalists, academics, and the public at large on issues related to open and transparent government.

The Sunshine Day was held at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro. Judge Brook inspires people everywhere he goes.



THE COLLINS FAMILY DECIDES TO DRESS UP ONE NIGHT

DURING THE QUARANTINE!

Like most North Carolina families, the prominent Collins family of Raleigh have been dining in their casual, relaxed clothing during the quarantine.

One night recently they decided to lift their spirits by dressing up for dinner.

What a difference their change of styles made!

Maegan Collins is on the front row.

NC Court of Appeals Judge

Allegra Collins,

Superior Court Judge

Brian Collins

and their son, Nolan,

are behind her,

in this cheerful picture!



JUDGE LORA CUBBAGE HONORED AT RECEPTION!

Many citizens from the Union-Mecklenburg area turned out for a recent **WOMEN FOR CUBBAGE** reception held for Judge Lora Cubbage at the Union County home of Mr. Willie Waddell. Judge Cubbage's campaign for a seat on the NC Court of Appeals is growing in strength every day!

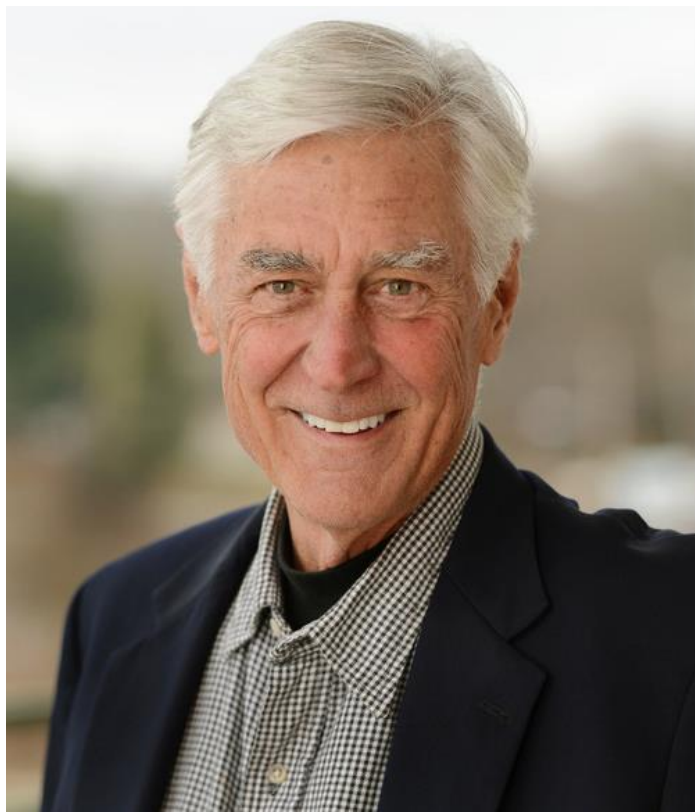
From the left the picture above includes new Monroe City Council Member Angelia Louellen-James, State Representative Mary Belk, Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles, Judge Cubbage, the host Willie Waddell, Union County District Court candidate Tiffany Wilson, and State Representative Carolyn Logan.



Angelia James with Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles.
Angelia was recently elected to the City Council of Monroe in Union County



Two brilliant leaders: Mayor Vi Lyles and Judge Cubbage



EDWARD PHIFER, III ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN FOR NC SENATE REPRESENTING AVERY, BURKE, AND CALDWELL!

Democrat Edward Phifer, III bought cheer to the people of State Senate District 46 when he recently kicked off his campaign.

He released a statement saying he “seeks to represent the values, needs, and goals of the people of this district where my family has lived for many generations.”

He attended UNC-CH, served two years in the US Navy and graduated from Appalachian State.

His career in furniture manufacturing led to preserving many jobs in North Carolina while many other furniture jobs were shipped to Asia.

He and two other men formed EJ Victor

Furniture Company which has been a successful furniture company for many years. He is still on the company’s Board of Directors. He founded Phifer Lumber Company to remain active in business and the community.

During his life he has served as a Burke County Commissioner for four years and was on the boards of Grace Hospital, the hospital’s Foundation Board, Western Piedmont Foundation Board, his church’s Board of Deacons, the NC Area Board of Mental Health. He has also supported many other community endeavors.

WHAT A FAMILY!

Edward’s family instilled in him by example the value of public service and this legacy goes as far back as his 4th great grandfather Waightstill Avery, a Colonel in the Revolutionary War and the first Attorney General of North Carolina!

Avery County was named for Waightstill Avery when it was established in 1911.

He is married to Rebecca Phifer, a graduate of The Ohio State University and UNC-CH School of Law. She practiced law in various public and private positions before retiring as a State Magistrate in Burke County. They share a son, Justin McLear.

Edward is widely known for his musical talents.

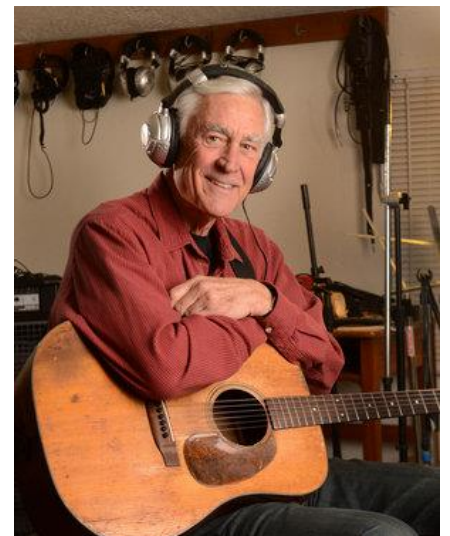
He has entertained many audiences with his guitar performances and vocal renditions.

Everyone is encouraged to learn more about Edward Phifer and his campaign by going to

www.ElectEdwardPhifer4NCSenate.com

You may contact his Campaign Manager Marley Honea at:

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North Carolina Democratic Party