

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

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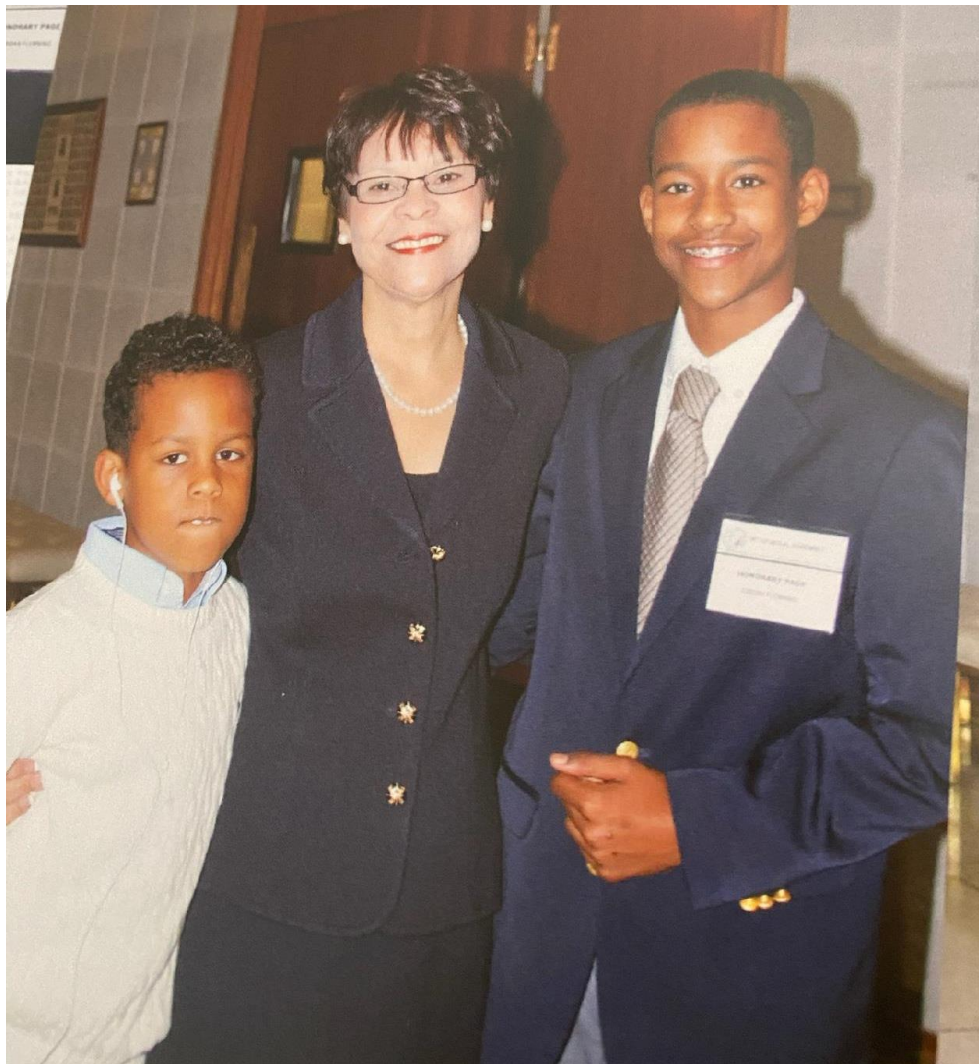
LAUREL KILGORE, NATASHA SMITH

YOUTH FEATURES:

JENNA KUBIAK, JULIAN WOODS,

BARRY SENG, ETHAN BROOKS

March 16, 2021



SALUTE TO OUR NEW STATE CHAIR

BOBBIE RICHARDSON

WITH HER GRANDSONS, JORDAN AND JUSTIN!



Pictures of Bobbie's family





More Pictures of our new State Chair with her family and friends





**Bobbie and some of her fellow legislators
during her six years as a State Representative**



Bobbie with Nida Allam and State Senator Mike Woodard



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW STATE PARTY LEADERS!



CHAIR
Dr. Bobbie Richardson



1ST VICE CHAIR
Sen. Floyd McKissick



2ND VICE CHAIR
Matt Hughes



3RD VICE CHAIR
Shannon Auer



SECRETARY
Melvin Williams

**The State Executive Committee
Elected This Lineup Of Officers
To Serve 2021 - 2023**

State Chair – Dr. Bobbie Richardson – Franklin County

First Vice Chair – Floyd McKissick – Durham County

Second Vice Chair – Matt Hughes – Orange County

Third Vice Chair – Shannon Auer – Catawba County

Secretary – Melvin Williams – Duplin County

We Have Two More State Party Officers:

The President of the State Association of County Chairs

Jeff Rose – Buncombe County

State Treasurer – Anna Tilghman – Wake County



JENNA KUBIAK & JULIAN WOODS RUNNING FOR COLLEGE DEMS PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT!

**(All Candidates For College Dems Offices and Other Party Offices
Are Invited To Send Your Pictures & Information to melvin535@gmail.com)**

Jenna Kubiak of Appalachian State University and Julian Woods of North Carolina A&T State University have teamed up to run as a ticket for President and First Vice President of the College Democrats of North Carolina.

JENNA KUBIAK – CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT

Jenna is a 20 year-old second year student at Appalachian. Before college, she graduated from Richmond Senior High School in Rockingham, NC.

Jenna is also very active in the Young Democrats of North Carolina in which she serves as Chair of the Women's Caucus. She is also on the State Council of the College Democrats of North Carolina. In addition she worked in the re-election campaign of Representative Ray Russell in Watauga and Ashe counties.





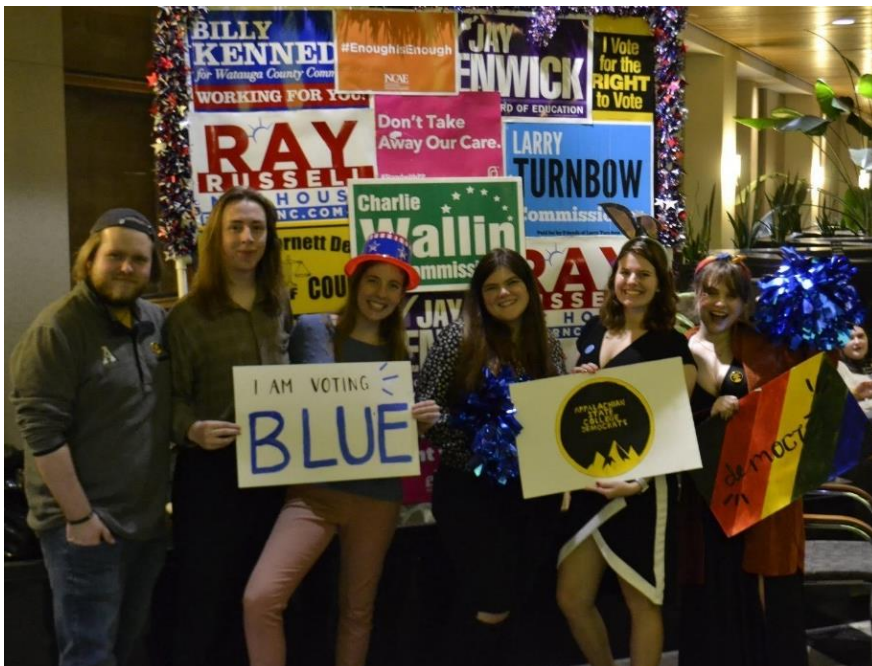
Jenna says: “I am launching the Forward CDNC campaign with Julian Woods because we are both very passionate about youth and rural political organizing. Ever since my first volunteer shift doing voter registration, I have fallen in love with doing the work that helps get Democrats elected locally, statewide, and nationally. This is why I am involved and why I am running to be the next President of CDNC.

“I discovered that I am passionate about grassroots organizing and advocating for a more inclusive Democratic Party. Since then I have worked on campaigns, held leadership positions, and volunteered with the party and candidates.

“I am currently studying Political Science, on the pre-law track.

“In extracurriculars, I am also involved in the Watauga Residential College and the honors program at ASU. I have been a Student Senator with the Student Government Association.

Currently I am applying to App State’s accelerated admissions program to obtain a Master of Arts in Political Science, so I can start taking graduate classes next year while I am finishing up my bachelors degree. After this I plan to apply to law school to hopefully pursue a career in advocacy and electoral law.



My Mom and Dad are Chris and Curt Kubiak. I am the youngest of four siblings: Justin, Kaitlyn, and Toni.

All of us grew up on our family ranch in Rockingham, North Carolina.

Democrats may contact Jenna at kubiakjm@appstate.edu.

Left: Jenna is second from right at the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of College Dems at Appalachian State.



Julian with Labor Commissioner candidate Jessica Holmes and Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley of Massachusetts

JULIAN WOODS – CANDIDATE FOR VICE PRESIDENT

Julian Woods is a 19 year-old sophomore English student at North Carolina A&T University in Greensboro. He is an only child and the son of a single mom.

Julian is a native of Atlanta and he is an avid Atlanta Braves fan. In his free time he enjoys reading, watching Netflix, and spending time with friends and family.

Following his time at NC A&T he plans to earn a joint Master of Public Policy and JD degree. He “aspires to have a career at the intersection of law, public policy, advocacy, and education with the goal of running for office one day.”

Julian says: “Most importantly, I am a proud Democrat. I believe in truth and justice, freedom and opportunity, hope and democracy. I believe in the power of a diverse coalition of North Carolinians to make change in our state.

He continues: “My commitment to Democratic ideals runs deep. From the minute I stepped foot in North Carolina as an A&T student, I have fought hard to elect Democrats.

“I currently serve as the Chapter President of the NC A&T College Democrats where I am able to elevate issues impacting Black and HBCU students as well organized the greater Greensboro community.”

In addition to his work on the local level, he also serves as the State Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) Director for the College Democrats of North Carolina.

Julian says: “This past summer, CDNC took a clear, progressive stand in the fight for social justice by creating a position on the state executive board dedicated specifically to centering the needs of folks from diverse background. CDNC recognizes that the Democratic Party is not strong without the voices of women, rural folks, and folks with disabilities. So we pioneered the State IDEA Director position.”



Julian Registering & Informing NC A&T Students

When asked what he does in the State IDEA Director position, Julian replies:
“I work with local, state, and national college Democrats in order to ensure all North Carolina college students have a seat at the table. My advocacy for diverse communities does not end at the state level. I am proud to serve as the State Federations Coordinator in the National Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility Department with the College Democrats of America. In this role, I work with state federation presidents and executive teams across America to identify best practices for improving diversity and equity through diversity training, constitutional reforms, and the creation of IDEA Departments.”



In conclusion the Kubiak-Woods ticket wants everyone to know that they are committed to expanding the circle of opportunity for college students to get involved in the democratic process. They are also committed to increasing the size and power of college students as a critical voting bloc in North Carolina.

Democrats may contact Julian at:
Juliant6501@gmail.com



**WOULD YOU LIKE AN
INTERESTING, INFORMATIVE
SPEAKER
FOR YOUR COUNTY CONVENTION?**

Barry Seng is a 2019 graduate of the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Minors in Spanish and Art History.

He now lives in Washington where he is a Business Transformation Consultant at Ernst & Young.

However, his passion is serving on the Board of Trustees of Workplace Fairness, a non-profit organization which works to preserve and promote employee rights.

Attendees at County Conventions will be enlightened and encouraged to see Barry make a five, ten, or fifteen minute virtual presentation on why fair treatment of workers is sound public policy and good business practice.

He will explain why free access to comprehensive, unbiased information about worker's rights is an essential ingredient in any fair workplace.

You can easily contact Barry about making a presentation at your County Convention by calling him at 484-661-9120 or writing to him at Barry.Seng@gmail.com.





DEMOCRATS FEEDING CHILDREN IN ROCKY MOUNT!

Strong Wilson County Democrat Colavito Tyson is Chief Executive of Pretty and Precious Girls, Inc., an organization which has partnered with Fairview Elementary School in Rocky Mount where she works to provide food for children. Some of the school staff are shown above packaging boxes of food.

With donations from partners and supporters during the month of February, they were able to put together 41 boxes to feed hungry children.

Colavito said: "My heart went out most when I heard about a little girl who was on ZOOM with her teachers and classmates when she started crying and said she was starving. Her mom had no job and they didn't have any food."

This organization has committed to giving monthly through the end of school in May. Then they will start back in September.



PRETTY AND PRECIOUS GIRLS
NONPROFIT
ACCEPTING CANNED FOOD AND NON-PERISHABLE ITEM

March
Fighting Hunger Together Food Drive For Children

Last Name

A-B Water/Juices	P-Q Chips/Crackers
C-D Canned Vegetables	R-S Cereal/Ramen
E-F Oatmeal/Grits	Noodles
G-H-I Rice/Beans	T-U Luncheon Meat
J-K Applesauce/Jello	V-W Pork & Beans
L-M Canned Spaghetti	X-Y Pop Tarts
N-O Peanut Butter/Jelly	Z- Bathroom Tissue

Proverbs 22:9 A generous person will be blessed for he gives some of his food to the poor.

Democrats may contact Colavito Tyson at 252-266-8230 or

PrettyAndPreciousGirlsNC@gmail.com



SPECIAL FEATURE: DR. LAUREL BIRCH KILGORE – FROM INDIANA TO SCOTLAND TO AFRICA TO RALEIGH!

A recent edition of the GOOD NEWS invited Democrats to nominate SEC Members to be honored in a Special Feature.

Dr. Laurel Birch Kilgore was nominated and she has led a fascinating life so far.

Laurel recently completed her term as the Executive Director of Wake County Democratic Party where she worked to increase 2020 campaign turnout, fundraising and building volunteer teams. She is a strong believer in grassroots organizing.

Prior to being Executive Director Laurel was employed as statewide Regional GOTV Manager in Indiana, a Campaign Manager for a North Carolina legislative race, and a Wake County Field Organizer for Hillary 2016.

**Laurel with Senator
Elizabeth Warren**



She has been a volunteer in political activities and charitable efforts, serving in the Town Council in St. Andrews, Scotland. She was a member of the Scottish Parliament Cross Party Committee for Malawi and organizing, raising funds, forming a team and personally delivering emergency food aid to communities in Malawi, Africa.

Presently, Laurel is a volunteer as Chair of the Advisory Board, Center for Social Accountability and Transparency (CSAT) in Malawi.



Before moving to Wake County with her husband, Sidney, and daughter, Sarah, Laurel completed her PhD in the London School of Oriental and African Studies and later lectured for eight years at St. Andrews University and for a semester at Chancellor College in Zomba, Malawi. She also served on the Board of the Center for African Studies at the University of Edinburgh.

Laurel grew up in Indianapolis and attended DePauw University where she majored in Anthropology and African Studies. Soon after graduation she moved to Washington where she worked in the federal government and worked on international development projects.

Refugees: For more than twelve years Laurel wrote more than 150 reports as an expert on asylum cases from Africa for the United Kingdom Courts including the Upper Tribunal resulting in country guidance changes.

Now Laurel is looking for her next challenge and planning the wedding of her daughter, Sarah, who is with her in the picture above.

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All Democrats are invited to send pictures and written information about people who are elected to Officer positions in their precincts, county parties, district parties, and the SEC.

Be generous with recognition: You can nominate yourself!

Sent everything to: melvin535@gmail.com



SPECIAL FEATURE – NATASHA SMITH!

Natasha Smith of Forsyth County has lived a life filled with digital work for lots of campaigns, conducting lots of training sessions, holding positions in the Democratic Party - and figure skating, Taekwondo, and many other activities.

Her son, Nathaniel, is her pride and joy. In the picture above Nathaniel and Natasha are holding Taekwondo medals which they have earned. Each of them will test for Black Belts this year.

Natasha was a competitive figure skater growing up and then she became a coach when she turned 8. She took skaters to all levels of competitions, coaching at rinks across North Carolina, in Houston, and in New York City.



In 2006 Natasha began competing in West Coast Swing, winning events at the Novice and Intermediate levels across the country.



**Natasha with
one of North
Carolina's
all time
favorites,
Senator Kay
Hagan**

After holding offices in the Forsyth County Democratic Women, the Fifth Congressional District Party, and the Forsyth Young Dems, Natasha left North Carolina so she could expand her career in political activities.

She lived in Washington where she spent a year at Blue Nation Review.

From there she moved to Chicago to be the Chief Email Strategist at Obama For America. Natasha says: "What a year!" She explains: "The only reason I left my OFA family was because we thought Hillary Clinton was going to win in 2016 and we'd close OFA so that Hillary and her people could keep up the grassroots work. Oh well!"

Natasha then went to work at the Chicago Public Schools as Director of Digital Media Strategy.



However, she missed electoral work so in 2017 she went to the National Democratic Training Committee. She wore two hats there: Digital Director and trainer.

Natasha spent a year going around the country training down ticket Democrats on how to run professional campaigns. She says: "Working with those candidates, prospective candidates and state party people fed my soul in a way nothing else could."

She then had the opportunity to be the Senior Vice President of Digital Engagement at Freedom for All Americans. She says she "loved the work but she didn't love the bipartisan nature of the organization. I'm a Democrat"

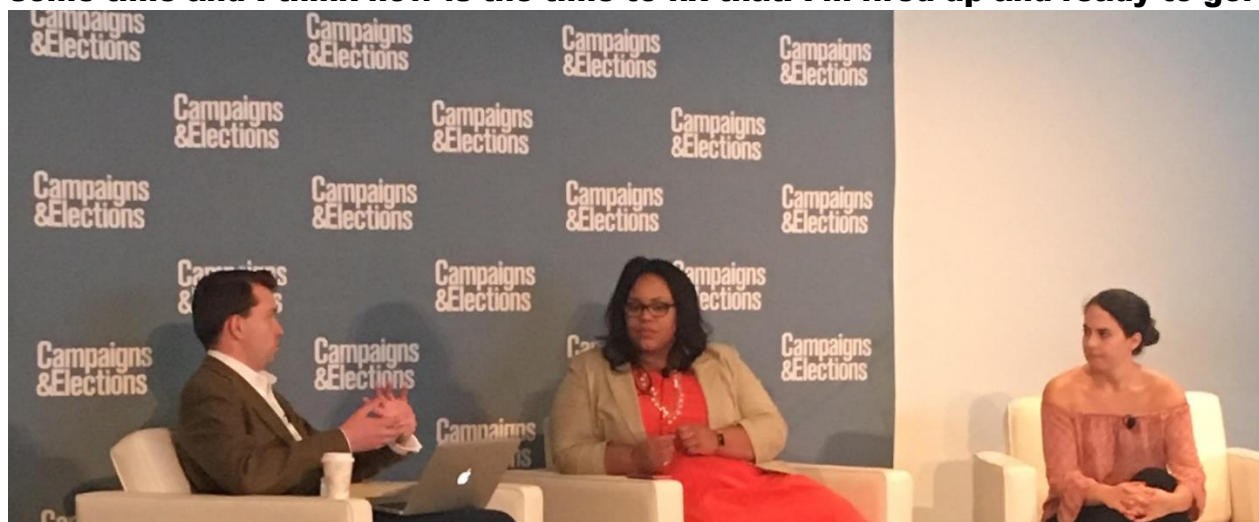


With James Carville and DNC Vice Chair Michael Blake

Then a friend told Natasha that Run The World was looking for a new Director. She describes moving to Run The World as “the best move I’ve made since moving to Chicago to run Senator Obama’s email list. I get to work with federal and statewide candidates who are truly changing the conversation.”

In the 2020 election cycle she worked with Valerie Plame, Desiree Tims, Cameron Webb, Dana Balter, Cynthia Wallace and many more. For the 2022 election cycle she has already lined up Alex Lasry, Jennifer McClellan, Jana Lynne Sanchez, and some more candidates who haven’t publicly announced their intentions yet.

When asked about her future goals, Natasha said “I still haven’t worked on a presidential campaign in a general election. Who knows what 2024 will bring. I would love to see us have a successful election in 2022. Midterms haven’t gone well for us in quite some time and I think now is the time to fix that. I’m fired up and ready to go!”



Natasha on a Campaigns & Elections panel



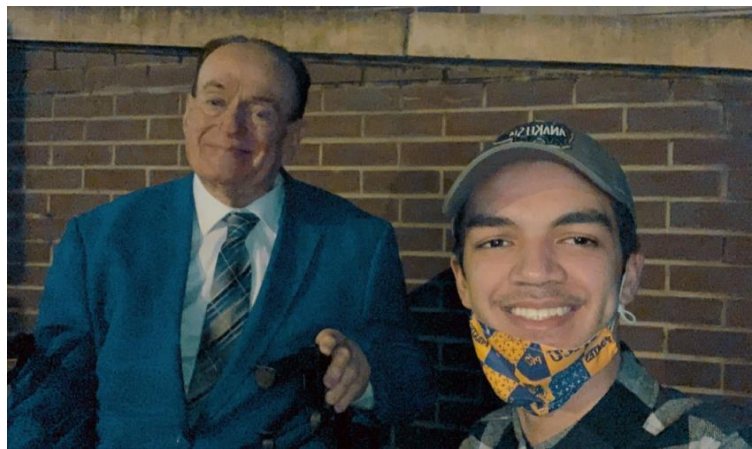
AN 18 YEAR-OLD NOTARY PUBLIC?

Ethan Brooks of Wake County is a Democrat on the move! He decided to graduate from Vernon Malone College & Career Academy a full semester ahead of most of his classmates so he could enter college one semester earlier.

He enrolled at East Carolina University in January of this year. He is living on campus in Greenville. His major is Business Administration with a concentration in Marketing.

Ethan took a Wake Tech Notary Public course online. He has now completed the course and he took his Oath of Office at the Register of Deeds office in the Wake County Justice Center in Raleigh. Joining him for the ceremony were his uncle and aunt, Bob and Edna Williams of Garner.

Although he just recently turned 18, Ethan has already knocked on thousands of doors for the Democratic Party.



Last week when NCDP Secretary Melvin Williams was in Greenville for an appointment with an ophthalmologist, Ethan gave him the full East Carolina experience. He presented an ECU necktie, an ECU tee shirt, and an ECU metallic drinking glass to Melvin.



Mike McIntyre
receives the
**DISTINGUISHED
SERVICE AWARD**
from the
North Carolina State Bar



NC BAR HONORS MIKE MCINTYRE!

The North Carolina State Bar recently presented its DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD to longtime Congressman Mike McIntyre. Mike McIntyre represented the Seventh Congressional District in Congress for eighteen years. The district was composed of nine southeastern North Carolina counties. Congratulations, Congressman!

AN OPEN INVITATION!

All Democrats are invited to send pictures and articles of Precinct Officers, County Party Officers, Congressional District Officers, SEC Members, and other Democrats to:

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Don't Be Shy: Nominate Yourself To Be In The GOOD NEWS!

**Your Democratic Friend,
Melvin Williams, State Secretary
North Carolina Democratic Party**