

GOOD NEWS ABOUT DEMOCRATS!

MAY 11, 2020



OUR STATE CHAIR ON MOTHER'S DAY!

NCDP State Chair Dr. Bobbie Richardson and her daughter, Tarcia Fleming, spent Mother's Day with Bobbie's mother, Mrs. Pattie S. Richardson, who is 96 years old. What a heartwarming picture!



BIRTHDAY ON MOTHER'S DAY!

For Judge Lora Cabbage of Guilford County and her twin sister, their birthday occurred on Mother's Day this year. So they had a double celebration.

Can you tell which lady is Judge Cabbage?

Answer: She is on the right.

In 2020 Judge Cabbage received 2,600,632 votes in her campaign for a seat on the NC Court of Appeals.



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Appalachian State University



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**MEET THE NEW OFFICERS OF THE
COLLEGE DEMOCRATS OF NORTH CAROLINA!**



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Political Director



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Appalachian State University**



**Jonah Perrin – Development Director
Duke University**



DARE DEMOCRATS WELCOME RETT NEWTON!

On April 24th a group of friendly Dare County Democratic leaders met with Mayor Rett Newton of Beaufort. The Mayor has announced that he is running for US Senate in 2022. These leaders listened intently as Mayor Newton shared his goals and ideas.

From the left are:

Gregory Testa, First Vice Chair of the Dare Democratic Party

Cyndi Sarfan, Vice President of the Progressive Caucus

Mayor Rett Newton, candidate for US Senate

Alicia Wingate, Vice President of the Dare Democratic Women

Susan Harman-Scott, President of the DW of Dare and SEC Member

**Bob Muller, former Mayor of Nags Head and Data Coordinator of the
Dare County Democratic Party**

Kathy McCullough-Testa, President of the Progressive Caucus & SEC Member

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**This publication welcomes pictures and articles
from all Democratic candidates for US Senate,
US Congress, the General Assembly, and all other
Democratic candidates.**

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Lynn Dorfman, Chair



Gavin Gabriel, 1st Vice Chair



Gene Biggerstaff, Treasurer



Sarah Sakatos, 3rd Vice Chair



Deborah Hollingsworth, 2nd Vice Chair



Toni Abernathy, Secretary

CATAWBA COUNTY ELECTS TERRIFIC OFFICERS

FOR 2021 – 2023!

(In Order Shown Above)

COUNTY CHAIR – LYNN DORFMAN

FIRST VICE CHAIR – CALVIN GABRIEL

TREASURER – GENE BIGGERSTAFF

THIRD VICE CHAIR – SARAH SAKATOS

SECOND VICE CHAIR - DEBORAH HOLLINGSWORTH

SECRETARY – TONI ABERNATHY



CATAWBA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY HONORS NANCY MILLER WITH SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY AWARD!

At their 2021 County Convention, the Catawba County Democratic Party presented outgoing Treasurer Nancy Miller (left) with the “SPIRIT OF DEMOCRACY AWARD!”

Nancy Miller has been actively involved with the party for 16 years. On top of that, she served eight years as treasurer. She has also been a campaign treasurer and has generously given her time to support other treasurers, such as when she recently trained the new Dem Woman and Young Dems treasurers.

She is a highly valued team player. At the County Convention, there were tributes from the four County Chairs – Cliff Moone, Marcus Williams, Ric Vandett, and Lyn Dorfman – who Nancy supported as Treasurer.

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THIRD OF JULY EVENT COMING!

On the Third of July Kim Naff and her event committee are planning a big pot luck social gathering at Joanie Gardner’s Sherrill Ford home from 4 – 7PM.



ALL CATAWBA DEM GROUPS ARE HAVING A VERY ACTIVE 2021!

Aubrey Helms, First Vice Chair of the Catawba Democratic Women, reports about the great work the Dem Women are doing for community outreach. Their most recent event was on May 1st at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Catawba Valley in Kenworth precinct in Hickory.

YOUNG DEMS RECHARTERED – THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR!

Their Officers Are:

President – Nicole Marie Jacobs

Secretary – Toni Abernathy

Vice President – John David Whitener

Treasurer – Sarah Sakatos

They received a \$1,000.00 donation from the Catawba Democratic Party!



Kim Naff and her Democratic events committee are hosting a big July 3rd social gathering at Joanie Gardner's Sherrill Ford home from 4PM to 7PM. The picture on the left shows the view from Joanie's deck. Everyone is invited to bring food.



A STUNNING COUPLE DANCES!

Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls and her husband enjoyed a dinner and dance on May 1st. All North Carolina Democrats are proud of Anita Earls!



WAKE DEMS IN THE *Community*



Morrisville Democrats Earth Day Litter Cleanup at Morrisville Park April 18, 2021



Apex Dems Trail Cleanup at Apex Community Park April 24, 2021



Find more community events at mobilize.us/wakedems

**TWO GROUPS OF WAKE DEMOCRATS
CONDUCT LITTER CAMPAIGNS!**



WARREN COUNTY ELECTS TALENTED ROSTER OF PARTY OFFICERS!

COUNTY CHAIR YARBROUGH WILLIAMS RE-ELECTED TO HIS FOURTH TERM!

Delegates to the 2021 Warren County Democratic Convention were happy to re-elect Yarbrough Williams to another term because they appreciate his leadership and organizational skills.

Williams was born and raised in Warren County. He is an active member of Coley Springs Missionary Baptist Church, serving as Chair of the Capital Projects Committee, a member of the Scholarship Committee and advisor to the Pastor and the Trustees.

Williams is a lifelong Democrat, involved with political activities since he was a young man, working alongside and learning from others like Ernest Turner, Melvin Tunstall and Eva Clayton. He started as a community organizer, was a Precinct Chair for many years, and helped organize the county's Political Action Council.

This County Chair is the proud father of five children, grandfather of nine, and great grandfather of one girl! He is happiest with his family, traveling with his wife, Shauna, working around his farm or out fishing!

Williams taught school in Franklin County for 33 years and served on the Warren County Board of Education for many years including eight years when he was Chair. He mentored hundreds of students and helped many find jobs and careers. He showed others by example that they could become entrepreneurs. Williams has owned and operated a number of businesses over the years.

One of Yarbrough Williams' strengths is his knowledge of Warren County, the people in the county, and the physical layout of the county. In his first term as Chair he got all 14 precincts organized and started a branch of Young Democrats in 2016.

He has also helped drive the high voter turnout in Warren County, garnishing an award from the First Congressional District for having the highest percentage turnout in 2016. Last year he received another award for helping build a high African American turnout in the election.

Under this outstanding Democrat's years of leadership, the Warren County Democratic Party is more inclusive and diverse.

DIANA MOODY, WARREN COUNTY FIRST VICE CHAIR!

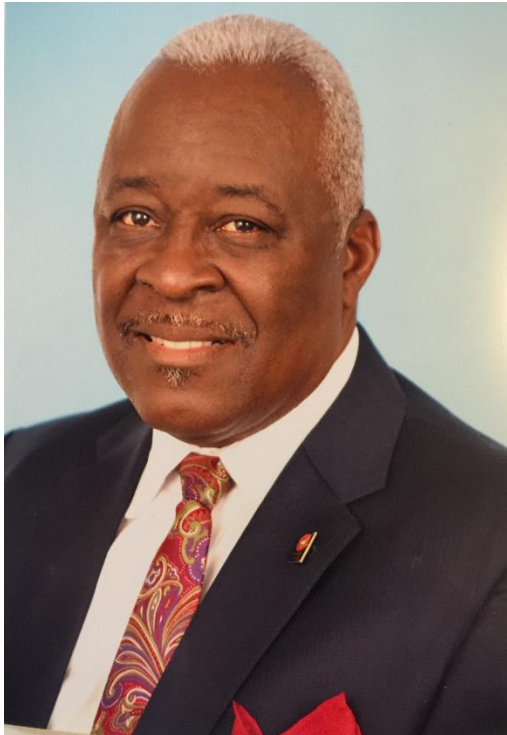
Warren County Democrats elected Diana Moody to her second term as First Vice Chair of the Warren County Democratic Party.

She is the oldest of five children and she is married to Donald Moody. Their one child, a son, preceded his parents in death.

After graduating from Littleton High School, she earned her Bachelor's Degree from Shaw University.

This proud grandmother of two worked for the Halifax County local government for 32 years. She is a member of Elams Chapel United Church of Christ, where she is quite active. In addition, Moody serves as Assistant Secretary for the Henderson Fellowship District, President of District #3 Missionary Union, Secretary of the North Carolina Sunday School Convention of the United Church of Christ and Secretary of the organization's Commissioner on Ministry. She has served as President of the Board of Directors and Secretary of Church Women.

She states, "My greatest desire in this Christian walk is to be a servant to others as Jesus was."



SECOND VICE CHAIR, ROBERT TERRY!

Robert Terry, Jr. is a native of Warren County. After high school he completed his training and certification as a machine shop operator in 1969 at the Wilson Technical Institute. He met his wife, Ivoria, there and they have been married for 51 years! He went on to earn degrees from Shaw University and the National School of Theology. Today he is a Bishop in the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

In 1980 Bishop Terry established a church in Warrenton, now called Refuge Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ. He has been Pastor there for more than 34 years. He has held a number of positions within the larger church body.

He volunteered for the US Army. He and his new wife spent 18 months in Germany where their first child was born. He spent two years on active duty during the Vietnam War. Then he joined the NC Army National Guard, becoming the first African American Chaplain in the history of that organization. Later he worked with Seaboard Railroad, Carolina Telephone, and the NC Department of Corrections. He is also Chair of the Warren County Political Action Committee.



JOE MANN THIRD VICE CHAIR!

Julius “Joe” Mann was re-elected as Third Vice Chair at the 2021 Convention.

He is an active citizen in Warren County where he serves on numerous county committees and can often be seen and heard at the monthly board meetings of the Warren County Commissioners. Mann says that retirement has proven to be busier than his working career.

Joe has lived all over the country, but his last paid position was as an Instructor of Computer Science for Tidewater Community College in Norfolk, Virginia.

Joe notes that he is proud of his service to Warren County. He says, “I look forward to continuing to serve my community and my fellow citizens of Warren County.”

WARREN COUNTY SECRETARY, MEREDITH HUNTER!

Meredith Hunter is originally from Lexington, North Carolina and is a graduate of Appalachian State University.

She and her husband, Ben, have two children. She works for Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC as a Group Market Lead.

Active in her community, Meredith was re-elected to serve another term as Secretary of the Warren County Party.

She and her family are members of the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church where she serves on the Parsonage Committee.

Meredith and her family love to spend time outdoors, whether taking long walks through town, swimming at Kerr Lake or hiking in the mountains.





WARREN COUNTY TREASURER LATASHUA HARGROVE!

After attending Warren County public schools, LaTashua Logan Hargrove studied at Shaw University and received an Associate Degree in Applied Science from Halifax Community College. In addition, she holds a NC Life Health and Medicare Supplement License and is a NC Notary public.

Hargrove has worked for more than 35 years in retail and finance, currently employed at PNC Bank in Henderson, NC.

She is an Advisory Board member of Smart Start in Vance County.

She is a member of Olive Grove Missionary Baptist Church in Littleton, where she is the Church Secretary.

LaTashua loves spending “priceless time” with family whether it’s on vacation, baby sitting or just out walking with her husband, Malvin, her mom, her sisters, children or grandchildren. (Malvin is the correct name of her husband.)

She told the Convention, “Thank you for allowing me to serve our Party and be a part of a much needed and imperative cause.”

JOHNNY SHAVER GRADUATES FROM UNC-W!

In 2020 Johnny Guadalupe Shaver was an Official Delegate to the Democratic National Convention from the Seventh Congressional District.

Now he has graduated from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington with a degree in Political Science and History.

His parents, Maria and Gregorio, are very proud of Johnny’s achievement. Johnny grew up in Duplin County. He now lives in New Hanover.





MAYA PARKER GRADUATES FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY!

Maya Parker of Martin County graduated from Duke University last week in a ceremony which featured John Legend as Commencement Speaker



This brilliant young lady is the daughter of Democratic District Court Judge Regina Parker and Mr. Norris Parker.

For twenty years Judge Parker has been a District Court Judge in the district that includes Washington, Tyrell, Martin, Beaufort, and Hyde counties.

May your life continue to be filled with success, Maya!



16TH BIRTHDAY OF GWEN WILKINS' GRANDDAUGHTER!

Miss Paris Anderson was honored by a colorful 16th Birthday Party at the Forest Hills Clubhouse in Wilson on April 17th. Her actual birthday was on April 13th. Paris is the granddaughter of SEC Member Gwen Wilkins of Rocky Mount who is a former First Vice Chair of the North Carolina Democratic Party.

In the picture on the right above Paris is with her three brothers: Jayden, Dallas, and L.J. Her only sister, Joniece, lives out of state and could not attend.



In the picture on the left above Paris is with her two grandmothers: Catherine Anderson and Gwen Wilkins.



ALAMANCE ELECTS A GREAT TEAM!

Alamance County received lots of national publicity in 2020. Now in 2021 they have elected a talented team of Party Officer to lead them through 2021 – 2023. Be sure to notice how happy they look in the pictures above!



The new County Chair is attorney Elliott Lynch who is a native of Halifax County. He has lived in Alamance for 27 years. A graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill, he own ValuSystems Computers in Burlington.

Elliott was County Party Secretary from 1998 to 2000.

He strongly challenged the Republicans by running for County Commissioner in 1998 and 2000. He ran for NC House District 64 in 2018.

He is currently First Vice President of the NCDP Native American Caucus.

MARYANNE SHANAHAN, FIRST VC!

Meet a lady who has worked in the campaign of every Democratic candidate since Lyndon Johnson! She worked for decades in nursing, nursing policy, nursing administration, traveling and speaking about healthcare. Then she was owner and chef of an Inn in Maine for 13 years.

These activities took her to Panama, Bolivia, Guatemala, Europe, Chicago, New York, and Maine. She has done political, civic, medical, and pastoral work in all these places.

Since arriving in Burlington, she has been active in the NAACP, ACDP, the Democratic Women, the Augustine Literacy Project, and the Pastoral care ministry at her church. In 2016 she trained as a Fellow in the NC Coordinated Campaign. Since April of 2019 she has been Chair of the ACDP Voter Outreach Committee. She says “I am looking to working with each and all as we focus on the challenging work ahead.”



SEAN EWING, SECOND VICE CHAIR!

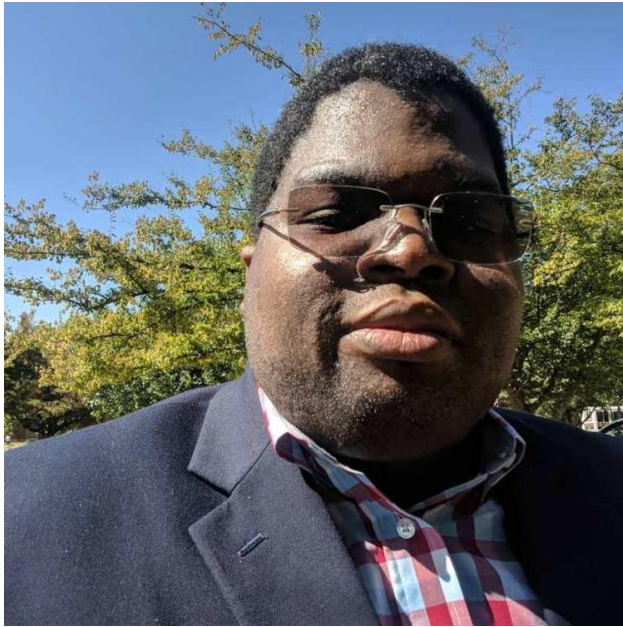
Alamance Second Vice Chair is Sean C. Ewing. Sean says: “My passion and drive is to represent all peoples of North Carolina. I want everyone’s vote to be heard.”

This outstanding Democrat has had a great deal of valuable campaign and election experience in recent years. This has included:

- Elected Mebane City Council Member, 2019
- Elected Alamance County Democratic Party 1st Vice Chair, 2019
- City council Candidate, Mebane, 2017
- Elected County Party Third Vice Chair in 2017
- Elected South Melville Precinct Chair in 2016
- Assisted & Advised Local and Federal Campaigns, 2015-2019

Educational Background:

- B. S. Electrical & Computer Engineering, Ohio State University, 2011
- A. S. in Avionics Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force, 2015



ERNEST LEWIS, THIRD VICE CHAIR!

For Third Vice Chair, Alamance Democrats elected multi-talented Ernest Lewis. He is a double graduate from Wake Forest University where he majored in Music and Religion as well as received a Master of Arts in Management.

In 2007 he was the recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. “Building a Dream Award” at Wake Forest. Ernest is a freelance composer, arranger, conductor, and musician.

He is a 2015 graduate of Elon University School of Law where he served in multiple leadership capacities. While at the Elon School of Law, he served as the SBA Secretary for the 2013-2014 school years. He has served as a case manager for Elon’s Innocence Project. During the summer of 2014 he was selected to be a MLK Fellowship Intern with Legal Aid of North Carolina.

Ernest is an Elon University School of Leadership Fellow. As a Leadership Fellow, he has served in various roles, particularly as an Editor, Interviews Editor and Co-Editor-in-Chief of the Elon University School of Law Journal of Law and Leadership .

Ernest created a band that worked with the Wake Forest Gospel Choir. This is the first time the choir has ever had a band in its 30-year history. He has also served as Minister of Music and Head Musician for the Wake Forest University Gospel Choir and lead keyboardist at Piedmont International Church.

EMMA KENNETT, SECRETARY

Emma is a graduate of Wake Forest University and a former Regional Campaign Manager for the NC Democrats Party. She helped create the Young Dems of Alamance County and is working to sustaining this group.

Emma is working to educate herself on being anti-racist, so that she can help apply what she learns to the Democratic Party in its work to grow and better in our community. our county, and our country. She says: “We cannot help each other if we don’t work to understand and learn from one another. I excited to help serve the Democratic Party of Alamance County as their Secretary!”





ELLEN EDWARDS, TREASURER

For Treasurer, Alamance Democrats re-elected Ellen Edwards who has already served in this position for the past four years. Before being elected Treasurer, Ellen was Secretary of the County Party for two years and one year as Third Vice Chair. Ellen is the Senior Financial Analyst for Corporate and Divisional Accounting at LabCorp in Burlington.

Ellen graduated with a Bachelors of Science in Business Administration from Appalachian State University in 2008. Then she earned a Master of Science in Accounting from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 2009.

Ellen says: "Growing up the child of government employees, the sibling of someone intellectually disabled, and later, conducting single audits of federal programs for various cities, counties, and an American Indian Tribe is what piqued my interest in learning more about our democracy and the services our government provides for our people. She joined the Young Democrats and then the Democratic Women. These experiences led her to service in the County Democratic Party.

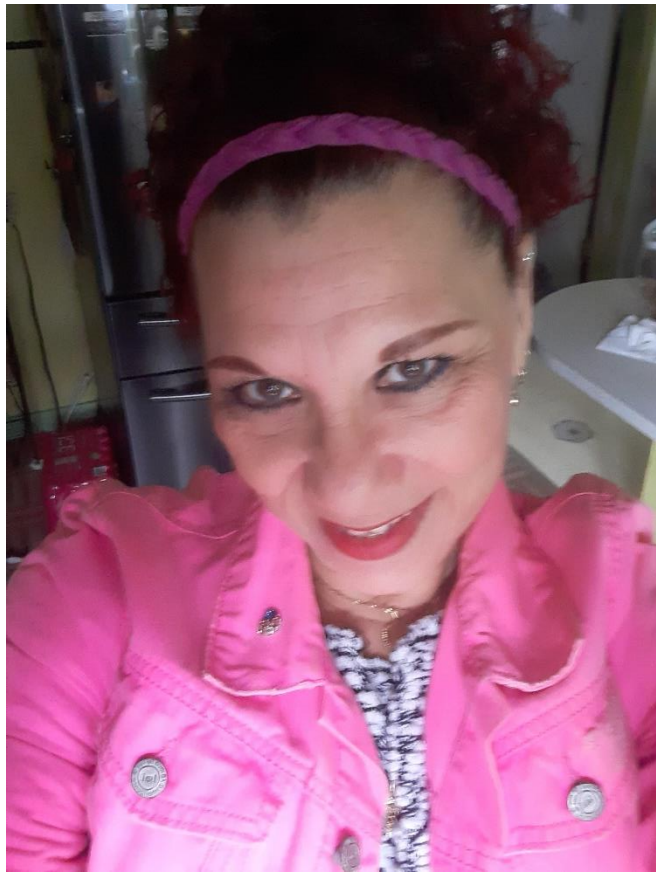


Congratulations!

**2021 NC WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS
HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE**

**SENATOR
SYDNEY BATCH
BATCH, POORE &
WILLIAMS, PC**





**JAYNE WILLIAMS
ANNOUNCES CAMPAIGN
FOR KANNAPOLIS
CITY COUNCIL!
(JAYNE WITH THE Y)**

After serving as a healthcare provider for hospice patients for 30 years, Jayne Williams is a Democrat running in this year's non-partisan campaign for the Kannapolis City Council.

She was born in Paterson, New Jersey. She is the daughter of one of the most famous sport figures of the 20th Century – Rubin Hurricane Carter. Mr.

Carter was a well-known boxer in the 1960s who was wrongfully convicted of a triple homicide at the Lafayette Bar and Grill in Paterson, NJ.

His case became an international cause celebre with many nationally known people working to free him. After more than 19 years in prison, the courts ordered that he be set free. (Tip: Read about Rubin Hurricane Carter. He had a fascinating life.)

Jayne moved to Kannapolis which was her mother's hometown and has rented the same house for more than 20 years. She has five children.

She says, "I have struggled in my life being a single biracial woman trying to raise five biracial children. Most of the time it was hard to even make ends meet. I'm not a rich politician, it's true.

"THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME A GREAT CANDIDATE TO RUN FOR THE KANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL – BECAUSE I AM PART OF THE COMMUNITY."

She closes by saying, "I want to make a difference. I know I can, if I only have the chance. So if you elect me to your Kannapolis City Council, I promise I will dedicate my time to making our community a safer and better place to live and raise our children. TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE IT BETTER!"

Democrats may contact Jayne at: jaynewilliams696@gmail.com

The Young Democrats of North Carolina

recognizing the leadership and initiative of

Onslow County

and marking them as an exemplary club

within our organization confer upon them the

Outstanding Chapter Award

Devonte S. Wilson
President, YDNC

April 17,
2021



ONSLow COUNTY CHAPTER NAMED OUTSTANDING YOUNG DEMS CHAPTER IN THE STATE!

While many people contributed to the success of the Onslow County Young Democrats Chapter, everyone at the recent State YD Convention knew that this chapter was organized and led by its President, Samuel Johnson!

Congratulations to Samuel and all the Young Democrats of Onslow County!





CHRIS & SHELLEY SCHULTE – AND CHILDREN!

Democrats are famous for loving and helping children. Chris and Shelley Schulte of Richlands in Onslow County are among the most loving. They shower their children, Evander and Amelia, with love and a learning environment.

In 2020 Chris was our Democratic candidate for State Representative in House District 4 which is composed of Duplin and part of Onslow counties. He made a strong run and made a lot of friends who would be happy to see him run for an office in 2022.



The family enjoyed celebrating Chris's recent 39th Birthday.



Evander is ready to hit the campaign trail again.



At their April, 2021 Convention, Onslow Democrats unanimously voted for Chris to become their Second Vice Chair.



**MATTHEW ALEXANDER
GRADUATES FROM CAROLINA!**

Four years ago Matthew Alexander of Union County was Executive Vice President of the Teen Democrats of North Carolina and President of the Beta Clubs of North Carolina. A few days ago he graduated from UNC-CH with a Bachelor's Degree in Media and Journalism. His mother, Evalene Alexander, joined him for the Graduation Events.

CONGRATULATIONS, MATTHEW!



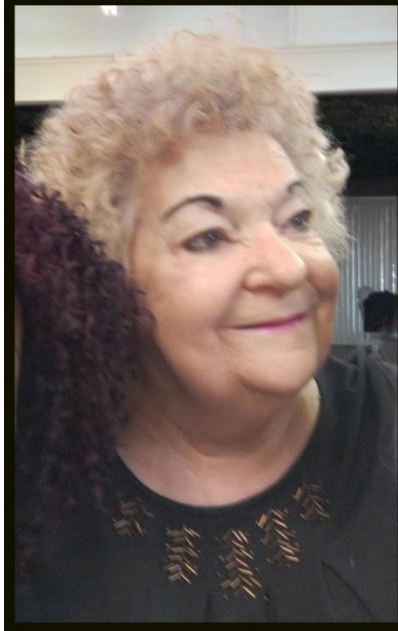
- Kamala Blue & Frose' Drinks
- Democratic Divas
- Erica Smith & Jeff Jackson Speakers



Wayne County

**May 1, 2021
11a.m.**

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TO A BIG EVENT SPONSORED BY THE
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**THIS IS THE SECOND PAGE ANNOUNCING
THE BIG VETERANS & MILITARY FAMILIES EVENT
IN WAYNE COUNTY!**

VIOLA RYALS FIGUEROA IS HEAD OF THIS WAYNE COUNTY CAUCUS!

Building a Grassroots Strategy in North Carolina:

The Democratic Party

Tuesday, May 11, at 7:30pm EST
Register for the Zoom at bit.ly/NCblue



Dr. Bobbie Richardson
Chair, NC Democratic Party



Sen. Dan Blue
Leader, NC Senate Democratic Caucus



Rep. Robert Reives
Leader, NC House Democratic Caucus



Sen. Natalie Murdock
NC State Senator, moderator

ALL DEMOCRATS ARE INVITED

TO JOIN IN THIS BIG EVENT

TONIGHT!

(Tuesday, May 11th)

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