

Winston-Salem College Advisory Board Supplemental Application

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1. As a college student, what three issues concern you most in Winston-Salem and why?
 1. One issue that concerns me about Winston-Salem is the relationship that the city has with food. In many areas of the city food swamps exist of unhealthy food and food deserts of healthy food. I feel, that as college students, we have the ability to create lasting change for the community which we are a part for four years.
 2. Another issue that I am concerned about is the connection between college students and the greater Winston-Salem community. The many universities in the area have a variety of resources as does the city that I am concerned that neither party is fully utilizing. Universities can be a source of research, connections and volunteers while the city provides a great center of culture for students. It would be a great asset if both parties receive the benefits of the other.
 3. One other issue that is of concern is the availability of jobs open to recent college graduates in Winston-Salem. With a difficult economy, it is already a challenge for students to find meaningful employment. As college students, we have created a network of people we know in the city and in surrounding areas and it would be to our advantage to utilize these connections. However, if the jobs are not present then we need to further seek for more employment opportunities. Also if recent college grads stayed in the Winston-Salem area, it may bring a new perspective to the city.
2. Explain a time when your university collaborated with the local community and how this experience benefited both students and the public.

One event that the university and the local community collaborated on that turned out to be a great success was the recent 2013 Earth Day Fair. Local bakeries, musicians and farms came to Wake Forest, set up a tent on our main quad and shared what they did to create a more sustainable culture in Winston-Salem. Also anyone in the Winston-Salem area was welcome to attend the fair. The students and local community enjoyed engaging in a relaxed celebration setting. The students learned more about what was available in

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the Winston-Salem area and the local businesses made some new connections with the student population.

3. What change/effect do you plan to have on the local community before you graduate?

In the next three years, I hope to promote a stronger, more beneficial relationship between college students and the local community. I would like to achieve this goal through a lens of sustainability or any other means. By promoting a more sustainable culture at the university and the local community, not only can we achieve this relationship, but we can also create a more sustainable future.

Signature: Lauren Formica

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