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- 1. As college student, what three issues concern you most in Wir ston-Salem, and why?
  - 1. Lack of Off Campus Housing- There is a lack of housing for college students in Winston-Salem. College students in the city do not have various housing options like students who go to school in Charlotte or Greensboro. These alternate housing options would make students more compelled to stay in Winston-Salem post-graduation, as well as in the summer months when school is out of session.
  - 2. Lack of Job Opportunities Post Graduation- There is a lack of job opportunities for students who have just graduated. When students graduate they want to get a job utilizing the degree that they have just acquired. Many students are forced to leave the city due to this. Winston-Salem should find creative ways to get college students to remain in Winston-Salem once they have graduated. If Winston-Salem is seen as a good place to live, work, and play it will become an attractive place to live for newly graduated students.
  - 3. Campus Safety Many students do not feel safe or secure traveling on or around campus. More must be done to help secure the college campuses in the city. Especially with the changing legislation surrounding gun laws, students want to be ensured that they are safe at all times.
- 2. Explain a time when your college/university collaborated with the local community and how this experience benefited both students and the public.

Before Winston-Salem State's football team made it to the national championship, they had an event called "Meet the Rams." At this event Winston-Salem State invited the local community to come out to Lawrence Joel Coliseum for a day of fun and celebration to meet the football team before they headed to Alabama. The event allowed the players, administration, and coaching staff to thank the local community for their continued support. It also allowed the community to come and meet the players and get a bit of exposure to college life. The event helped to build community morale and a sense of togetherness.

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

Before I graduate I would like to help my University in particular develop a better relationship with the local community. I believe that many students are not aware about what is happening in the city because they "just go to school in Winston-Salem." would like to help change this mindset and encourage my peers to not only give back to the community but become actively involved so that they realize that Winston-Salem is place that they can stay to build their careers and later their family.