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My name is Reeva C, and I am a first-generation college graduate of Clark Atlanta University where I received my Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. I am currently a Graduate student at Wake Forest University pursuing my Master of Science in Management. My passions include advocacy, service, research, the arts, and creativity. I place value on consistently learning, community, finding ways to provide resources to underserved communities, and creating safe spaces for people who are oftentimes overlooked. I am proud to serve as this year's Chair of the Winston-Salem College Advisory



Board, and I am excited to work amongst the talented and dedicated people on the team. I am looking forward to engaging with the Winston-Salem community!

Celebrating the Success of the REACH Women's Network and Salem College Partnership

by Alison Ketchie, Salem College

In the world of education and empowerment, partnerships play a pivotal role in creating opportunities for growth and transformation. The collaboration between REACH Women's Network and Salem College is a shining example of such a successful partnership. Together, they have been working tirelessly to uplift and empower students and mentors, helping them reach new heights and achieve their dreams. The many facets of this dynamic partnership have had a significant impact on education and advancement in leadership. The partnership between REACH Women's Network and Salem College began with a shared vision of empowering students to excel academically and professionally. Both organizations recognized the importance of offering quality education and support to women from all walks of life. With this common goal, they joined forces to create a powerful alliance that has made a tangible difference in the lives of countless individuals. An integral part of this collaboration has been the mentorship and guidance offered to students at Salem College. REACH Women's Network has been instrumental in connecting students with accomplished women from various fields. These mentors provide valuable insights, share their experiences, and offer guidance, helping young women navigate the challenges of academia and the professional world. The mentorship program has not only inspired confidence in students but has also enabled them to build networks and learn from the wis-



dom of seasoned professionals. This aspect of the partnership exemplifies the commitment to fostering holistic growth in students, not just academically, but in their personal and professional lives as well. This collaboration between REACH Women's Network and Salem College has also led to the creation of numerous events and workshops focused on women's empowerment. These events covered a wide range of topics, from leadership development to strength finding, and aimed to equip women and students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in their careers and personal lives. These empowering events have enriched the students and have also attracted women from the wider community. The impact of these initiatives continues to reach beyond the college campus, positively influencing the lives of many involved. Together, REACH Women's Network and Salem College have demonstrated a commitment to community engagement. The collaboration of these two programs encourages students to participate in community service and volunteer work, instilling a sense of responsibility and social consciousness, as well as a strong connection and networking system. This focus on giving back to the community is a testament to the partnership's dedication to creating well-rounded individuals who will, in turn, contribute positively to society. The partnership between REACH Women's Network and Salem College is a remarkable example of what can be achieved when two organizations come together with a shared vision of empowering students. Through scholarships, mentorship, workshops, and community engagement, this partnership has opened doors, shattered barriers, and transformed the lives of countless people. As we celebrate the success of this partnership, it is a reminder of the incredible impact that collaboration and a shared commitment to education and empowerment can have. With REACH Women's Network and Salem College at the forefront, the future is brighter, and the possibilities are endless.

International Village Food & Music Festival

by Jeremiah Washington, FTCC

My time at the local International Village festival was a journey of diversity and excitement. The festival was downtown in Winston-Salem from 11 am to 4 pm. Wandering through the festival grounds, adorned with flags from every country, became a visual journey. The vibrant colors created a living representation of the interconnectedness of Winston-Salem. The festival's air was rich with the enticing aromas of global cuisine emanating from food trucks representing various cultures. More eye-grabbing than the different food trucks were the performances, such as the awe-inspiring Chinese "Middle Eastern Dance" by the North Carolina Wen Hua school, the Mexican Folk Dance by Estrellas Latinas, and the Central American Folk Dance by Mari-

posas de Colores and many others. The Brazilian Arts project created a lively atmosphere with a Samba lesson, where cultural barriers melted away in the universal language of dance. The Samba was a personal highlight as participants became part of the performance with the performers and formed precious memories with family and friends. The reggae beats of Lion Tracks provided a lively finale, creating a collective rhythm that echoed throughout downtown Winston-Salem. As the day drew close, a moment of realization and appreciation washed over me. In the heart of downtown Winston-Salem, I marveled at the cultural tapestry that was not confined to the festival but reflected the rich diversity inherent within the community. The local International Village Festival, hosted downtown in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, with its variety of cultural performances, global culinary delights, and the sense of community fostered by dedicated volunteers, became more than an event – it was a celebration of our shared humanity. Joining the convergence of cultures, I witnessed a day where diversity wasn't just celebrated but lived, breathed, and etched into the hearts of all who partook in this global marvel.

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