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Wake Forest University School of Business Corporate Fellows attend a class.

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Opportunity for a hand up

By Sommer Brokaw

THE TRIANGLE TRIBUNE

WINSTON-SALEM - Evan Raleigh received a Corporate Fellowship award to pursue a master's degree in management.

Raleigh, a political science graduate of Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, is one of several black professionals among the eight students to receive the WFU School of Business Corporate Fellowship award. The award, for eligible minority students and students who've taken a leadership role in diversity efforts, covers full tuition for the 10-month program plus a \$21,000 stipend for living expenses. Fellows also get personal mentoring from a

high-level executive at a major corporation, hands-on experience to enhance classroom education and a chance to get a job at their sponsor company after graduation.

"As far as the financial aspect is concerned, a graduate education for me wasn't really feasible without some financial support," Raleigh said. "Aside from the financial aspect, it's given me an opportunity to be mentored by a leading professional."

The Wake Forest M.A. in Management is an intense program specifically designed for recent liberal arts, sciences or engineering graduates who want to learn business fundamentals before beginning their

careers.

"I'd recommend it to anyone who is coming from a liberal arts program and is looking to move into business," Raleigh said. "I think this program is a perfect bridge; it supplements the liberal arts education with quantitative skills you'll need in business. It's definitely pushed me, and I succeeded in things I didn't think I was good at as an undergrad."

Business Dean Steve Reinemund, former chairman and CEO of Pepsico, developed the program early this year to build a student body mirroring diversity in the workplace. He has made it a priority to promote diversity and inclusion throughout the business

world, receiving national awards for those efforts. At Wake Forest, one of his first orders of business was to create and implement more meaningful ways to increase diversity among the student body.

"In a globalized economy such as ours, the most fundamental thing that business schools can do is turn out exceptional leaders who represent the diverse population of the United States and the world," Reinemund said.

Leading partners for the 2010 fellowships are Alex Lee, BB&T, Flow Automotive, Frito-Lay, Hanesbrands, Primo Direct, Reynolds American and VF Corporation.

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Cost of incarceration is keen during holidays



Derrell Adams and his mother at the mall.

By Patrice Gaines

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"The Cost of Incarceration" is an eight-part occasional series written by Patrice Gaines, former Washington Post reporter; author and co-founder of The Brown Angel Center, a program in Charlotte, N.C. that helps formerly incarcerated women become financially independent. Gaines received a 2009 Soros Justice Media Fellowship from the Open Society Institute to research and write articles on the impact of mass incar-

ceration on the black community.

WASHINGTON - This is the 19th Christmas Miquelle West has celebrated without her mother.

"I think about getting married and having children, and then I think 'My mother is not here,'" said West, who was 9 when her mother went to prison. "I think the system is set up to be mean to families." Indeed, there are institutional reforms that could be made to enhance the lives of children with incarcerated parents - fairer sentences for

their parents with the possibility of parole; drug rehabilitation in prison, community alternatives to prisons or incarcerating people closer to home.

"We get so caught up on what the parent has done wrong that we become wrong-doers [to the children] without meaning to," said Susan D. Phillips, assistant professor at Jane Addams College of Social Work at the University of Illinois in Chicago. There are 2.3 million children with incarcerated parents. When children are sep-

arated from their parents for reasons like military service, divorce, death or illness, they receive compassion and aid to ease their distress. Morally, children with incarcerated parents deserve the same. But instead they inherit a stigma and suffer shame.

After interviewing children and families in 14 states, Dee Ann Newell and Nell Bernstein drew up the "Bill of Rights for Children of the Incarcerated," a list of needs expressed by the interviewees. They included "I have the right to speak with, see and touch my parent" and "I have the right not to be judged, blamed or labeled because of my parent's incarceration."

The rights are sometimes in conflict with institutional practices today, but the authors believe it is essential to start from the child's perspective to work on what is possible.

West's mother was convicted of conspiracy to sell cocaine and drug-related murder charges. West, 27, was raised by her grandmother and an aunt in Detroit. Her mother was shipped to prison in Danbury, Conn. The two spoke weekly and corresponded through letters. Then, at age 21, West moved to New York so she could catch the train to visit her mom as often as possible. Today, West, a fashion stylist and a manager at a high-end retail store, attributes her suc-

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Child sex slavery a growing problem

Growing number of cases suggest more kids are being abused

By Jesse Muhammad

THE FINAL CALL

The tragic case of 5-year-old Shaniya Davis, whose funeral was paid for by NBA star Shaquille O'Neal, brought focus to the problems of sexual selling and children.

Her mother, Antionette Davis, is charged with human trafficking and child abuse involving prostitution. Mario McNeill is charged with murder, rape and kidnapping. The mother, who has a history of drug abuse, allegedly sold the little girl for a sexual encounter. Some 2,000 people attended the funeral last month after the young victim's body was found in early November beside a rural road in North Carolina.

Federal prosecutors in New York have said that a young woman from Mexico was smuggled over the border and forced to work as a prostitute for years in Brooklyn. The remains of an infant were found in concrete at the home where she was held prisoner. The woman was beaten so frequently by her captors, sometimes with bricks and wooden boards, that scars and bruises covered her body, according to a federal affidavit. Domingo Salazar and his wife, Norma Mendez, are accused of sex trafficking and were being held without bail at Final Call press time.

When Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents interviewed the woman, she had a broken nose, swollen eye scars from cuts and a disfigured finger from an old break. She

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Project builds economic strength

By LaRisa Lynch

THE FINAL CALL

CHICAGO - A social experiment that aims to change how blacks shop started over a dinner table at a swank downtown restaurant.

John and Maggie Anderson were celebrating their wedding anniversary and chatted about the social ills impacting the black community. They discussed how black purchasing power is nearing a trillion dollars, but that money rarely circulates back into the community. Then the bill came.

"Wow, we just spent a couple hundred dollars on our dinner, and we were discussing these issues and then going back home and really nothing happens substantially," said John Anderson, a financial advisor with a Harvard degree and an MBA from Northwestern University.

"We figured that a lot of our problems come from the fact that our communities don't have the money to be the vibrant wonderful places that we deserve," added Maggie Anderson, a University of Chicago alum. "We knew that and still didn't do anything."

The Chicago area couple realized that they were part of the problem, but thought of an unconventional solution. For a year, they decided to forgo shopping at the Wal-Marts and Targets of the world and buy all their necessities from food, clothing and furniture from quality black-owned businesses or professional service providers. The couple's buy black campaign, or

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