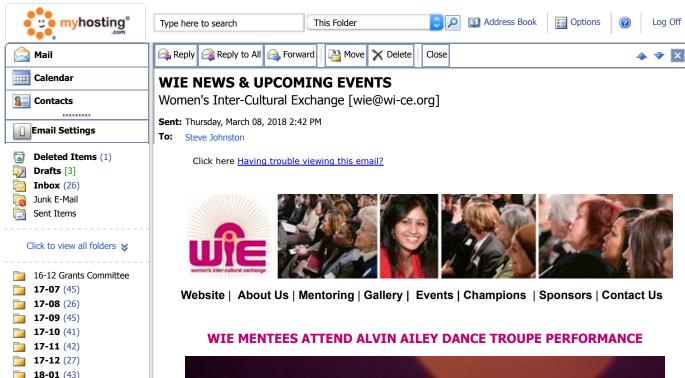
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The Alvin Ailey Dance Troupe dancing "Revelations"

The **Women's Inter-Cultural Exchange (WIE)** mentees from **Garinger High School** and their mentors experienced the thrill of a lifetime on February 27th when they visited the Blumenthal Performing Arts Center and saw the **Alvin Ailey Dance Troupe** perform. When asked what they liked about the performance, one mentee replied, "When they were dancing about freedom it reminded me of when I was getting away from the war in Kenya for freedom". Another stated "I loved the choreography and the uniforms and how everything matched the mood of the dance and the colors how the vibrancy and dullness each complimented each other beautifully". They also saw the Broadway musical "**Finding Neverland**" along with their several mentors and friends in October.

Before the performance, the mentees and mentors had dinner together at Cantina 1511 sponsored by Mentor **Alyshia Osborne** of the Charlotte Center City Partners. Additional thanks to the **Joan Zimmerman** and the **Blumenthal Performance Arts Center** for sponsoring this event.

The **WIE Mentoring Across Difference** program was developed to complement the students' leadership and development skills and allow them to be more visible to senior level people, both in businesses and the community. It's an opportunity for these students to receive guidance from leaders they may normally not have access to. This program ensures promising students are nurtured by others who are willing to share their time, experiences and formulas for success in a global society.

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FOR THE EXPANSION OF DEMOCRACY

You are invited to a free screening and post-show audience discussion of the historical documentary film, **Chairman Jones: An Improbable Leader** detailing the visionary leadership of James Henry Jones who became a trailblazer during the 1969 desegregation crisis in Northampton County. His journey from sharecropper to North Carolina's first black school board chairman inspires audiences and offers lessons for today, if we are willing to listen.

MARCH 22, 6PM
New Science Center
Johnson C. Smith University
Charlotte, NC

The event is free, but space is limited. <u>Don't delay! Click here to register.</u>

WBTV's Steve Crump will facilitate a post-show audience conversation with panelists: Anna Jones (director and narrator of the film), 2017 Charlottean of the Year Dorothy Counts-Scoggins, and Friday Fellow Dr. Amy Hawn Nelson to reflect on how this story of citizen leadership, patriotism, education inequality, and race relations during the Jim Crow and School Desegregation eras can help us see the present more clearly and move us into a new tomorrow.

Please join us! We are looking forward to a meaningful conversation on an important issue in our communities and need your participation.

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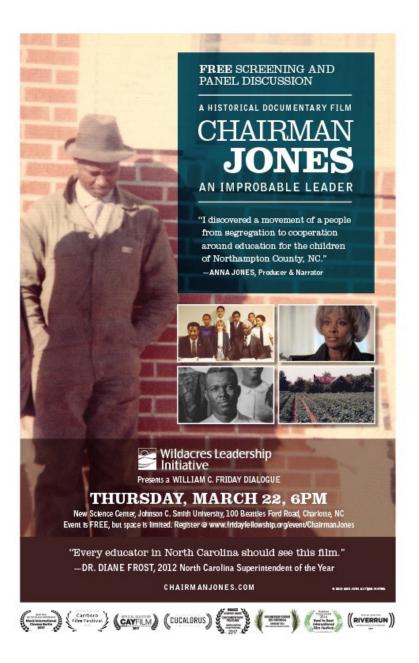
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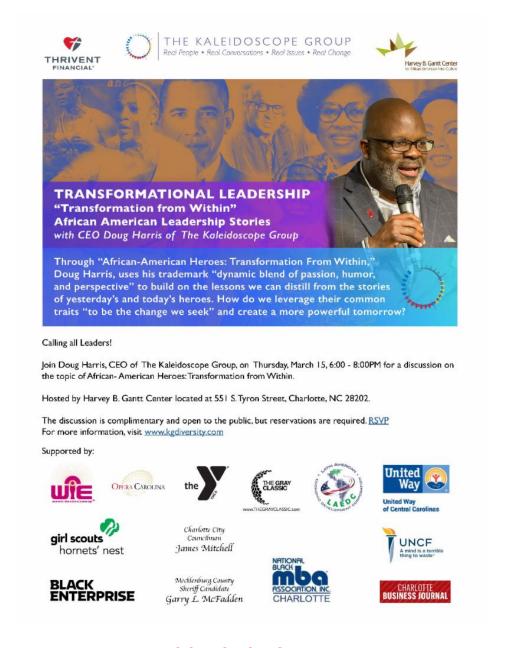
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