

COLLABORATIONS

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A Season, A Reason, A Lifetime

“People come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. When you figure out which it is, you will know exactly what to do.” - Brian A. Chalker

As **The Do School (TDS)** approaches six years of existence, I reflect on the evolution that has shaped these formative years. Taking an idea, moving through the steps to mold and shape it, helping to birth it into reality, and gently guiding the early years, it’s all been an exciting endeavor. This **season** would not have been if not for the underlying and appointed reason.

The **reason** behind any decision gives purpose, direction, and confidence to push forward. My reason: The lives being touched, as well as the relationships built along the way. Both fit well with this project manager and educator by trade. Projects have a start and end date. Learning development takes root and peaks signaling that it is time to move into the next phase.

Learning itself never stops, but cycles progress, building on the earlier foundation. A special key to life contentment and satisfaction is the relationships built and gained along the way. It’s give and take. It’s the good along with the bad. It’s the head and the heart. These interactions help you weed out what’s best for you. Keep the good, move on from the bad, hold on to the special (above and beyond); keep learning along the way. And from the revolving doors of this nonprofit (and life itself), some relationships will be for a **lifetime**. I’m thankful for those.

As the evolution continues, there will be many more years to identify many more reasons, seasons and lifetime moments.

Willette Mosby-Reynolds

Message from the Board Chair



The Do School reached another milestone this quarter with the successful completion of “Learning Lab #5.” This home has received its Certificate of Occupancy from the Winston Salem inspections department. This formerly vacant home is now ready to provide a wonderful residence for its next occupants. Of note, this is our first project working directly with the property owner. We are grateful to the Scippio family for entrusting The Do School with this project.

The Do School is proud of all our graduates. There are three that I want to highlight here. Antonio (Learning Lab 4) is working as a home remodeler. More than that, he has a secure home, his own transportation and a vision for his future. Vanessa and Sincere (Learning Lab #5) have enrolled and are currently taking part in Goodwill’s National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) certification program. The Do School is excited to see where they will land soon.

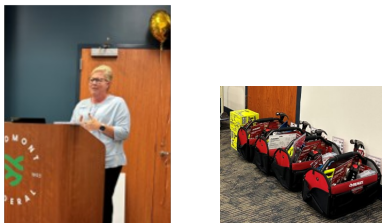
The Do School recently met with Winston-Salem Mayor Allen Joines. We are very grateful to the mayor for taking time to meet with us. Mayor Joines quickly took action to connect The Do School with other city officials that can help The Do School identify properties that may be available for renovation but are not on the open market.

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Commercial Break

Listed below is a brief recap of some impactful moments since our last publication:

- ❑ Cohort #6 graduated on Saturday, March 28th. About 60 members of family and supporters attended the **Graduation Recognition Reception** in celebration of the four recent graduates. For the very first time, the graduates were gifted tools and toolkits to help jumpstart their careers by the **Shallow Ford Foundation**. Foundation CEO **Emmy Corn** made the presentations.



- ❑ Students of Cohort #6 were: **Jawaaduldin Anderson, Tevin Braxton, Ronald “Sincere” Hines, Jr.** and **Vanessa Watkins**. After hearing from guest speaker **Ms. Nikkya Williams**, Director and Associate General Counsel at Stability AI, each received their framed certificates from Founder and Executive Director **Jerry Anderson** and Site Superintendent **Jake Morgan**.



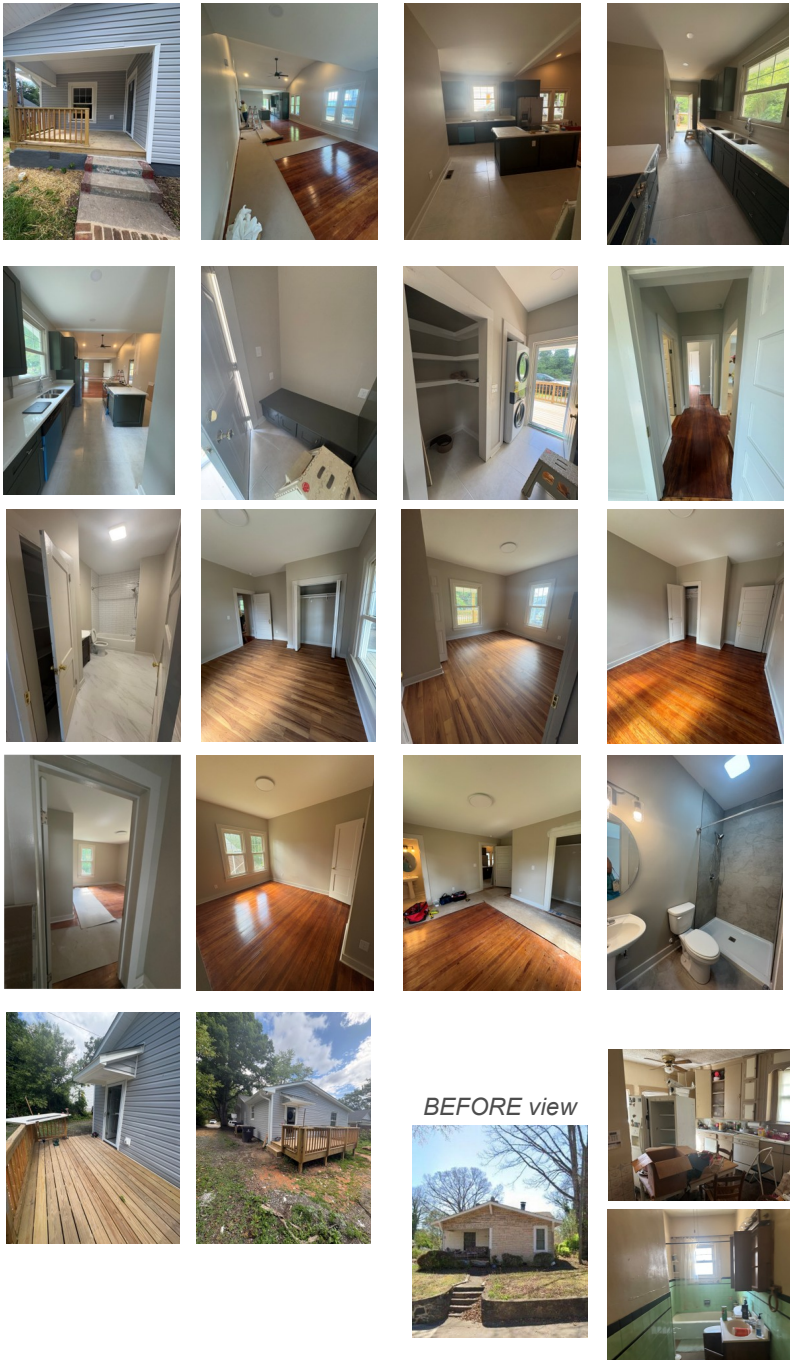
- ❑ On April 22nd, the annual **Year-in-Review Celebration** to highlight accomplishments and publicly recognize loyal donors and power partners was held at the Enterprise Conference Center. This event was jointly sponsored by TDS and the Center for the Study of Economic Mobility (CSEM) at Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). KEYNOTE: **Zagros Madjd-Sadjadi, Ph.D.**, Professor of Economics, Interim MBA Program Director, Senior Regional Economist, CSEM at WSSU. Dr. Madjd-Sadjadi produced TDS’s Economic Impact Report in July 2025.



- ❑ The **2025-2026 Annual Report** was published in May and is posted to our website (www.thedo-school.org). *Special THANKS to our donors and partners.* This was the most impactful fiscal year to date.
- ❑ On **May 28th**, The Do School hosted a “reveal” of the latest live learning lab. This renovation project (learning lab #5/LL5) provided the hands-on construction skills training for cohort #6. Please refer to Page 3 photos.

Learning Lab #5 Photos

Below are photos of the near finished renovation project at 416 E. 27th Street.



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Housing and Urban Development has a program called YouthBuild. YouthBuild states that “Through hundreds of YouthBuild programs, these young people pursue their education, prepare for future careers, and grow into community leaders—building brighter futures for themselves, their neighborhoods, and our world.” These are themes that The Do School embraces and we are excited that we will meet soon with a HUD representative to understand ways that we can develop a collaboration with HUD and the YouthBuild program.

Finally, The Do School is grateful that **Piedmont Federal** has provided us with **office space**. We can now be found at **633 N. Liberty Street**. We are thankful for this generous gift, but ultimately The Do School will need permanent space for offices as well as an on-site training space. We are currently looking for land and/or an existing building to meet this need in the East Winston Salem area. If you know of any opportunities, please contact us!

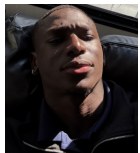
With Regards,

John Lenham, Chair
The Do School Board of Directors

The Next Chapter

Sometimes we may wonder what former graduates have moved on into once the program has been completed. Below are some updates.

Kodjo Thon



Graduated in April 2022. Currently is a fulltime student at Winston-Salem State University majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Corporate Finance.

Robert Cain II



Graduated in December of 2024. Hired by referring organization upon graduation and continues to work there as a truck helper.

Wesley Hepler

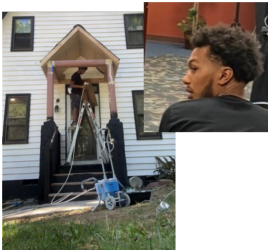


Graduated in December 2024. Wes was hired by a construction company upon graduation and continues to work for the same company as a project manager.

He has accomplished several of his personal goals and continues to move forward.

Antonio Adams, Jr.

Graduated in October 2025. Worked with two construction companies upon graduation to hone his skills. Antonio is now married and he currently works as a home remodeler.



Joshua Borders



Graduated in October 2025. Josh is still a student at Guilford Technical Community College where he majors in Construction Management Technology. He works fulltime at the same furniture warehouse and has never missed a day of work.

“Change is inevitable, growth is optional.”

John Maxwell

Romeo Hall, Sr.



Graduated in October 2025 and enrolled into Triad Goodwill's Core Construction Program to further his education and increase his skillset. Rome, who volunteered with TDS for 5 weeks

before applying to the program (and brought his son along to volunteer as well), earned four certifications from Greensboro's NCCER accredited program. He is the first graduate to earn this nationally recognized credential. He continues to work in construction trades and is doing well as an entrepreneur.

Jawaaduldin Anderson

Graduated in March 2026. JD currently works for a packaging and material solutions company as a machine operator.

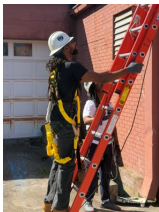


Tevin Braxton

Graduated in March 2026. Tevin currently works in brick masonry and foundations.

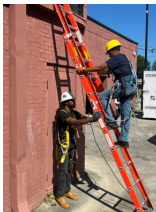


Ronald “Sincere” Hines, Jr.



Graduated in March 2026. Sincere is enrolled in the Core Construction Program at Triad Goodwill to obtain his NCCER certification and he also works fulltime at a furniture warehouse.

Vanessa Watkins



Graduated in March 2026. Vanessa is enrolled in the Core Construction Program at Triad Goodwill to obtain her NCCER certification and she still maintains her handy-woman business that she has managed since 2016.