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## Gary baker wins Stargazer award

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Congratulations to Angel Cakes LLC owner and certified cake decorator and pastry chef Angela Lott for receiving the Stargazer Award on March 8 during the second annual Northwest Indiana chapter of Women Entrepreneurs of America (WEA) Inc. Legacy Leadership Conference at the Genesis Convention Center.

WEA was founded in 2000 by Gary native Yolanda Lamar Wilder, who currently lives in Indianapolis. There are 16 chapters nationally and internationally. Wilder said the purpose of WEA is to promote, support and honor women entrepreneurs and those who are starting their entrepreneurship.

"I go by the three S's: sisterhood, support and service," she said. "When I discovered I had an entrepreneur spirit I began seeking women who share the same spirit. We need to build each other up."

The Northwest Indiana chapter has six adult members and two junior members.

A licensed baker and cake decorator since 2009, Lott, of Gary, thanked her family, friends and the WEA's area chapter and its president, Genesis Jones, for being her support system over the years personally and professionally.

"When I had a cyst removed from my head, Genesis called and asked if I needed anything, if I wanted her to do anything. She has been a familiar face in my life and my journey," Lott said.

Lott has always baked, but Angel Cakes was born after losing her job in corporate America. Lott's business grew quickly and she's appeared in various media outlets and has baked specialty cakes for Katherine Jackson, matriarch of the Jacksons, and Black Enterprise Magazine's chief content officer, Alfred A. Edmond Jr.

"This Stargazer Award ... this moment, is better than any recognition I've received in the media, better than the celebrities I've met," she said. "This moment proves that God will give you favor as you take a stand against the naysayers, those moments when you are in a dark place."

Certified Zumba instructor Nicole "Niki" Whitehead-Woods was the guest speaker. She said she goes by the acronym H.E.L.P. when it comes to working with people and being a community servant and volunteer. "Healing, Empowering, Legacy Living and Purpose and Passion. I had no intentions of being a Zumba instructor but I had to let go of my own fears, self-doubt and insecurity to move forward and inspire others," she said. "I call my purpose a gift from God because if I help one person I know my choices were not made in vain."

Community and Faith Outreach Initiative will present its third Gary History & Writers Expo from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at First AME Church/Baber Youth Center, 2005 Massachusetts St. I will be one of a group of local authors present with books ready to sell and sign.

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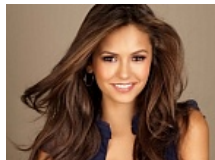
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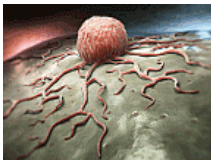
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