

The Battering Ram

Winston-Salem State University



National Alumni Association

" Linked together in unity.



Serving together with purpose."

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School motto: "Enter to learn. Depart to serve."

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WINTER BOARD MEETING

January 25 and 26, 2008
ATLANTA, GA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

8 p.m. Sheraton Gateway Hotel

Alumni Meet and Greet with Chancellor, Athletic Director and other University officials to update us on the state of the University

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

10 a.m. Sheraton Gateway Hotel

Alumni Association Board Meeting

3 p.m. Georgia Dome

Honda Battle of the Bands – \$10

MEETING LOCATION

Sheraton Gateway Hotel
Atlanta Airport.
1900 Sullivan Road, College Park, GA
WSSU rate - \$99/night
Cut-off date – January 4
Please make reservations directly with the hotel 770/997-1100

Greetings Alumni and Friends:

As we set our sights on a new year, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the past few months and thank those of you who have contributed toward making the year both memorable and historical thus far. The 2007-year offered profound challenges as well as great blessings to us as individuals and as an organization.

As a membership organization, we must continue to focus on growing our financial membership base. We have identified over 30,000 alumni who have passed through the doors of 'Old SU. We are on track to have our largest financial membership year.

After establishing new chapters in Asheville NC, Indianapolis IN, Jones-Onslow-Carteret Tri-Counties (NC), Upstate South Carolina and Vance County (NC), several other chapters will be formed this year. A number of area Alumni Meet and Greet sessions are scheduled in the upcoming months. Please come out and support these events when we are in a city near you.

Now that the curtain has fallen on "Ram Hollywood Homecoming 2007, the best homecoming yet, that momentum must continue. The Special Events Committee welcomes your ideas as we begin making plans for Homecoming 2008.

*Transformational leadership requires maximum performance and maximum commitment from a visionary, collaborative, forward-thinking leadership team. Your Association leadership team established a **Half Million Dollar National Alumni Scholarship Endowment** with the WSSU Foundation in September 2007. It was established to close the gap in access to higher education by providing scholarships to students at WSSU.*

I encourage you to invest in the future of Winston-Salem State University by giving your designated gift today to the WSSU Foundation/National Alumni Scholarship Endowment. We are indeed positioned to deliver transformational change now and in the future.

May God bless you and I thank you for your support. I am proud to serve as your National President.

Sincerely,
Victor L. Bruinton



CHAPTER NEWS

ATLANTA

The Atlanta Alumni Chapter invites all Rams to attend the Winter Board Meeting on Jan 25-26, 2008 and to attend the 2008 Honda Battle of the Bands to see our Marching Rams perform.

We request your support of our chapter's fundraiser: purchase your \$5 ticket and have a chance to win a \$200 gas card.

The chapter and 14 Georgia high school students attended the Fall Open House on October 27.

Congratulations to Darlene Sowell-Darby, our chapter's representative in the Miss and Mr. Alumni Contest during Homecoming.

Immediate past president Catherine Hart was inducted into the inaugural class of the Alumni Hall of Distinction at the Alumni Gala during Homecoming.

The chapter also participated in the National Scholarship Service College Fair held on October 24 & 25.

Our chapter attended the S. T. A. R. training on November 10.

KUANDELEA

On October 20, 2007 the Kuandeale Alumni Chapter held its 2007 Little Mr. & Miss Kuandeale Pageant. The chapter donates time and energy to advancing education and affording opportunities to WSSU students. The Little Mr. and Miss Kuandeale Pageant is a fundraising effort to further this mission, as all monies raised from the pageant will go toward WSSU student scholarships.

Our own Paulette Marshall was recognized at Homecoming 2007 as one of the National Alumni Association's 1st annual "Alumni Hall of Distinction" honorees. The chapter congratulates Paulette and recognizes all the hard work she has put into the Kuandeale Alumni Chapter and the National Alumni Association.

The Kuandeale Chapter participated in the 2007 Fall Open House. We were very active in serving these students

and the admissions department in a variety of settings. The chapter members helped the catering staff pass out box lunches, helped with passing out football tickets, and assisted with the flow of students in the organizational/departments fair. The chapter members were thanked by all facilitators and the chapter looks forward to working with the university in this capacity in the future.

PITT COUNTY

The Pitt County Chapter, along with the Gold - Wayne, Rocky Mount, BWM Inner Coastal, and Raleigh-Wake chapters hosted the Down East Alumni Roundup on October 18 at the Charles H. Darden Alumni Center in Wilson, North Carolina. Approximately 50 Rams gathered together to hear information about Winston-Salem State University.

Pitt County Chapter member and Hall of Famer Dr. Reginald Sherard, a member of the 1977 and 78 CIAA Championship football teams, was recognized at homecoming and received a CIAA Football Championship ring. Dr. Sherard and Patti Sanders-Smith also participated in the Alumni Return to Serve program during homecoming.

Members of the Pitt County Chapter participated in S.T.A.R. training sponsored by the Admissions Office on November 10.

The Pitt County Chapter meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at Shepard Memorial Library.

RALEIGH-WAKE

The Raleigh-Wake Chapter sponsored two buses to Fall Open House. A total of 16 high schools representing the counties of Wake, Durham and Johnson participated. The parents and students enjoyed the events as exemplified by the following individuals.

"I want to say from the bottom of my heart thank you and your Alums for giving the kids a wonderful time Saturday. My son enjoyed everything while he was there. He told me and his father that this is the right college for him to attend next year..."

Proud Parent

"I was really impressed with the campus and the residence hall that we visited, I think that it was

Rams Commons. The campus is beautiful and has grown a lot since my last visit. My nephew and I really liked the organization fair in the gym. My nephew, sister and cousin were quite impressed with open house at WSSU."

Impressed Uncle

A total of 82 students, parents and chaperones attended. Luther Johnson, Jr., Chair of the Scholarship-Recruitment Committee, coordinated the event. The following Rams served as chaperones: Daisie Blue, Lora Renee Coleman, Elijah Haddock, Stanley Harding, Kay Harris, Tilola Mitchell, Monica Money, and Takeeta Tyson.

Calling all RAMS in the Raleigh-Wake area!!! As you embark on a new year and reflect on the old one, we challenge you to also evaluate your life as it relates to our alma mater's motto: **Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve.** Let 2008 be the year that you connect with other RAMS to serve WSSU and the Raleigh-Wake area.

Local Dues - \$35

National Dues - \$50

RAM Pride - PRICELESS

Upcoming chapter activities:

TBD: MEAC Event

April 4, 2008: WSSU Spring Open House

Contact Takeeta Tyson, Membership Chairperson, for more information at ttyson951@rams.wssu.edu or visit our website, www.raleighwakewssu.org

Chapter President Stanley N. Harding '85 recently participated in the Raleigh Christmas Parade that was held on November 17 by riding along on the MEAC float. The parade was watched by approximately 60,000 people and

was broadcast live on WRAL-TV.



Representatives of other MEAC schools joined him on the float.

UPSTATE SOUTH CAROLINA

South Carolina has its first WSSU Alumni Chapter; Upstate South Carolina. The Upstate includes areas within a 50-mile radius of Spartanburg. The charter was received in July 2007; we currently have 15 members and are seeking more alumni to contact our chapter.

Our meetings are the first Sunday of the month at 5:00 p.m. For meeting information, contact Shirley Wright, sewright53@gmail.com.

The charter members are Phoebe Smith-Hinton '91, O. Cyrus Hinton '92, Willie Ross '72, President, Glenda Sims '70, Beverly Rice '82, Patricia Prysock '71, Sherea Cross '05, Charles Love '66, Lakiesha Dawkins '06, Shirley Wright '75, Vice-President, Latoya Irby '05, Ray Sumpter '06, Montages Kirby-Davis '05, Barbara Cummings '76, and Alice Foster.

VANCE COUNTY

CHAPTER HIGHLIGHTS

- *Meet and Greet Social Gathering
- *Fish Fry to benefit the local scholarship fund
- *Recruitment Drive to attract new membership
- *Yard Sale to benefit the local scholarship fund
- *Participation in a local HBCU College Day
- *Collaboration with the organization Reclaiming Our Youth which promotes attendance at Historically Black Colleges and Universities by providing information about WSSU for an HBCU resource book.
- *Community service activity in which we are donating a total of \$500.00 to the high schools and middle schools in Vance County for the purchase of books in the media centers

This chapter reactivated its charter on September 1, 2007 after being inactive for a number of years, and we are working hard to make a difference. We are looking forward to a more productive 2008.

Our chapter meets every month on the 4th Saturday at Western Sizzlin' at 12:00 p.m. in Henderson, NC. Alumni from Vance, Franklin, Granville, and Warren counties are encouraged to

attend and become active members of the chapter.

WASHINGTON, DC METRO

The Recruitment/Scholarship Committee has been very busy representing the university at college fairs held in the metro area. The committee has noticed an increased number of students seeking the WSSU booth. Thanks to the committee.

HATS OFF to Antwon Farrior '95 whose mission is to increase chapter membership by the integration of the Ole School alumni and the New School alumni.

WELCOME, NEW CHAPTERS

Financial Membership continues to be a major focus of the Association. We welcome our newest alumni chapters:

Asheville NC
Indianapolis IN
Jones Onslow Carteret Tri-Counties (NC)
Upstate South Carolina
Vance County (NC)

IN MEMORIAM

Loretha Brooks Parker
Willie Mae Stewart
 Roxboro, NC

Charlene Russell Brown '66
Dr. C. B. Hauser '40
 Winston-Salem, NC

Georgia Delois Wiggins Jones '63
 Submitted by Nina Christian and Alice Grady

Georgia was a very loyal Ram and loved to entertain all CIAA fans when we played in Norfolk. She always had big dinners at her home.



She was a quiet person who always stayed in the background but loved WSTC. She was in the last class known as TC. Georgia had just moved back to Rocky Mount before her death.

NOTE: NEW ADDRESSES FOR WEBSITE AND ASSOCIATION

Website: www.wssunaa.org

This new site was designed to get you fully immersed and re-committed to your association. The member's section of the site perpetuate the noble tradition of our university and the association.

E-Mail: alumni@wssunaa.org

ASSOCIATION LOCK BOX

Reminder...

Please mail ALL membership dues completed documentation to the Association's lockbox. If dues are mailed to the campus address, the process of receiving, posting and receipting the information is delayed.

Dues should be mailed to:

WSSU National Alumni Association
Post Office Box 890670
Charlotte, NC 28289-0670

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2008 EVENTS

March 10-15
MEAC Basketball Tournament
Raleigh, NC

April 10 & 11
Installation of Chancellor
Reaves
Winston-Salem, NC

April 26
Annual Membership Meeting
Winston-Salem, NC

June 18-22
5th Annual Unsung Hero
Weekend
Winston-Salem, NC

ALUMNI HALL OF DISTINCTION

Initiated in 2007, the Alumni Hall of Distinction recognizes and honors those alumni who have demonstrated distinguished professional accomplishments, outstanding character, community service and commitment to Winston-Salem State University. This recognition serves to encourage current students and alumni. It is a symbol of respect and admiration for these esteemed individuals who "departed to serve."

The first class was inducted on Saturday, November 3, 2007 at the Ram Victory Gala.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT

- *Imogene Brown 1932-1942
- *A.B. Reynolds 1942-1949
- *Susie Speight Hilliard 1949-1955
- *B. Nathaniel Cook 1955-1959
- *Edwin L. Patterson 1959-1963
- *Jack Atkins 1963-1965
- *Lafayette A. Cook 1965-1968
- *Joseph O. Lowery 1968-1971
- Clarence "Jeep" Jones 1971-1975, 1977-1981, 1986-1988
- James R. Jarrell 1975-1977
- *Margaret A. Edmonds 1981-1984
- Dr. James "Pokey" Wright 1984-1986
- Paulette Gwyn Marshall 1988-1990
- Joseph L. Bumbrey, Sr. 1990-1992
- Quether Wilkins 1992-1994
- Beaufort Bailey 1994-1998
- Peyton T. Hairston 1998-2002
- Catherine Pettie Hart 2002-2006

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

- Dr. Rachel Diggs Wilkinson 1940-1950
- *Dr. C. B. Hauser 1960-1965
- *Etta Hill 1967-1976

ALUMNI DIRECTOR

- Winslow Lowery 1976-1983
- Dr. Gwendolyn Johnson (Interim) 1984-1985
- *Dr. Velma Jackson 1986-1987
- Cheryl Harrison 1987-1996

*Deceased

For additional information about the Alumni Hall of Distinction, please contact the WSSU National Alumni Office at (336) 750-2122 or email us at alumni@wssunaa.org.

See the Nominee Form on page 10 in this newsletter.

WSSU NAMED 2007 EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION OF THE YEAR

Winston-Salem State University was recently named 2007 Educational Institution of the Year by the National Black MBA Association (NBMBAA).

The award was presented to WSSU's School of Business and Economics during the NBMBAA's annual conference and exposition in Orlando, Florida recently. The Educational Institution of the Year Award is presented each year at the NBMBAA conference by the president & CEO to an individual or organization that has truly exceeded expectations in their service to the NBMBAA, as well as to the college, university or organization that has made the greatest contribution toward encouraging African-Americans to enter the field of business.

Past Educational Institution of the Year awards have been presented to Clark Atlanta University, University of Chicago and Howard University.

Established in 1970, the National Black MBA Association is dedicated to developing partnerships that result in the creation of intellectual and economic wealth in the black community. In alliance with over 400 of the country's top business organizations, the association has inroads into a wide range of industries as well as the public and private sector. Yet all of NBMBAA's partners have one thing in common: they are all committed to the organization's goals and values.

The organization gains its strength from a strong belief in community and a commitment to its development through economic and educational development initiatives that support the global African American community.

QUICK GRAMMAR LESSON

Advice/Advise

Advice is a noun; *advise* is a verb. When you advise, you give advice.

Between/Among

Between – Use when referring to two
Among – Use when referring to three or more

Can not – unacceptable in business writing

Cannot – unable to do otherwise

Please Note Our New Addresses

WEBSITE

www.wssunaa.org

E-Mail

alumni@wssunaa.org

Newsletter

TheBatteringRam@wssunaa.org

DUE DATES FOR NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION

To help with your planning, here are the due dates for the four issues of *The Battering Ram*:

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
January	December 1
April	March 1
July	June 1
October	September 1

LETTER FROM MR. ALUMNI 2007-2008



Clyde A. Caudle, Jr.



I would like to thank God who is always first in all that I do. Because without him there would be no you nor me. He is the beginning and the end, the alpha and omega. He is my present and my future; my all in all; in him I trust and in him I have my being!

To my Ram family, friends and mostly Kimberley Park Alumni Chapter, thank you for your support and encouragement. I consider myself a fairly young man, not as experienced as some of the ambassadors preceding my rein; but that didn't stop your unwavering love and support that you gave and continue to give.

To my immediate family, you are the best family one could ever dream of having. My family alone is a powerhouse within itself, but once my wife and I united it took our family to the "Nth exponential power." I say that because there is no limit to our love, support and encouragement that we give to one another. All I have to say is whatever I am doing, whenever I am doing it and whatever I need to get done my family always comes through in every situation.

Lastly, thank you to my partner, friend, sweetheart, "honty" and my good thing. I am so blessed to have a beautiful, phenomenal woman in the person of Lori Caudle that supports me, my ideas, my thoughts and yes even my university! As an employee of Winston-Salem State University, giving her committed service one would never know that she's not an actual graduate of our university. That's just an example of how deep her love goes for me and the bond that we share as husband and wife. I don't take any of that for granted. I love her and I appreciate all that she does for our university and me.

To Chancellor Reaves, faculty, students, alumni and friends, I accept the very first crown and rein as Winston-Salem State University Mr. Alumni. I intend to serve with my whole heart, giving of my time, ideas, suggestions, labor and my finances. We all know that it takes a collaborative effort of our finances and labor to maintain and improve upon a prestigious university such as ours. I love you all. Thank you and God bless!

Clyde A. Caudle, Jr.

LETTER FROM MISS ALUMNI 2007-2008



Cheryl Brooks Akuma



Dear Fellow Alumni and Ram Family:

“Yesterday is gone, and tomorrow may never be mine, but Lord just help me to do all I can do and live each day at a time. . . .” I know we all can relate to this excerpt from this song so often heard being sung on the radio stations and in church.

Its message speaks for itself. . . what we did or didn't do yesterday, it is gone and we cannot relive it; we do not know if we are going to see tomorrow, for it definitely is not promised to us; but one thing for sure is our present state of existence provides us an opportunity to do all we can do to prepare ourselves for the dreams and hopes for tomorrow.

When accepting the candidacy for Miss Alumni 2007, I knew that it was going to be a big challenge. A challenge such as this brought about rewarding ventures that otherwise I may not have encountered. I met new alumni and colleagues; rekindled old alumni ties; made new friends, and entered into a new world of contacts within the community and the corporate world.

My message is simply this: for each of us, time is crucial, we have no control over it, so we must use it wisely. . . in order to reap a good harvest, we must sow a good crop!

We alumni cannot allow ourselves to be victimized by old clichés of “I cannot, I do not, I will not”! For we are the product of an institution that instilled in us the mentality of “I can, I do, and I will.” Please stop and take a moment to look back and reflect . . . yes, yesterday is gone, but you are what you are today because before it became yesterday, you took the challenge to work towards a tomorrow.

Isn't this the Ram of fire that we have within us to see our current and future students carry the torches of desire to achieve and excel and continue to uphold Winston-Salem State University as the greatest Historically Black College and University?

Once we met the graduation requirements, Winston-Salem State University met its obligation to provide us with our degrees as a measure of our accomplishments and indicative of our being prepared to serve when we departed. Let us reciprocate the passion and devotion to our university by being committed to its current and future endeavors.

As Miss Alumni 2007 and once a student who lived in the dorms, sat in the classrooms, and walked the paths throughout campus, I am eager to work with our National Alumni Association in whatever capacity deemed appropriate. I am also challenging each of you, my fellow alumni brothers and sisters, to meet me at the doors of opportunity at Winston-Salem State University and let us help keep our alma mater a living legacy that can only get bigger and better.

We all know that it takes a conglomerate of resources to create a productive environment; and it takes love, support, cooperation and commitment to create a strong family. We are a family, full of Ram spirit, that can bring our financial, educational, and business resources together to help lend the support needed by Winston-Salem State University in fulfilling its mission.

Thanks to everyone who made a contribution to my campaign. As your Miss Alumni 2007, I will do whatever I can to be an asset to the National Alumni Association and the New Jersey Alumni Chapter, and work hard to fulfill the expectations placed upon me.

Please get involved with the National Alumni Association and your local chapter. If you have not joined these organizations, what are you waiting for? Remember, tomorrow is not promised to us. Do not put off till tomorrow what you can do today.

Let us make 2007-2008 a very prosperous year to remember for WSSU! God bless you all! Thank you.

Cheryl Brooks Akuma '77

MISS AND MR. ALUMNI CONTEST GUIDELINES 2008

PURPOSE

The Miss Alumni Contest was the major fundraising activity of the National Alumni Association for 60 years plus. Beginning in 2006, males are encouraged to vie for the title of Mr. Alumni. To continue the success of this activity, we must create an environment of trust for the contestants, members, and alumni leadership. These guidelines are effective immediately, and should serve to promote fair treatment to contestants and demand moral conduct by members and alumni leadership involved with this contest in any way.

Past perceptions about the uprightness of this contest have marred its productiveness for some time. These guidelines represent a new beginning to eradicate skepticism and innuendo. All individuals can now be assured that the Miss and Mr. Alumni Contest henceforth will be conducted with the highest level of integrity.

COMMITMENT

The National Alumni Association is committed to treating all contestants fairly and equally. National Alumni leadership and others privy to information will exhibit moral behavior and impartiality in all facets of this contest. Their commitment is to uphold the sanctity of protecting the privacy of contestants. Thus, regardless of geographic location or personal affiliation to anyone working closely with the contest, contestants should receive equal treatment and courtesy as they vie for these coveted titles. Operating with integrity is a must for this Association's leadership team.

ALL INDIVIDUALS AFFILIATED WITH THE CONTEST

Please know that our primary goal is to sustain the integrity that has been started in recent years. The best way to ensure continuity is to have information flow from one central location. Since practices have varied from year to year in the past, having one source eliminates individuals, especially contestants, from receiving conflicting or obsolete information.

NATIONAL PRESIDENT/SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIR

1. Either of these two individuals should be the first point of contact for the contestants, Officers, chapter presidents, campaign managers, and any others that have questions about the contest or want clarification about the current year's activities.
2. Any changes to the contest will be made collaboratively by the Executive Council and Special Events chair and shared immediately with the contestants and alumni body.

CONTESTANTS

1. To ensure uniformity and accuracy of answers, contestants should direct ALL questions about the Miss & Mr. Alumni Contest to the Special Events Chair in writing with a copy to the National Alumni President. **Practices that had been applicable before will no longer be effective for this year's contest.**
2. Contestants are encouraged to forward the financial contribution forms to the National Alumni Office at least monthly or as they fill up a sheet. Being able to record this information periodically will eliminate last minute recording and rushing to process information near the deadline.
3. Maintain good records for your contributions so it will be easy for you to reconcile your information with the information that is recorded.
4. Mandatory attendance is required at final turn in.

ORIENTATION

Rules and Regulation of contest will be reviewed and discussed. A copy will be given to each contestant and will be made available for any national alumni member. Orientation will be held during the weekend of Winter Board Meeting. **Attendance is mandatory.** (January 25-26, 2008- Winter Board Meeting, Atlanta GA)

WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MISS & MR. ALUMNI CONTEST – RULES AND REGULATIONS

HISTORY OF THE MISS ALUMNI CONTEST

The National Alumni Association assumed complete management of Homecoming in 1945. The Association developed the annual homecoming weekend into an event recognized as “Tops in Homecoming Attractions.” At the suggestion of Jack Atkins, the “Miss Alumni” contest was inaugurated in 1945. The first “Miss Alumni,” Jennie Green Fletcher of Henderson, was crowned at the Friday night Homecoming Gala. Other activities at the 1945 Homecoming included the “Guest Club” contest, with the Kimberley Park Club as the first “Guest Club”; a gala parade, the game, barbecue and Saturday night dance. (Source: The History of Winston-Salem State University 1892-1995 by E. Louise Murphy)

At the Fall Board Meeting in September 2005, the Board members voted to include males as candidates to broaden the base of candidates. Several members indicated that they had male alumni interested in vying for the title of Mr. Alumni. The name for the activity will be Miss and Mr. Alumni Contest.

A. PURPOSE

The Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) National Alumni Association’s Miss and Mr. Alumni Contest is the major fund-raising event for the Association. In 2006, the contest was changed to (1) eliminate membership dues as votes and (2) to permit men to vie for the title of Mr. Alumni. The contest became strictly a fundraiser; that is, the winner is determined by the female and male that raises the highest amount of money through contributions and ads.

B. BASIS OF CONTEST

Contributions to the WSSU National Alumni Association may be credited to the Miss and Mr. Alumni Contest provided they are donated during the same fiscal year as the contest. Contestants will receive full credit for all monies that are received by the association prior to contest deadline. The contest deadline will be 45 days or less prior to homecoming each year.

1. Allowable Contributions -
 - a. Unrestricted contributions from chapters, regions or individuals
 - b. Homecoming souvenir booklet advertisements
 - c. Any other unrestricted contribution to the Association
2. Un-allowable Contributions – Credit will not be given toward the Miss & Mr. Alumni Contest for contributions sent to the Association for special purposes, such as membership dues, Annual Fund, scholarships, matching gifts, Athletic Fund, admission tickets, or any other purpose where there is a restriction for use of funds.
3. Returned Checks – If a check is returned to the Association unpaid, no credit will be allowed for that contribution. If credit for such a contribution has been given, the credit will be canceled.
4. All monies in the last days of the contest should be cash, money orders or certified funds and be made payable to the Association.

C. ELIGIBILITY

The contest is open to any graduate of Winston-Salem State University who pays her/his membership contribution for the fiscal year in which he/she make application to the contest and for the fiscal year in which he/she will participate as a candidate in the contest. The chapter which the Contestant represents must be in good standing with the association.

D. CLOSE OF THE CONTEST AND RIGHTS TO OBSERVE COUNT

The contest closes at 5 p.m. at least 45 days prior to Homecoming. The exact date will be provided at contestant orientation. The Treasurer and Special Event Chair will verify the accuracy of monies reported. Contestants must be present. Reconciliation will take place one (1) hour after the close of the contest. The winner will be announced seven (7) days following the close of the contest.

E. DETERMINING WINNERS

The contestant having the largest sum of monies received and reported will be determined to be "Miss & Mr. Alumni." The contestant having the next largest sum received and reported will be determined to be "First Attendant to Miss & Mr. Alumni." The contestant with the next largest sum received and reported will become "Second Attendant to Miss & Mr. Alumni" and so on until all contestants are given an attendant number.

F. DEADLINE DATES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Contestants must provide three black & white and one color HEAD SHOT photographs, required membership dues, Entry Form (attached) and Biographical Data Sheet (attached) by Orientation.
2. Contestants must attend the mandatory Contestant Orientation Session.
3. All contributions for Miss & Mr. Alumni are to be received and reported by established deadline.
4. Miss & Mr. Alumni and Attendants should plan their wardrobes according to the "Required Attire for Miss & Mr. Alumni and Court" sheet. (Attached)
5. Contestants may begin campaigning provided all requirements have been met and they have been notified of their eligibility to run in writing at the conclusion of orientation.
6. Contestants must have the approval of his/her Chapter President of campaign correspondence before mailing to prospects.

G. AWARDS

To be eligible for any amenities or awards, contestants must raise a minimum of \$5,000. Participants who raise under \$5,000 and at least \$1,000 are entitled to receive only the items shown below with asterisks and participants:

1. Monetary Award – "Miss & Mr. Alumni" will receive a monetary award of \$500 each.
2. Amenities – Each contestant will receive the following amenities during Homecoming weekend:
 - a) Lodging for Miss & Mr. Alumni and eligible court participants
 - b) Flowers and corsages*
 - c) Transportation to specified events*
 - d) Photographs of and participation in the "Crowning Ceremony"
 - e) Miss & Mr. Alumni each will receive a complimentary table at the Alumni Gala, two complimentary tickets to the football game and all Homecoming events sponsored by the WSSU National Alumni Association.
 - f) Attendants will receive two complimentary tickets to all events sponsored by the WSSU National Alumni Association. *
3. Additional Recognition for Miss & Mr. Alumni – In addition to the above, Miss & Mr. Alumni will be invited to attend all activities of the Alumni Association during her/his reign. Her/his expenses for travel, lodging and meals for attendance at Alumni Day and other national required events will be reimbursed by the Alumni Association. Miss & Mr. Alumni is also encouraged to participate in the University and Alumni Association committees, and to serve as a member of the Association's Public Relations Committee.
4. Outgoing Miss & Mr. Alumni – His/Her expenses for travel and lodging for the Homecoming Crowning Ceremony participation will be reimbursed by the Alumni Association.

See the WSSU National Alumni Association website (www.wssunaa.org) for entry form and the biographical data sheet

ALUMNI HALL OF DISTINCTION NOMINEE FORM

INTRODUCTION

The Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association is a non-profit organization designed to promote and support the university. The ALUMNI HALL OF DISTINCTION will highlight the contributions of alumni to the university, their professional careers and their communities.

To this end, the specific purposes of the Alumni Hall of Distinction are as follows:

- To recognize and honor alumni whose achievements since graduation have contributed to the National Alumni Association and have brought positive recognition to the university.
- To recognize and honor others who, through continuous support and interest, have had a significant impact on the National Alumni Association and Winston-Salem State University.
- Persons being nominated for induction into the Alumni Hall of Distinction must have rendered meritorious service to the National Alumni Association, its affiliated chapters across the country and/or the university.
- Nominees will be listed with the Nominations Committee of the Alumni Hall of Distinction for a period not to exceed two years. If an individual has not been inducted during this period, his/her name will be removed from the active list and must be re-nominated for future consideration.

ALUMNI CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR NOMINATION

1. Nominees must be a graduate of Winston-Salem State University
2. Nominees must be members of the National Alumni Association
3. Nominees must have exhibited exemplary character and integrity through their student and professional lives and be held in high regard by their peers and co-workers.

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

1. Candidates must have made significant contributions to the development of the National Alumni Association, the university and the community.
2. Nominees must have received recognition by at least one of the following: National Alumni Association, alumni region, alumni chapter, university and/or the community.

ALUMNI HALL OF DISTINCTION NOMINEE FORM DUE JULY 1

Date: _____

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*As we go forth from Old State U,
A song of love we sing to you
In praises to the memory
Of days at State University.*

*Thy sons and daughters bring thee fame
Through knowledge which we here have
gained.*

*Exultingly we raise thy name,
O Winston-Salem State University*

*As we go forth from old State U,
Good leaders we will always be,
And care for all humanity
As you have taught us, State University*

*In all we do we shall proclaim
To all the world thy enduring fame.
As we go forth we praise thy name,
O Winston-Salem State University.*

DID YOU KNOW?

Source: [the history of Winston-Salem State University 1892-1995](#) by E. Louise Murphy

In the fall of 1975, an organization seeking to bring students and alumni together was formed. The goals of this group, the Student-Alumni Relations Association (SARA), are "to establish identity and encourage an understanding of the alumni among students who are presently enrolled at WSSU, to enhance the cultural life of the students through a variety of performances, lectures, receptions, workshops, seminars, alumni, Homecoming and Unity Day activities and to assist fellow students. SARA works closely with the WSSU Alumni Association.

QUOTES FROM FAMOUS BLACK AMERICANS

Excellence is to do a common thing in an uncommon way.

Booker T. Washington

*The man who views the world at 50 the same as he did
at 20 has wasted 30 years of his life*

Muhammed Ali

It is better to be part of a great whole than to be the whole of a small part

Frederick Douglass

Mix a conviction with a man and something happens.

Adam Clayton Powell, Jr.

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"Linked together in unity. Serving together with purpose."