

# The Battering Ram

Winston-Salem State University



National Alumni Association

" *Linked together in unity.*



*Serving together with purpose."*

Issue 31

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

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### Fall Board Meeting

Saturday, September 6, 2008  
10 a.m.

### HOMECOMING

October 23-26, 2008

### Winter Board Meeting

January 16, 17, 2009  
Greenville, NC  
Hosted by Pitt County Alumni Chapter

The annual S.T.A.R. (Specially Trained Alumni Recruiter) GALA was held on Friday, April 25, 2008 in the Thompson Center.

This recognition banquet is sponsored by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Chapters that would like to receive a S.T.A.R. training/orientation session should contact Ms. Treva Richardson, 336/750-2259, in the Office of Admissions.

Chapters desiring recruitment materials should contact Ms. Richardson at least 30 days prior to the event.

Deadline to submit applications for Chapter of the Year is April 15

## Chapters of the Year

Platinum - Atlanta  
Gold - Charlotte-OC Rams  
Silver - Washington, DC Metro  
Bronze - Pitt County

## SHINING STAR AWARDEES

Christa Flood - Charlotte  
Mary Buford - Washington, DC Metro  
Cliff Sparrow - Ohio

# 2008 STAR Chapter of the Year Winners

## Message From the President Victor Bruinton

I greet you in the powerful name of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who with His grace and mercy orders our daily steps.

The older you get, it seems the faster time passes. It's hard to believe it's been two years since I was sworn in as National President. Let me first thank those of you who helped make my first term historic. That momentum has carried over as we continue to move our Association forward. I have been working closely with the newly elected officers and I am pleased with the cooperation and commitment from the Ram family.

We are striving to improve communication within our organization. Please visit our website ([www.wssunaa.org](http://www.wssunaa.org)) to receive clear, correct and consistent information in a timely manner. Log in to the member's section. Individual members now have the capability to update their own personal profile. Please visit the site to view and update your mailing address, your email address, telephone number and change your password. You can even upload a photo.

In the coming year, we must continue to focus on growing our financial membership with younger alumni. I need each of you to renew your membership and recruit a new member. We all must continue to invest in the future of WSSU by giving an annual gift to the WSSU Foundation. Please designate your gift to the National Alumni Scholarship Endowment.

Homecoming 2008--save the dates--October 23-26, 2008.

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 WSSU. The recognition serves to encourage current students and alumni. It is a symbol of respect and admiration for these individuals who "departed to serve." Please nominate worthy alumni prior to the July 1 deadline. (see website for details)

It is our hope that if we are faithful over a few things, we will become rulers over many things. We must remain faithful and unwavering in our call to serve. Let's unite as one and

reach our goals. The race is given to those who endure the end! Again, I thank you for your support and I look forward to working with you.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### ATLANTA

The Atlanta Alumni Chapter received the "Chapter of the Year" award during the STAR Gala on April 25. The chapter is celebrating this honor on July 19 at the home of chapter president Kelvin Walton.

The chapter hosted an all-white fundraiser on June 7 to support our Mr. Alumni candidate, Robert Murrell.

Evrick Hall, a WSSU student from Decatur, GA, is a student intern in the DeKalb Government office with chapter president Kelvin Walton. This is Evrick's second summer working with Kelvin.

The chapter participated in the MEAC Annual Cookout on June 28.

### CHARLOTTE

The Charlotte-Queen City Rams Alumni Chapter has been very busy over the past few months.

The chapter will host its 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on Saturday, July 26, 2008 at Charles T. Myers Golf Course – 7817 Harrisburg Road – Charlotte. For additional information, please email Brooks Williams ('03), Golf Tournament Committee Co-Chair @ [brooks.williams@yahoo.com](mailto:brooks.williams@yahoo.com).

Our chapter president, Don Cureton ('75) was selected as a Clarence E. Gaines "Unsung Hero" during this event in Raleigh on June 20.

The Charlotte chapter received the Gold Award for S.T.A.R. Chapter of the Year. Our S.T.A.R. committee chair, Christa Flood ('96), was given the 'Shining Star' Award for all her hard work and dedication.

The following Charlotte-Mecklenburg students were selected as our 2008 scholarship recipients: Tyra Flood (Independence High School), Mario Connor (Philip O. Berry Academy of Technology) and Desmond Wiggan, Jr. (Vance High School)

Our annual Lambs to Rams reception was held March 30. This year marked the highest attendance ever for the event. Chancellor Donald J. Reaves, Milton Griffin, Deborah Colbert and Harold Thompson provided pertinent information needed to help ease the transition from high school to college.

Chapter members attended a recruitment fair at Philip O. Berry Academy of Technology by request of Cherone Austin Johnson ('83). WSSU had the most representatives of all the colleges.

Verdell Sanders ('75) received an award from North Carolina Central University at the African-American Males Conference on March 20 for his tireless dedication in uplifting young black men in our community.

Jacqueline Pittman Cureton ('73) is our candidate for the 2008-2009 Miss Alumni contest. Please send your contributions to Jacqueline Pittman Cureton PO Box 29085 Charlotte, NC 28229. Jackie's deadline to receive all contributions is August 20, 2008. The chapter is planning to support her via raffles, purchasing ads and kind donations. Jackie thanks everyone in advance for their generosity.

Our 2008-2010 officers are:  
President - Bridget Taylor  
Vice President - Regina Cason  
Corres. Secy - LaTonja Miller  
Rec. Secy - Thesha Woodley  
Treasurer - Daphne Huntley  
Parliamentarian - Christa Flood

### FAYETTEVILLE

Hosted the annual Ram Round Up at the home of Dr. Sophia Pierce. We recruited new alumni members in the area and also new students interested in attending WSSU.

We sponsored students for the Fall and Spring Open House activities.

Project for the chapter - Robert L. Blue Scholarship Raffle, a 7-day and 6-night vacation package to a Florida resort. The winner was Ms. Estelle Smith, Philadelphia, PA.

Chapter awarded two \$500 scholarships to current students Courtney Henry and Donovan Griffith. Represented the Admission Office at a local college fair.

We have one member stationed in Iraq - Benoca Beyard.

August meeting will be held at Myrtle Beach.

Monthly meeting held 4th Saturday at Subs 'N' Such at 10:00 AM.

### KIMBERLEY PARK



On Friday May 16, 2008 Kimberley Park Alumni Chapter had its installation of officers for the 2008-2010 officiating term. The officers are listed according to the photograph from left to right:

Patsy Squire - Vice President  
Clyde Caudle - President  
Trudy Smart - Treasurer  
Darlene Jackson - Recording Secretary  
Catherine Lowe - Asst. Recording Sec  
Helen Durr - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

Not pictured:

Cheryl Haile - Financial Secretary  
Peyton T. Hairston- Parliamentarian  
Willie Mae Carson - Chaplain

### NEW JERSEY

We are proud to congratulate Mrs. Cheryl Brooks Akuma as our winning candidate for Miss Alumni 2007.



On Sunday, March 9, the NJ Chapter hosted the Winston-Salem State University Choir at Bethany Baptist Church, in Newark, NJ. It was a great performance and well attended. We thank Mrs. D' Walla Simmons Burke, Director of Choral and Vocal Studies and all members of the choir for including us on their schedule of performances. It is always an

awesome experience when they visit us.

The Eastern Region held its annual meeting in Newark, NJ on April 5. The meeting was overwhelmingly attended by members from most of the regional states (NY, NJ, PA, MD, DC, VA).

Thanks to Ms. Mozelle Evans Williams for spearheading the event.

On June 29 we held a banquet to honor Mr. Cecil B. Cates, outgoing president of the NJ Chapter, for his consistent efforts, dedication, and commitment to the chapter over the past six years.

We are thankful for all of the prayers for Ms. Omega Parraway during her days of illness. God has given her much strength and endurance.

### PITT COUNTY

The Pitt County Chapter had a very successful year and participated in the following activities during the last fiscal year:

Sponsored a Back to School Picnic for new and returning students from the Pitt County area.

Participated in the S.T.A.R. Training sponsored by the Undergraduate Admissions Office.

Hosted with six other chapters in Eastern North Carolina the Annual Alumni Roundup in Wilson, North Carolina.

Hosted its Annual Christmas Party With A Purpose.

Sponsored a Holiday Bowling Party for future and current students of Winston Salem State University who were home for the holidays.

Participated in the MEAC Rallies sponsored in Pitt County.

Participated in all activities sponsored by the Historically Black College and Universities Coalition of Pitt County.

Awarded a scholarship to Brittany Gray who will be attending Winston Salem State University during the 2008-2009 school year. Brittany plans to major in nursing.

Hosted a Reclamation and Recruitment Dinner for area alumni.

Hosted the Athletic Director meeting with area alumni

Financially supported the Marching Band

Participated in the Triangle HBCU Alumni Softball Tournament with the Raleigh Wake Chapter

### Chapter Accolades

Robert "Trey" Harvey, '01 – 2007-2008 Teacher of the year at Darden Middle School.

Pitt County Chapter recognized as the Bronze S.T.A.R. Chapter of the year

Corey Roberts, '11 – 2006- 2007 Scholarship Winner made the Dean's List first and second semesters.

Chapter Officers 2008-2009  
President- Patti Sanders-Smith, '76  
Secretary – Denise Chapman, '81  
Corres. Secretary – Atiya Dennard, '00  
Treasurer – Annie Marsh Sherard, '78

Chapter meetings are held the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at Shepard Memorial Library beginning at 6:30p.m.

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Contact by phone: Patti Sanders-Smith @ 252-355-1003

### RICHMOND METRO

The Richmond Metro Chapter is participating in the Eastern Region Car Raffle and expects full participation by its members. Representing the Richmond Chapter at the Eastern Region meeting in Newark, NJ was Karen Hicks (84), treasurer of the ER and VP of Richmond Metro, and Nina Christian (64) Coordinator.

Karen Hicks traveled to New York to attend the concert at Carnegie Hall featuring members of the WSSU choir and the phenomenal Mrs. Burke.

The chapter was very proud of Joshua Lockhart and Erica Mack when they debuted in their hometown of Richmond on the 7<sup>th</sup> of March with the WSSU choir .

### WILMINGTON

#### Dean Virginia Adams '67 Honored

The faculty, staff, and students of School of Nursing at the University of North Carolina Wilmington,

hosted a gala honoring Dean Virginia Adams and her 14 years of vision, leadership and achievement recently. The dean's achievement were recognized by university leaders and faculty including Chancellor



Rosemary DePaolo, Provost Paul Hosier, Dean Larry Clark of the Cameron School of Business, Dr. Debra Saunders-White, Vice Chancellor for the Information Technology Systems Division,

Professional colleagues from around the state included Poly Johnson, Executive Director of the N.C. Board of Nursing and Joanne Stevens, Director, Government Relations, N.C. Nurses' Association (NCNA), and Sandra Wilder, Past President of NCNA.

Dean Adams provided visionary leadership for the UNCW School of Nursing from July 1, 1994-June 30, 2008. Under her leadership, the School of Nursing doubled its student population by expanding to two classes of pre-licensure students per year, with 100 new students entering the program each academic year. The graduate program was initiated in 1998 with the award of nine Master of Science in Nursing degrees in 2000. The severe shortage of nursing faculty prompted the addition of a second MSN option, Nurse Educator, in 2004. In keeping with her vision that the SON should eventually become a College of Nursing and Health Sciences, Dean Adams collaborated with Pharmaceutical Product Development, Inc. (PPD) to support the initiation of a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Research; in 2004 this non-nursing degree became a reality and graduated its first students in 2006. Under Dr. Adam's direction, the SON offered the first and second fully online professional curricula at UNCW.

With Dean Adams' guidance and leadership, faculty members have created a state-of-the-art simulation laboratory in which students learn in a safe environment. The goal is to promote comfort, confidence, and clinical competencies as students prepare to respond to a variety of situations that will be encountered in the "real world" of patient care.

During her tenure as dean, the School of Nursing has significantly increased the research and scholarship productivity of its faculty as well as new student scholarships funded by donors.

Dean Adams encouraged and supported faculty and students to engage in teaching and learning, research and service, and cultural immersion in international settings, with an emphasis on Japan, Peru, and Barbados.

## EASTERN REGION

The Eastern Region held its Annual Membership Meeting on April 5 in Newark, New Jersey at the Bethany Baptist Church. There were 27 representatives from seven area chapters.

Business of the Region was discussed which included fund raising, Ms. Alumni Contest, new chapter formation, constitution and by-laws, appointment of Nominating committee, and discussion and concerns of the University and Alumni Association.

An informative highlight of "Black Magic" was presented by Ernest Browne of New York who was featured in the film which aired on national television.

The Ms. Alumni candidate from the Eastern Region and Washington DC chapter, Carolyn Closs Walford, was presented and made remarks.

The next Advisory meeting will be held in the Washington DC area in October, 2008.

### Ronnie Carl Peppers

BA History  
Pledged Omega Psi Phi Fraternity at WSSU



### Cassandra V. Douglas

Worked for several years as assistant for Beaufort Bailey and as year book advisor

### Wanda Kea Christian, 1980

### Elizabeth M. West, 1941

Retired from Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system



### Mary Forney Smith



Kimberley Park  
Alumni Chapter  
Winston-Salem  
Retired librarian

## IN MEMORIAM

### Narvie Claudette Long Wilson



B.S. Elementary Education  
Resided in Kannapolis, NC

She taught in Montgomery County and Rowan County and retired from China Grove Elementary

School, China Grove.

### Rev. Henry S. Lewis, Sr., 1957

From 1969 to 1977, he was the WSSU chaplain and James A. Gray professor of religion and sociology. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that



donations be made to the WSSU Foundation Class of 1957 Scholarship.

### Errol Tyrone Scales, 1963 B.S. Education

Ty lived in West Orange for 23 years before moving to Bridgewater in 2005. During his 43 years as an educator, he was employed in the Montclair and East Orange school districts and retired in 2005 as principal of the Edison Middle School in West Orange.

## ALUMNI ACHIEVER AWARD

Now is the time to honor a fellow alumna/alumnus who has performed outstanding in their career, in their community or service to the university. Contact the Alumni Relations office at (336) 750-3491 or 1-800-565-3870 to receive further information.

**GERALD HUNTER NAMED VP OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Gerald E. Hunter, a financial officer with more than 15 years of experience in higher education executive leadership roles, has been named Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration at Winston-Salem State University, effective June 23.

**PATRICIA NORRIS NAMED DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Patricia D. Norris '93 has been named Director of Public Safety and Police Chief at Winston-Salem State University, effective August 1. She has more than 30 years of experience in law enforcement and administrative leadership roles.

A lifelong resident of Winston-Salem, Chief Norris began her career as a police officer in 1977. She held several positions within the department and rose to the position of chief March 1, 2004, due in large part to her deep-rooted commitment to the community.

This devotion is evidenced by her choice to attend a local university with a historic commitment to under-served populations—WSSU. She serves on the boards of the Salvation Army Girls' Club; Forsyth Futures; the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council; the Liberty Community Development Corporation; the Northwest North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross; Mediation Services of Forsyth County; Communities in Schools of Forsyth County; and the executive committee of the WSSU Center for Community Safety.

Chief Norris is the Region IV director of the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police and a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the North Carolina Police Executives Association. Norris was named to the North Carolina Actual Innocence Commission shortly after her appointment as police chief.

**CHECK US OUT...**

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**2008 RAM FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

**Home games in RED**

**Aug 30** OPEN

**Sep 6** N. C A & T 6 p.m.  
Greensboro, NC 6:00 PM

**Sep 13** Savannah State 6 p.m.  
Winston-Salem

**Sep 20** Morgan State 6 p.m.  
Winston-Salem

**Sep 27** S. C. State 6 p.m.  
Winston-Salem

**Oct 4** Howard University 6 p.m.  
Winston-Salem

**Date change!**

**Oct 9** Florida A&M 6 p.m.  
Tallahassee, FL  
Broadcast live on ESPN2

**Oct 18** Open

**Oct 25** Bethune Cookman 2 p.m.  
Winston-Salem - Homecoming

**Nov 1** Hampton 1 p.m.  
Hampton, VA

**Nov 8** Delaware State 1 p.m.  
Dover, Del

**Nov 15** N. C. Central 1 p.m.  
Durham, NC

**Nov 22** Norfolk State 1:30 p.m.  
Winston-Salem

**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  
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Charlotte, NC 28289-0670**

**HOW TO CONTACT US**



Please submit articles, suggestions, or comments to:

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Shown below are deadline dates for the four issues of *The Battering Ram*

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Winter	December 1
Spring	March 1
Summer	June 1
Fall	September 1

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# CARNIVAL INSPIRATION<sup>SM</sup>

Let the fun begin on a Carnival cruise vacation.

5 day Western Caribbean cruises from Tampa, FL

Your first destination on this adventure is Grand Cayman, an island famous for its Seven Mile Beach where you can enjoy all your favorite watersports. Other fun attractions include wildlife encounters, and shopping in pastel-colored George Town. The next day you're in Cozumel, the Jewel of the Yucatan, where you can spend your day swimming, snorkeling, shopping or touring the Mayan ruins on the mainland. On this cruise, you'll enjoy one fun adventure after another.

JOIN

**KIMBERLEY PARK CHAPTER  
WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIV.**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2009**

from

INTERIOR	OCEANVIEW	BALCONY
<b>\$463</b>	<b>\$533</b>	<b>\$993</b>

Fuel supplement additional \$5 per guest, per day.\*

Cruise rates are capacity controlled in U.S. dollars, per guest and based on double occupancy. Government taxes/fees are included. Air transportation is additional for all guests. Rates are available on select sailings only. Some restrictions (including stateroom category availability) apply. Rates are subject to change without prior notice. \*Fuel supplement of \$5 per guest, per day based on double occupancy. The total fuel supplement for cruises of 14 days or longer is \$70 per guest. Ships' registry: The Bahamas and Panama.



### 5 Day Western Caribbean Itinerary

DAY	PORT	ARRIVE	DEPART
Sat.	Tampa		4:00 P.M.
Sun.	"Fun Day" at Sea		
Mon.	Grand Cayman	7:00 A.M.	2:00 P.M.
Tues.	Cozumel	9:00 A.M.	6:00 P.M.
Wed.	"Fun Day" at Sea		
Thurs.	Tampa	8:00 A.M.	

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*Everybody can be great because anybody can serve.*

*You don't have to have a college degree to serve.*

*You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve.*

*You don't have to know about Plato and Aristotle to serve.*

*You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve.*

*You only need a heart full of grace—A soul generated by love.*

*Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

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