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National Alumni Association

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"Serving together with purpose."

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

Summer 2010

PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL MESSAGE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

FALL BOARD MEETING
Saturday, September 4
10 a.m.

HOMECOMING
October 22-24

Fellow Alumni:

I greet you in the name of my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I am humble and proud to have served as your National Alumni President. Thank all of you for your support and confidence that you placed in me during my tenure. We did move our Association forward and must remain united and jointly focused, thinking as one cohesive unit.

Winston-Salem State University is a training ground for excellence. We are taught the value of dependability, the importance of loyalty and the spirit of cooperation. All of which are necessary to undertake the projects and monuments necessary for a lifetime devoted to excellence. We are charged to live a life of high moral standards. We are the intersection of the noble and the common. We have learned the importance of respect and honor for ourselves and our forbearers. Because of the unique combination of enthusiasm and faith we possess we can embrace the challenges that life has in store for us with grace and confidence. WSSU has given us all the precious and enduring gifts that a mother would give her child. We are blessed with conviction of service and admonition to live our creed in all that we do, for we are the example for others to see.

Where do we go from here? Have you ever known someone who had a dream to do something great but did nothing to make it happen? It's so important to act on the dreams that God has given you. You can take ownership of your dreams by planning and preparing for them. Never before have we had an opportunity like this to have a global impact through our partnerships and commitment to education. We must continue to focus on growing our financial membership. I need each of you to renew your membership and recruit a new alum. We all must continue to reinvest in the future of our Alma Mater and give annually.

Congratulations and best wishes to the new administration, Gordon Everett- President Elect, Patti Sander Smith- Vice President Elect, Shirley Wright- Secretary Elect, and Calsine Pitt- Treasurer Elect. "We are linked together in unity and serving together with purpose."

*Sincerely,
Victor L. Bruinton '82
National President 2006-2010*

NATIONAL OFFICERS 2010-2012

Installation of Officers – April 24, 2010

President – Gordon Everett
Vice President – Patti Sanders-Smith
Secretary – Shirley Wright
Treasurer – Calsine Pitt
Immediate Past President – Victor Bruinton



PRESIDENT ELECT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Rams,

Let me first take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as President of our National Alumni Association!!

The new leadership team will begin transition meetings this summer as we prepare to execute our platform presented to you prior to the elections. This includes the \$500,000 endowment commitment, expanding our partnership with the University, reaching out and bringing our younger alums to the table, continued support for our athletic programs and identifying the best and brightest students from our communities and introduce them to WSSU.

We will be successful if you will do your part and renew your membership or join the WSSUNAA today. In fact, bring two classmates along with you in this endeavor. You may submit your dues online at WSSUNAA.org.

Finally, I would like to thank our outgoing president Victor Bruinton, for his many years of service to the WSSUNAA at the chapter and national level. While he will assume the position of Immediate Past President, he has given his commitment to assist wherever we need him.

If you haven't, please take the opportunity to support all of the candidates for Miss and Mr. Alumni. And do come home for Homecoming as we place the crowns on Friday evening October 22nd for another memorable homecoming weekend.

Sincerely,

Gordon Everett '78
National Alumni Association
President Elect

CHAPTER NEWS

ATLANTA

The National Alumni President, Mr. Victor Bruinton, and Athletic Director, Mr. William "Bill" Hayes, were special guests during our April meeting. President Bruinton expressed his appreciation for our support with National and asked that we continue that same support with the new board members in the upcoming years. AD Hayes challenged the chapter to join the 1000 HORN\$ and we accepted! We would like to challenge other chapters to do the same!

Octavius Robinson, Janie Hardman and Catherine Hart represented the Chapter at the Annual S.T.A.R. Banquet on April 23. "Congratulations" to the Rocky Mount Chapter on receiving "Chapter of the Year"!

As we continue to "**Give Back**" to our alma mater through campaigns and various fundraisers for "**Mr. Alumni 2010**", Atlanta chapter president Octavius Robinson would like to say "**THANKS**" to everyone for their support thus far. We need everyone's support and assistance to make this challenge possible.

We've sponsored several fundraisers for our Mr. Alumni candidate. We recently had a successful silent auction at Sambuca's, with our very own Maria Howell '83 performing.

We invite all alumni in the Georgia area to join us each month for fellowship and fun. We meet the second Friday Mike Murrell's place, (**Murrell's Café @ Scholars, located on Morris Brown Campus! Mike Murrell, Phone: 678-705-2455, Address: 715 MLK Drive Atlanta GA, 30314**)

You can also check us out on Face book.

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BROWN

The Brown Alumni chapter was awarded 4th place Chapter of the Year for recruiting service at the S.T.A. R. Banquet. Barbara Puryear is the chapter's president.

The chapter sponsored a bus trip to raise funds to help incoming WSSU

students by providing athletic scholarships.

The chapter sponsored a reclamation/new member reception on June 5 at Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church.

CONNECTICUT

The chapter is asking for your support of its president for Miss Alumni. Please send your tax-deductible contributions (**payable to WSSU National Alumni Assoc**) to **Veronica Carter / 51-D Joy Road / Milford, CT 06460**

For more information, please contact me at veronica.carter@hotmail.com or (203) 906-7797

FAYETTEVILLE

The Greater Fayetteville Area Chapter sponsored the "Rams on the Road" at Seventy First High School on March 27. Also sponsored "RAMS ROUND-UP" at Docks in downtown Fayetteville. (Recruitment activity for new students and alumni in the area). Special invited guests were Victor Bruinton, President; Coach Bill Hayes, Athletic Director; Gregory Hairston, Alumni Director; Kimberly Reese, Annual Fund Director; Connell Maynor, WSSU Head Football Coach; and "Mr. & Miss Alumni."

■ Recruited students for Open House 2010

■ Supporting activities planned by Corine O.B. Warren, candidate for Miss Alumni 2010

■ Sponsored "Miss Alumni 2009" in her travels to visit out of town chapters: Eastern Region, Rocky Mount chapter and Vance County chapter.

■ The monthly meetings are held at 10:00 AM, 4th Saturday of each month at Subs N' Such, 423 Murchison Road, Fayetteville, NC. Our annual Retreat will be held on August 14 at Top Sail Beach, NC.

PITT COUNTY

The Pitt County Chapter has participated in the following activities this year

■ Sponsored its annual Back 2 School Picnic

■ Participated in the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Coalition of Pitt County Annual College Fair.

Kudos to Phillip Osborne on doing an outstanding job representing the university.

- Delivered Christmas cheer to the residents of Rosa Bradley Nursing Home.
- Held its annual Christmas Gathering at the home of Chapter President Dr. Patti Sanders-Smith.
- Organized and co-sponsored with Rocky Mount and Kinston alumni chapters the 2nd Annual Rams on the Road which was held at James B. Hunt High School in Wilson, NC.

Chapter Accolades

- The chapter salutes WSSU Hall of Famer Dr. Reginald Sherard, '78 on his induction into the CIAA Hall of Fame at the 2010 CIAA Tournament. Dr. Sherard was a member of the 1977 and 1978 undefeated football teams as well as a member of the wrestling team. While at WSSU Dr. Sherard was recognized as the CIAA Scholar Athlete two years in a row. He was further honored recently by the athletic department by having an athletic academic outing named in his honor.

- Congratulations are also extended to our chapter president, Dr. Patti Sanders-Smith '76 on her election as Vice President of the National Alumni Association.
- Robert "Trey" '01 and Latoya Ross '03 and Morgan Harvey welcomed Kendall Marie Harvey on April 6, 2010. Kendall is also the granddaughter of Dr. Patti Sanders-Smith and the great granddaughter of the late Freager "High Point" Sanders '50.

RALEIGH-WAKE

Congratulations to the following RAMS that have been elected or re-elected to serve the next two years as officers for the Raleigh-Wake Chapter.

Elijah Jay Haddock, President
Charletta Sims-Evans, Vice-President
Stanley N. Harding, Treasurer
Taketta Tyson, Assistant Treasurer
Nikki Marshall, Secretary
Denise Spaugh, Assistant Secretary
Ronald Haynes, Parliamentarian

- Chapter responded to a request from the NAA to support Haitian Relief by donating \$200.
- Responded to a request from the

WSSU Admissions Office to support the "RAMS on The Road – Durham". The chapter generously donated breakfast items, drinks and snacks for the nearly 100 students and parents attending the event.

■ Recently celebrated its "end of year" with RAMS bringing their signature dishes to the Villages at Aversboro Clubhouse in Garner. The chapter has had a very outstanding year with a long list of accomplishments in support of WSSU and the Raleigh-Wake community. We would like to extend thanks to everyone that has supported the chapter's activities during the past year. If you live in the Raleigh-Wake County area, please mark your calendar and plan to come out to our next chapter meeting which is scheduled for August 15. Please visit our website www.raleighwakewssu.org for additional information about our chapter or send an email to rwwssu@raleighwakewssu.org for membership information.

ROCKY MOUNT

The Rocky Mount would like to invite all Rams in the area to join us in our efforts to recruit new members on behalf of our university. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Braswell Memorial Library at 6:00 p.m., 727 N. Grace Street in Rocky Mount, NC. If you need additional information you may call the chapter president at 252.314.4790.

■ Two of our members celebrated a memorable 2009 Homecoming. Elaine Barnes Tyson '49 celebrated her 60th year and Doris Burke Cooper '59 her 50th year.

■ Our chapter members continue to be active in the community. The local chapter of Woodmen of America recently honored Mildred Hines as Volunteer of the Year.

■ The Rocky Mount Chapter, along with Pitt County Chapter, and 30 future Rams traveled by bus to the Fall Open House. The students were impressed with our beautiful campus and enjoyed a day of fun at WSSU. We were also one of the host chapters for Rams on the Road on March 20 at Hunt High School in Wilson, North Carolina.

■ We are now in the process of selecting scholarship recipients for the upcoming year.

WILMINGTON

Scholarship award

The Chapter awarded **Wayne Heidelberg**, a senior at EA Laney High School, a \$2,000 scholarship. Wayne will be a freshman at WSSU Fall 2010. Wayne will major in business administration and plans to be a football student athlete. Fundraisers for the scholarship included small raffles and a successful tea bag event led by Deloris Whitted.

Service Project

Weekend Meals on Wheels was the service project selected by the chapter. Alumni delivered meals to senior citizens the third Saturday of each month from September through May 15.

Member Update

Virginia W. Adams '67, president of the Wilmington NC Chapter, represented the National League for Nursing at the 4th International Croatian Nurses Association Congress in Zagreb, Croatia. Dr. Adams' presentation was entitled "A Critical Need for Diversity in Nursing Education." As Steering Committee Chair of the International Council of Nurses Education Network, Dr. Adams has been invited to participate in the Nurse Faculty Migration Summit in Geneva, Switzerland.

SAVE THE DATES

October 22-24
Homecoming

WSSU vs. UNC Pembroke

2010 Miss and Mr. Alumni Contestants

VERONICA CARTER



Class of 1990
Major: Nursing
Connecticut Alumni Chapter

EDUCATION

At WSSU, recipient of the 1990 "Student Nurse of the Year" award by the NC Board of Nursing

University of New Haven, CT, 2001
 Master of Business Administration

Sacred Heart University, Fairfield, CT, current
 Post Graduate Certificate Program, Health Care Education

EMPLOYMENT

Registered Nurse / President/Owner, Carter Healthcare Consultants, LLC
 Clinical Director, Caresource / Visiting Nurse Association of So. Central CT
 Medical Instructor, The Sawyer School – Medical Assistant Program

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc
 Founding president, CT Alumni Chapter

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Medical Volunteer, Milford Health Department Medical Response Team
 Contributing Health Writer, *Message*

RANDON BLACKMON PENDER



Class of 1985
Major: Nursing
Brown Alumni Chapter

CERTIFICATIONS

CDMS – Certified Disability Management Specialist
 CCM – Certified Case Manager

EMPLOYMENT

Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina – Episodic Nurse Case Manager

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

President, Winston-Salem Black Chamber of Commerce
 Vice Chairperson, Public Relations of The National Alliance of African American Chambers
 Executive Board Member, Carolinas Regional Chambers of Commerce

RECOGNITION

2009 Community Blue Award/BCBSNC

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Vice President, Brown Alumni Chapter
 Chairperson, Forsyth County Democratic Party 31st Precinct
 Vice President of Membership, Madison Masters Club/Toastmasters International

SINDA SMITH ROGERS



Class of 1968
Major: Education
Tidewater Alumni Chapter

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Urban Education, Norfolk State University

EMPLOYMENT

Retired elementary teacher – Windsor Elementary School

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Isle of Wight Education Association
 Treasurer, Isle of Wight Education Association

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Tidewater Community College



2010 Miss and Mr. Alumni Contestants

**CORINE O. B.
WARREN**



Class of 1995
Major: Elementary Education
Fayetteville Alumni Chapter

EDUCATION

Master of Library Science, North Carolina Central University
National Board Certified Teacher

EMPLOYMENT

Cumberland County Schools—Media Coordinator

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Association of Educators
American Association of School Librarians
Delta Kappa Gamma Society International

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Media Coordinator of the Year, Cumberland County Schools
District Media Coordinator of the Year
J. W. Coon Elementary School
Teacher of the Year

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Assist with church-sponsored activities
Perform tutorial services for students in Cumberland County Schools
Judge senior projects for high schools in Cumberland County

**SEAN A.
BELLAMY**



Class of 2005
Major: Elementary Education
Washington, DC Metro Alumni Chapter

EDUCATION

Master of Arts in Human Development and Education, George Washington University

EMPLOYMENT

District of Columbia Public Schools
Academic Intervention Coach
Crosby S. Noyes Education Campus

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Federation of Teachers
National Education Association
Kappa Delta Pi—International Honor Society in Education

AWARDS/RECOGNITION

Kappa Delta Pi, New Teacher of the Year, 2008
Japan Fulbright Scholar, Alternate 2008
Wayne Ryan Outstanding Service in Education Award, 2009

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.
Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Band Fraternity, Inc.
WSSU Alumni Band

**OCTAVIUS
ROBINSON**



Class of 1992
Major: Business Administration
Atlanta Alumni Chapter

EDUCATION

MA Business and Leadership, Shorter College

CERTIFICATION

Instructor

EMPLOYMENT

AT&T, Senior Training Manager

VOLUNTEER SERVICE

President, Atlanta Alumni Chapter
Vice President, Mass Usher Board
Ministry, New Beginning Full Gospel Baptist Church



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CLASS OF 1958

The Class of 1958 will celebrate its 52nd reunion on October 22 & 23, during this year's homecoming. We will meet at the Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center, located at 420 High Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101. The direct telephone number is (336) 397-8316. It can also be reached at (800) 972-3774. For more information contact Theresa Snuggs, (301) 773-9127

CLASS OF 1960

The Class of 1960 will observe its 50th reunion on Thursday, October 21, (week of Homecoming). The Hawthorne Inn and Conference Center in Winston-Salem will serve as the headquarters

All classmates who have not responded are encouraged to do so by August 31. Please contact the Alumni Relations Office at 336-750-2125 or Barbara Manning at 336-723-6471.

CLASS OF 1968

The Class of 1968 will be celebrating its 42nd reunion at Homecoming this year with the theme, "A Family Reunion." Please join us and call one of the contact people to let them know your plans. Contact people are:

Lewis Turner---702-838-8782 or
702-274-2044(c)
Arnesta Turner--336-924-1201
Evelyn "Rotate" Bond--248-332-6538
Jimmy Foster----845-849-2132

HOTELS FOR HOMECOMING

The hotels below have a limited number of rooms blocked at reduced room rates for WSSU alumni for Homecoming weekend. Please request the WSSU National Alumni Association rate when making your reservation..

Brookstown Inn (\$89.00)

200 Brookstown Avenue
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
(336) 725-1120

Clarion Sundance Plaza Hotel & Spa

(\$82.99)
3050 University Pkwy
Winston-Salem, NC, US, 27105
(336) 723-2911

Courtyard by Marriott (\$105.00)

3111 University Parkway
Winston-Salem, NC 27105
(336) 727-1277

Hawthorne Inn and Conference Center (\$99.00)

420 High Street
Winston Salem, NC 27101-5061
(336) 777-3000

Holiday Inn (\$90.00)

5790 University Parkway
Winston Salem, NC 27106
(336) 767-9595

Residence Inn (\$89.00)

7835 North Point Boulevard
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
(336) 759-0777

Village Inn Golf and Conference Center (\$72.00)

6205 Ramada Drive
Clemmons, NC 27012
(336) 766-9121

Wingate by Wyndham (\$89.00)

125 South Main Street
Winston Salem, NC 27101
(336) 714-2800

IN MEMORIAM

James L. "Smitty" Smith of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania died suddenly on Friday, March 19, 2010 at the Abington Memorial Hospital in Abington, Pa.



Lucille Fair McCormick

Her working lifetime was devoted to the education of children, and she taught elementary school in Virginia and Maryland until retirement.



Arlethia Jean Harris Thompson

Known to her family as "Lete", she was a product of the local public school system and was an honor graduate of Winston-Salem State

University and McLean Business School. She retired from Winston - Salem State University/ Office of Career Services after 15 years of faithful service in 1997.

Doris "Rena" Williams '85

Lived in Goldsboro, NC

Donald McNeill, 49, formerly of Fayetteville, resided in Winston-Salem

Peggy Ann Freeman Fleming '62, died April 12, 2010. She received a BS in Education from WSSU. She was employed in the Concord City School System and retired from Cabarrus County School System with 30 years service.

UNSUNG HERO GALA

The Chicago Chapter's 7th Annual Clarence "Big House" Gaines Unsung Hero Scholarship Gala will be held in Winston-Salem on Thursday, October 21, at the Winston-Salem Marriott Hotel.

Activities for the gala will include a reception with hors d'oeuvres, awards dinner, and dancing to the music of a live band. Ticket price is \$100. You can order tickets by phone from the WSSU Ticket Office (336) 750-3220, or by mail at 601 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Winston-Salem, NC 27110-0001.

The following Rams and community leaders will receive the "Big House" Gaines Unsung Hero Award for 2010:

*Kenneth Benton, Class of '61
Met Life Manager

D'Walla Summons Burke
Director of Choral and Vocal Studies at WSSU

*Cleveland Ellison, Class of '60
Employers State Credit Union in Eden, North Carolina

Bill Hayes
Athletic Director at WSSU

*Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, Class of '67
National Black Theatre Festival

*John Hunter, Sr., Class of '63
Innovative educator-Durham, NC

*Albert Roseboro, Class of '65
Former Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs—WSSU

*Stephen A. Smith, Class of '92
Media personality

*denotes Ram

Please support your classmates.

For more information, please visit our website at www.bighousegainesunsunghero.com or call Bethel J. Burton at (773) 975-0028.

Clarence "BigHouse" Gaines Unsung Hero Committee

2010 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

BOLD CAPS = HOME GAME

Sat. Aug. 28 VIRGINIA UNION
High Point, N.C. (Simeon Stadium)
7:30 p.m.
(Furniture City Classic)

Sat. Sept. 04 North Carolina A&T
Greensboro, N.C.
(Aggie Stadium) TBA
(I-40 Showdown)

Sat. Sept. 11 North Carolina Central
Durham, N.C.
(O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium) 6:00 p.m.

Sat. Sept. 18 CHOWAN
(Bowman Gray Stadium) 6:00 p.m.
(Hall of Fame Game)

Sat. Sept. 25 Fayetteville State
Fayetteville, N.C.
(Luther Jerolds Stadium) 6:00 p.m.

Sat. Oct. 02 Johnson C. Smith
Charlotte, N.C.
(Irwin Belk Complex) TBA

Sat. Oct. 09 ST. AUGUSTINE'S
(Bowman Gray Stadium)
6:00 p.m.
(Wilbur Ross Memorial Game)

Sat. Oct. 16 LIVINGSTONE
(Bowman Gray Stadium) 6:00 p.m.
(1000 HORN\$ Game)

Sat. Oct. 23 UNC-PEMPROKE
(Bowman Gray Stadium) 1:30 p.m.
(Homecoming)

Sat. Oct. 30 Shaw
Raleigh, N.C.
(Millbrook High School Stadium) TBA

Sat. Nov. 13 CIAA Championship
Durham, N.C.
(Durham County Stadium) 1:00 p.m.

HOW TO CONTACT US



Please submit articles, suggestions, or comments to:

TheBatteringRam@wssunaa.org

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Spring	March 1
Summer	June 1
Fall	September 1

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*How far you go in life depends on your being
Tender with the young,
Compassionate with the aged,
Sympathetic with the striving,
And tolerant of the weak and strong,
Because someday in life you will have been all of these.*

George Washington Carver

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