



The Battering Ram

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SPECIAL HOMECOMING EDITION

Mr. and Miss Alumni and Court

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Mr. Alumni 2016
William (Billy) Richardson
Class of 1972



Attendant
DeValdean Penn
Class of 1974



First Attendant
Veronica Carter
Class of 1990



Miss Alumni 2016
Burnetta Johnson Smith
Class of 1981



Second Attendant
Valeria Lynette Clark
Edwards

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear RAMily,

The fiscal year has gotten off to a fast-paced, but tremendous start! Your WSSUNAA has been working tirelessly to ensure that we not only align with the strategic plan of the university, but also to support the goals and mission of the organization. In doing so, we are aware that there are two facets of the work that are necessary in setting a renewed and restructured foundation of pride in our illustrious WSSU! These two initiatives are:

- **Effective Communications** --- Our newly designed website, <http://www.wssunaa.org>, has been revamped to function as a comprehensive information portal for our alums. Content, cosmetic and navigational improvements are still underway; however, we solicit your input for suggestions and ideas in moving forward. Your voice counts! Please share your thoughts by email, via the Contact Us (Contact: WSSUNAA President) link on the WSSUNAA website's landing page.
- **Membership Drive** --- WSSUNAA has embarked on a new membership campaign titled, "Join the Movement!", "#servingbysupportingwssunaa." Each of us can be fully engaged in the future of our university and its students by opting to participate financially. There are multi-levels to WSSUNAA membership---one designed just for you! Please check out the website to determine your level of commitment today and Join the Movement! #servingbysupportingwssunaa

We must ALL take part in the heritage and legacy of WSSU. Make this a year to make a difference and get plugged in to WSSUNAA and Join the Movement!

Respectfully,

Victor Bruinton

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WSSUNAA President

BYLAWS REVISION 2017



As stated in Article XIX—Amendments with Notice, revisions to the Bylaws shall be held in odd numbered years.

The year 2017 allows any and all proposed amendments to the Association's Bylaws be submitted in writing and referred to the Bylaws Committee for study and recommendation.

The 2013 WSSU NAA Bylaws can be accessed online at www.wssunaa.org. If you do not have access to the Internet to review the bylaws and complete the form, please call the Alumni Office at 336-750-2122 by **October 15** to have the bylaws and form mailed to you. An electronic version of the form can be completed on the website also.

Please submit suggested revisions by **December 1, 2016** to:

Mrs. Catherine Hart
WSSU NAA Bylaws Committee
1450 Loch Lomond Trail, SW
Atlanta, GA 30331

OR submit electronically by December 1 to:

COMPLETING IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3

1. Go to website: www.wssunaa.org
2. Click on Forms & Documents tab
3. Select Documents, Suggested Revision Form

GUIDANCE FOR SUBMITTING PROPOSED REVISIONS OR COMMENTS

Include the following information with each comment or revision proposal.

Cite the Article number, Section, and page number
Ex: ARTICLE XIV. – REMOVAL FROM OFFICE
Section 2 (a) page 14

Comment or proposed revision

Reasoning or justification for comment or revision proposal

Financial member's contact information (name, telephone number, email address (if applicable))

Important Note: Submit by December 1 deadline electronically or by mail



HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

ALUMNI ACTIVITIES:

Thursday, October 13 - Return to Serve,
7:00 am, Hill Hall L05

Thursday, October 13 - Hometown Huddle,
2:00 pm, Thompson Center 207

Thursday, October 13 - Queens Tea 2:30
pm, Piedmont Club

Friday, October 14 - Wreath Laying, 8:45
am, Simon G. Atkins Statue

Friday, October 14 - Founder's Day
Convocation, 9:45 am, K.R. Williams
Auditorium

Friday, October 14 - Alumni Check In,
12:00 noon, Thompson Center 207

Friday, October 14 - Hall of Distinction,
7:00 pm, Embassy Suites-Terrace I (6:30 pm
Reception)

Friday, October 14 - Crowning of Mr. &
Miss Alumni, 8:00 pm, Embassy Suites-
Pavilion Room

Friday, October 14 - Alumni Gala, 9:00 pm,
Embassy Suites-Pavilion Room, \$60 in
advance

Saturday, October 15 - "Ram Saturday
Night Live", 10:00 pm, Embassy Suites-
Pavilion Room, \$20 in advance

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

Wednesday, October 13—7:00 pm
Coronation—Winter Wonderland
K. R. Williams Auditorium

Thursday, October 14, 4:00 pm—9:00 pm
Vendors' Fair, Main campus and bridge area

Friday, October 14, 8:00 pm Homecoming
Step Show, K. R. Williams Auditorium

Check

[http://www.wssu.edu/campus-life/
homecoming/php/index.php](http://www.wssu.edu/campus-life/homecoming/php/index.php)

for additional activities

2016-2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Anthony Jones,
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Griffin

CHAPTER NEWS



All chapters are encouraged to
submit information about
activities going on in your areas.

See the schedule in the next column for
due dates of the various issues of the
newsletter.

We care—please share...

HOW TO CONTACT US



WEBSITE

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Please submit articles,
suggestions, or comments to:
TheBatteringRam@wssunaa.org

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

ASSOCIATION LOCK BOX

Please mail ALL membership
dues and associated documenta-
tion ONLY to the Association lock
box. If dues are mailed to the
campus address, the process of
receiving, posing, and receipting
the information is delayed.

Dues and all other monies should
be mailed to:

WSSU National Alumni
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ALUMNI OFFICE

336-750-2122

Office Hours

Monday—Friday
10 am—2 pm
Barbara Manning
Office Manager

Victor L. Bruinton, President
Catherine Pettie Hart, Editor



Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and your 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 don't have to know the second theory of thermodynamics in physics to serve. You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.

- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
 "The Drum Major Instinct"
 Delivered at Ebenezer Baptist Church,
 Atlanta, Georgia, February 4, 1968



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