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UPCOMING EVENTS

Mr. and Miss Alumni Deadline
August 15

Fall Board Meeting
9:00 am—September 9
Winston-Salem, NC

4:00 pm—WSSU vs. Bowie
Bowman Gray Stadium

125th Anniversary Celebration
September 28

Homecoming
October 28
WSSU vs. Shaw University

2017 HOMECOMING ALUMNI SCHEDULE OF EVENTS - TENTATIVE

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

Arrival: President, Special Events Chair, Mr. Alumni, Miss Alumni

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

Return to Serve, TBD
Hometown Huddle, TBD
Kings and Queens Tea – 2:30 pm, TBD

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

8:45 am - Wreath Laying
9:45 am - Founder's Day Convocation
12:00 pm - Alumni Check In, WSSU Thompson Center
12:30 pm - Ram Mini Parade, WSSU Campus
Alumni Hospitality, WSSU Thompson Center
7:00 pm - *Hall of Distinction & Alumni Crowning, Embassy Suites, Gaines Room
10:00 pm - *Alumni Gala, Marriott, Hearn Ballroom
* New Format

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

Parade – Downtown WS
Alumni Roundup – Bowman Gray Parking Lot
Homecoming Football Game – Bowman Gray, WSSU vs. Shaw
Homecoming Victory Party I – Benton Convention Center, Winston Ballroom
Homecoming Victory Party II – Benton Convention Center, Piedmont 1&2
Homecoming Victory Party III – Benton Convention Center, Piedmont 3&4
Homecoming Victory Party IV - Embassy Suites, Pavilion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

Worship Service – location of your choice

IMPORTANT NOTE TO LIFE MEMBERS



The Association approved the recommendation from the Membership and Finance Committees that we eliminate complimentary homecoming event tickets for Life Members, with 2017 being the last year of complimentary tickets.

Anyone currently paying on Life Membership dues must pay in full by October 15, 2017 in order to receive the 2017 complimentary ticket.

- 2017 - Complimentary Ticket
- 2018 and forward - No ticket

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Alumni,

As I begin the second year of my administration, I would like to thank you for your support of our National Alumni Association. We must continue to focus on growing our financial membership and moving our Association forward. We can take pride in knowing that we have also had a tremendous generational effect, as the number of legacies among our alumni continues to grow. Congratulations to the Class of 2017!

This year we celebrate the 125th anniversary of our wonderful university. Thousands of students have benefited from the vision and tenacity of Dr. Simon Green Atkins, who created Slater Academy on September 28, 1892. Please join the planned events in September and celebrate this milestone.

We must remain faithful and unwavering in our call to serve. Winston-Salem State University needs our support and involvement more now than in the recent past. During these political times, with reduction of funding in education, your support provides critical dollars for a multitude of outstanding programs and services that impact our students.

The Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association continues to be committed to supporting student achievement by donating scholarships. Our goal this year is to donate \$125,000! In order to reach this goal, we need YOUR help! We are asking all alumni to join us in the "Decades of Giving Challenge" by contributing a donation of \$125 or more by September 28, 2017. To learn more about the "Decades of Giving Challenge," please visit our website at www.wssunaa.org or call the office at (336) 750-2122. We thank you in advance and we look forward to presenting the University with a \$125,000 check during Homecoming 2017 activities.

We are "Linked Together in Unity, Serving Together with Purpose."

Sincerely,

Victor L. Bruinton

Victor L. Bruinton '82
President

CHAPTER NEWS

BALTIMORE

The Baltimore Alumni Chapter sponsored its annual Doris 'Bud Green' Jones Card Party at The Forum Caterers on Saturday, March 25, 2017. Our guests had lunch and then played cards and different board games. They also participated in the Laurence "Stringbean" Harrison Raffle and a silent auction of decorated theme baskets. All proceeds from the card party will be used for the chapter's scholarship fund. Thanks to our chapter members and everyone that continues to support our fundraisers.

Several of our chapter members attended WSSUNAA Annual Membership Meeting on April 22, 2017 on the campus of WSSU and then attended the Eastern Region Annual Membership Meeting in Norfolk, Virginia on April 29. Our chapter also participated in the Eastern Region Raffle. The proceeds from the raffle will go towards scholarships for students attending WSSU.

On May 25, several Rams attended the play "Aladdin" at John Tyler Elementary School in Washington, DC. It was a stellar performance by the students from kindergarten to fifth grade. Kudos to our fellow Ram, Sean Bellamy, who teaches at John Tyler, and the other teachers for their hard work and dedication to make the play a success.

Congratulations to the granddaughter of the late Laurence "Stringbean" Harrison ('58) and Edith Harrison, and the niece of Cheryl Harrison ('84), for receiving her law degree from the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland last week.

Hulda Louise Hopewell ('64), celebrated a milestone birthday on Saturday, May 27, with an all-white affair attended by family, friends, neighbors, church family and fellow Rams.

Our chapter will award two scholarships to students attending WSSU for the Fall Semester. Our annual cookout was held on June 11.

GREATER FAYETTEVILLE

Our monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at North Regional Library, Fayetteville, NC



(left) Church service at Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, May 21, 2017

We celebrated and hosted our 3rd Annual "RED & WHITE AFFAIR" Scholarship Luncheon and the crowning of "Junior Mr. & Miss Ram." Junior Mr. Ram is Navia Adams, an upcoming freshman for 2017-2018

CELEBRATIONS OF HBCUs was the theme. Our guest speaker was Dr. Mary Black, Assistant Superintendent of Cumberland County Schools. Dr. Pierce and Margaret King had a roll call of area HBCUs and 15 answered.

We hosted two area college fairs – E.E. Smith High School and Smith Recreation Center

We adopted Mrs. Cynthia Quick and Family, flood victims from Hurricane Matthew with food baskets at Thanksgiving and at Christmas.

We are planning summer activities and will have ANNUAL BEACH MEETING on August 10-13 at TOPSAIL BEACH, NC

RALEIGH-WAKE

Raleigh-Wake wrapped up the fiscal year with the following activities:

Gift cards were purchased for alumni that were impacted by Hurricane Matthew.

Cassandra Herndon represented the chapter at the Foundation Scholarship Luncheon on April 6, 2017.

Monica Money and Stanley Harding chaperoned students from the Raleigh-Wake County area at the WSSU Spring Open House.



The chapter awarded a \$1,000 scholarship to Lauren Ray, a senior at Southeast Raleigh Magnet High School in Raleigh. She will enter WSSU the Fall Semester 2017. Congratulations, Lauren.

The last monthly delivery of school supplies was presented to Fuller Elementary School on May 23, 2017, just prior to the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast. The breakfast, given by Fuller Elementary staff to recognize and show appreciation for all volunteers (in whatever capacity), was attended by President Kay Harris and Secretary Daisie Blue.



The chapter will break from meetings in June and July, resuming regular monthly meetings in August. During the break, officers will be busy making plans for the next fiscal

SALISBURY/ROWAN

President-Jeanette Rankin
V. President-Teresa Veal Knox
Secretary-Jennifer Kennedy,
Treasurer-Alfreda Brenda Cowan
Parliamentarian-Charlotte Perry-Giles
Historian-Derrick Foxx



This was an exciting afternoon for all of us. This marked an historical event as this is the first official charter and officers.

Installation was by our National Alumni President Vic Bruinton and Southern Regional Coordinator

Cassandra Herndon. This was a great opportunity for them to share with us and answer questions.

We meet on the second Sunday of each month at 3:00 pm at Noble and Kelsey Funeral Home. We look forward to seeing you. Please invite a friend.

Our chapter made an attempt to get organized back in the mid 90's. We kept the faith and continued to work hard to get more members to organize. We had some discussion regarding feeding the football team, band, and cheerleaders for the WSSU vs Catawba College football in September 10, 2016. The group came together and worked very hard to provide a great meal for the student-athletes that participated in that game. Immediately after the game, everyone was ecstatic about the success of the event and we started the reorganization of the WSSU Salisbury Rowan Alumni Chapter.

In Memoriam



Clara Owens Cloud
Class of 1941



Olivia E. Morgan



Daisy Reed Chambers
Class of 1958



Vicky Parham Adams
Class of 1961
Elementary Education



Montrose Robinson
Scott
Class of 1955



Timothy Leach
Class of 1983



Judy Ray Redd
Class of 1973
Business Education

Miss Alumni Contestant

AMANDA RENA EURE



P.O. Box 8845
Norfolk VA 23503

Dear Prospective Donors,

My name is Amanda Eure. I am a native of Gates (Gates County), North Carolina. In 2010, I graduated with a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Winston-Salem State University (WSSU). I am an active life member of WSSU National Alumni Association.

I am writing this letter for your kind-hearted donation to support my campaign for "Miss Alumni 2017". The WSSU National Alumni Association's Mr. & Miss Alumni Contest is one of the major fund-raising events for the Association. We use the funds to award scholarships to WSSU students based on academic criteria and/or financial needs annually through our WSSU NAA Scholarship Endowment. In the past, contestants raised over \$90,000 towards this effort.

I invite you to participate in this campaign by making a donation today via online or mail.

- Option 1: To donate online, you can visit my GoFundMe Page:
<https://www.gofundme.com/amandae-missalumni2017>
- Option 2: To donate via personal check/money order, make it payable to "WSSU NAA" and write in the memo section "Amanda Eure – Miss Alumni 2017." Please mail donations to the following address:

Amanda Eure
P.O. Box 8845
Norfolk VA 23503

Please submit your kind-hearted donation **before August 15, 2017** contest deadline. All patrons will be listed in the WSSU NAA "Mister & Miss Alumni" Gala souvenir booklet. The donations to WSSU NAA, 501c3 non-profit organization, may be tax deductible. Consult your tax advisor.

If you would like to purchase an ad to be featured in the souvenir booklet, the rates are \$200 (full page), \$100 (half page), and \$50 (quarter page). This is a great way to show your support for WSSU and advertise your business, church, non-profit organization, sorority/fraternity chapter, class anniversary and so forth. Please submit ads in camera-ready format to aeure1214@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support in advance. I look forward to representing you at the "Mister & Miss Alumni 2017" Crowning Ceremony & Gala in Winston-Salem, NC on Friday, October 27, 2017 and other WSSU Alumni Homecoming events. If you have any questions or concerns, I may be reached via phone (252) 414-6346 or email aeure1214@gmail.com.

Sincerely,


Amanda Eure

Miss Alumni Contestant **MAE CARTER GODETTE**



Class of 1984—Sociology
Brown Alumni Chapter

Employment—Retired, Guilford
County Government

Awards—2015 Athletic Hall of Fame

Affiliations—Life member, WSSU
NAA; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
Inc., WSSU Board of Visitors, WSSU
Athletic Advisory Committee
member, Greensboro Chapter
NAACP; former president
Greensboro Alumni Chapter

Mae Carter Godette is a native of Hertford
County, North Carolina. She entered
WSSU in 1980 to learn and departed in
1984 to serve.

Mae has REGULARLY donated her time,
talent and treasures as a "working" lifetime
member of WSSU National Alumni
Association for over 25 years, serving as
president of the Greensboro Chapter, a
10-year member of Special Events
Committee, ATHLETIC liaison for Brown
Alumni Chapter and as the current Chair of
WSSU NAA Athletic Liaison Committee.

Mae serves as a GRASSROOTS volunteer
for WSSU Admissions for Open House,

RAMS AT HOME, RAMDITON and WSSU Athletics. She served as the first
president of WSSU Amon Boosters. She currently serves on the Athletic Logo
Branding Committee and chaired the 2017 "She's Got It Covered" --A Classy Hat Affair (fundraiser for WSSU WOMEN
ATHLETES) which surpassed the established financial goal.

Mae is a member of WSSU ATHLETIC HORN\$, serves as secretary for HOOPS, Inc. for WSSU basketball programs and serves
as Program Coordinator for Clarence E. "Big House" Gaines Hall of Fame Committee. She served on the WSSU Athletic
Advisory Committee and the NCAA DI Steering Committee. Mae was inducted into the Clarence "Big House" Gaines Hall of
Fame in 2015.

Mae is a proud member of WSSU Heritage Society, as she will leave a LEGACY to ensure that valuable life-changing
educational programs and services through transformation for future WSSU students to assist in traveling abroad and
Internships. She is also a member of WSSU Board of Visitors. She is a Diamond Life Member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority,
Inc. and is a member of the Greensboro Alumnae Chapter. Mae is a member of Greensboro NAACP and Greensboro Beautiful.

As a 1984 graduate, Mae was fortunate to make lifelong friends while attending WSSU. She met her husband at WSSU and
they marveled as they watched their son, Joseph "Trey" Godette, III, a four-year WSSU Chancellors Scholar and recipient of a
WSSU NAA Scholarship, graduate with honors in 2013.

Mae received her master's degree in Education from North Carolina A & T State University. She retired in November 2016 as
Supervisor with North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services in Guilford County.

Mae believes: TO EVERYTHING, there is a SEASON and PURPOSE for each activity under the heavens. Ecclesiastes 8:1

Please support MAE GODETTE in her campaign to become your 2017 MISS WSSU ALUMNI as you make your donation towards
WSSU future student scholarships. Make sure you, your family, your business and/or your organization is a part of this
campaign by purchasing an ad for the souvenir booklet:

Full page ad-\$200.00
Half page ad-\$100.00
Quarter page ad-\$50.00
Patron List-\$49.00 or less
Any donation will be greatly appreciated!!

Contributions and ads are due by August 15, 2017.

Please make your checks payable to WSSU NAA with MAE GODETTE in the memo line and mail to:

Mae "Mae-Mae" Godette
3949 Cobblestone Bend Drive
High Point, North Carolina 27265

If you prefer, you may go online and pay through paypal: [PayPal.Me/maeg4mswssualum17](https://www.paypal.com/paytoee/maeg4mswssualum17)

RAM PRIDE ALL DAY, EVERY DAY!!!!



Mr. Alumni Contestant

REGINALD DENARD MCCASKILL

Class of 1984—Political Science
Brown Alumni Chapter

Employment—Piedmont Triad Regional Council,
Winston-Salem, NC

Affiliations—Forsyth Court Board of Directors, WSSU
Friends of the Library, WSSU Athletic Department;
Winston-Salem Urban League Board of Directors; East
Winston Rescue Squad

Awards—Outstanding Young Man, Excellence in Corps
Operation,



Dear Fellow Ram,

Fellow Rams, let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Reginald D. McCaskill and I am a proud alum of Winston-Salem State University (WSSU), Class of 1984. I am a member of the WSSU National Alumni Association and a member of the Brown Alumni Chapter of Winston Salem. I am a candidate for the title of Mr. Alumni 2017. This contest is one of the major fundraisers for the National Alumni Association and all candidates are required to fundraise for the Association which is a 501 (c) 3 organization and all contributions are tax deductible. Our primary goal is to provide scholarships to undergraduate students that qualify based on academic criteria and financial assistance needs.

Of course, in the spirit of competition, I want to WIN, but it is not just about my winning... we all know that better education makes better citizens, and better citizens make a better country in which to live. The need is great, and it is real. Your contribution, no matter how large or small, will help some deserving student that wants and deserves a better life.

My experiences at WSSU were some of the happiest times of my life, where I made wonderful and lasting friendships and met the love of my life, Aimee Hampton, to whom I've been married for 31 years. I received an incredible education, for which I give credit for many successes in my life. The Winston-Salem State University motto, *Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve*, holds great meaning for me. My career has been about service. My Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration has allowed me the opportunity to serve as a seasoned professional in local and state government for over 31 years. I am also the president of Maximum Enterprises Inc., a small business consulting company and the founder of the Triad Minority Business Expo. I am pleased to have a career that allows me to touch so many lives in a positive way—and it all began at WSSU.

WSSU alumni live all over the United States, so an ad in our souvenir booklet has the potential to be far reaching. Please consider donating to the WSSUNAA in my name to support academic and financial aid scholarships for future students. Checks should be made payable to the WSSUNAA. Please insert Reginald McCaskill on the memo line.

Please submit ads in camera ready format.

Full Page - \$200.00

Half Page - \$100.00

Quarter Page - \$50.00

Patron List - \$49.00 or less

Corporate Sponsorships:

Platinum Level.....\$10,000.00

Gold Level.....\$7,500.00

Silver Level.....\$5,000.00

Bronze Level.....\$2,500.00

Reception.....\$2,000.00

Please make checks payable to WSSUNAA.

(In the memo line add Reginald McCaskill)

Contributions and ads must be received by August 14, 2017 and all contributions are tax deductible.

You may send checks to WSSUNAA

Reginald D. McCaskill

5068 Ramillie Run

Winston-Salem, NC 27106

(336) 448-4177 Please call with any questions.

DECADES OF GIVING CHALLENGE

In honor of Winston-Salem State University's 125th Anniversary, our goal is to raise \$125,000.00. We are asking all alumni to contribute \$125.00 or more to the WSSUNAA in show of your support for the university. The Decades of Giving Challenge is a campaign competition for each decade to see which will contribute the most by the deadline, September 28, 2017. Help support the decade you graduated in by making your contribution today (see current results below).

Decades of Giving Challenge	Pledged Amount
2010-17 (2)	\$ 1,375.00
2000-09 (1)	\$ 125.00
1990-99 (6)	\$ 750.00
1980-89 (15)	\$ 5,250.00
1970-79 (8)	\$ 1,125.00
1960-69 (8)	\$ 1,000.00
1950-59 (3)	\$ 375.00
Subtotal	\$ 10,000.00
3 without class identification	\$ 375.00
Total as of 6/10/17	\$ 10,375.00

You can make your contributions in any of the following ways:

- 1) Make check payable to WSSUNAA and mail to Lockbox, P.O. Box 890670, Charlotte, NC 28289-0670 or
- 2) go to wssunaa.org, scroll down and click on the "Make A Donation" button or 3) use this link <https://www.continuetogive.com/4837389/?smsnumber=+19196067300>

You can pay in full or installments.

For additional information contact Charlie W. Bethea, Annual Giving Committee Chairman, at 336-414-0032 or annal.giving@wssunaa.org



QUEEN CITY BATTLE OF THE BANDS
PRESENTED BY: 
AUGUST 26, 2017
COLLEGE EXPO FROM 3:30PM TO 5PM
BATTLE OF THE BANDS 7PM – DOORS OPEN AT 5:30PM
FEATURING BANDS FROM:
ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY, BETHUNE COOKMAN UNIVERSITY, MILES COLLEGE, NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, TALLADEGA COLLEGE, TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, & WINSTON SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
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MEDIA SPONSORS:     
FOR TICKETS AND MORE INFO, PLEASE VISIT: QUEENCITYBATTLEOFTHEBANDS.COM

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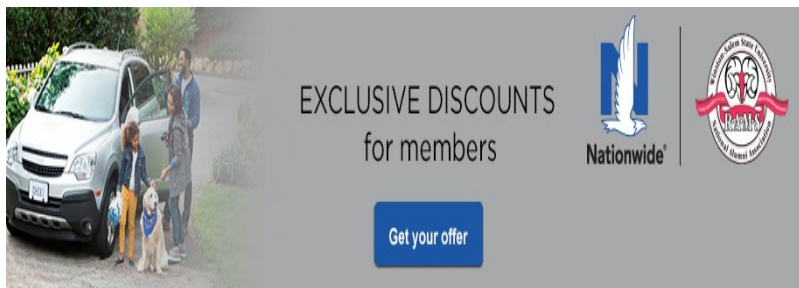
ASSOCIATION LOCK BOX


Please mail ALL membership dues and associated documentation 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 Association
P. O. Box 890670
Charlotte, NC 28289-0670

Victor L. Bruinton, President
Catherine Pettie Hart, Editor



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https://www.nationwide.com/wssualumni.jsp?utm_medium=Web&utm_campaign=affinity&utm_source=na&utm_content=auto:na:na:na:na:na:-1-na-2-5307-3-winstonsalemstuni-4-web_banner-5-0417:&utm_term=na

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