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HOMECOMING 2017

Class of 1967

50th Reunion



UPCOMING EVENTS

WINTER BOARD MEETING

Saturday, January 20, 2018
Richmond, Virginia
Richmond Marriott Short Pump
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CIAA TOURNAMENT

February 27 - March 3, 2018
Charlotte, NC

Class of 1992

25th Reunion



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Season's Greetings and Happy New Year!

As we approach the end of the year, I do so with a profound sense of purpose and gratitude.

It is truly a privilege and honor to represent you as we continue to celebrate our 125th anniversary. The year 2017 was even more celebratory, as we reflected on "A Bold Past" that started in 1892 and look forward to "A Brilliant Future" beyond 125 years. We still have an extraordinary "legacy" to pass on to those that follow.

We have intellectual gifts of strength, hope, courage and survival that have been given to us inherently by our ancestors. These are the rocks on which we stand. They are the pillars that support our house. Our history and our heritage are strong. Alums, students and staff of Winston-Salem State University have a lot to be proud of!

Homecoming 2017 was a tremendous success. Reports from some social media outlets and survey touted this year's Homecoming as one of the best! During Homecoming, we experienced history in the making as Mr. and Miss Alumni both were graduates of the class of 1984 and are also active members of the Brown Chapter. Congratulations Mr. Alumni Reginald McCaskill and Miss Alumni Mae Carter Godette.

Let's continue to give to our scholarship endowment. The Decades of Giving Campaign kicked off this year, raising \$75,000 thus far. Thanks to all of you for your generosity in supporting this initiative. Please note that alumni dollars are still needed, as we want to reach the goal of \$125,000.

Please continue to support the Association with your time, your talents and treasures. Enjoy the blessings of this holiday season and get ready for another great year!

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Victor L. Bruinton, President

CHAPTER NEWS

ATLANTA

Members and friends of the WSSU Atlanta Alumni Chapter attended the Lady RAMS basketball game on Saturday, December 2, on the campus of Clark Atlanta University. The Lady RAMS took their first road win over Clark Atlanta with a score of 72-68. After the game, the Atlanta Chapter hosted the team, coach and staff at Murrell's Café, owned by WSSU alumnus Mike Murrell. After enjoying great



food and fellowship, the Atlanta Chapter Executive Board members, led by President Murdock Williams, presented each athlete, head coach Lamonte and staff with personalized gift bags to take on the road back to Winston-Salem.

DUPLIN-SAMPSON



On Sunday, December 17, 2017, 19 Winston-Salem State University alumni from the counties of Duplin and Sampson culminated weeks of organizing and planning to charter the Duplin-Sampson Chapter of the WSSU-NAA at Union High School, 1189 Kader Merritt Road, Rose Hill, North Carolina. The Charter Ceremony was led by national officers, President Victor Bruinton and Cassandra Herndon, Southern Region I Coordinator. Also participating in the ceremony was our own Sampson County native, Winston-Salem State University Chancellor, Dr. Elwood Robinson, Alumni Engagement Director, Isaac Moore, and community supporters. A reception followed the ceremony.

ALUMNI GIVING AT FOUNDER'S DAY

- WSSU National Alumni Association President Victor Bruinton presented a check to Dr. Elwood Robinson for \$75,000 toward scholarships
- The Class of 1967 presented a check for \$32,000

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GREATER FAYETTEVILLE



The Greater Fayetteville Area Chapter hosted the 4th Annual “Red & White Affair” Scholarship Luncheon. We crowned our 4th “Junior Miss Ram,” Quanisha Kinslow. She will receive an award of \$1,000 as a freshman 2018. The guest speaker was Rev. Dr. Ron Godbolt, WSSU Class of 1975.

Monthly meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at the North Regional Library, Fayetteville, NC.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

The Scholarship Committee will begin accepting scholarship applications on January 1, 2018 for the 2018-2019 academic year.

- Applications will be available on the association's website WSSUNAA.ORG.
- Click on “Forms and Doc” on the home page.
- The WSSUNAA Scholarship Process is listed under “Documents.”
- The deadline for submission of applications is March 15, 2018.

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS

Be sure to submit a copy of your bylaws to the Bylaws Committee for review

bylaws@wssunaa.org

Subject: Bylaws (Chapter Name)

Please submit in Word format by January 15, 2018

Just a quick reminder!

ALUMNUS OPENS NEW AFRICENTRIC CAMPUS IN COLUMBUS, OHIO



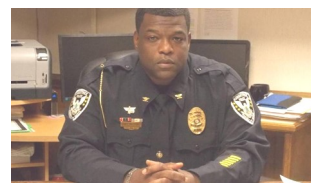
Columbus Africentric Early College in Columbus, OH was opened by alumnus Charles Tennant '65 in December 2016. Here's a brief story of how it came to be. In 1967, a jet's mechanical problems stranded Charles Tennant in Columbus on a trip from North Carolina to Detroit to interview for a teaching job. Tennant went to the telephone book and looked up Columbus City Schools, and landed a job with the Columbus district.

Tennant was a vocational-education teacher in 1993 when he proposed a program focused on curbing the huge dropout rate among black students. The curriculum would be the same as that offered at other schools, but it also would include African-American studies and courses in discipline, morals and values.

According to the school's website: Columbus Africentric Early College is committed to building a strong academic program that addresses the needs of all students. We offer college preparatory courses in Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and English, as well as college level courses at the end of their sophomore year. African American studies courses are required for graduation and are open to parents. We offer basic and Advanced Computer Technology classes, Sociology, a writers' seminar, Marching Band, Dance and Visual Arts courses. At the Columbus Africentric Early College, we are committed to passing the baton of academic, cultural, and historical excellence to our youth.

For additional information: africentrichs@columbus.k12.oh.us
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CHESTER, SC HIRES NEW POLICE CHIEF



Eric Williams, a graduate of Winston-Salem State University, is the new police chief in Chester, SC. He has attended leadership and continuing education programs in South Carolina

and with the FBI, and has served in a command role with the Salisbury, NC, and Stallings, NC, police departments. Before that, Williams was a federal air marshal with the Department of Homeland Security and chief of police in East Spencer, NC.

2017 ALUMNI ACHIEVER AWARD RECIPIENTS

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD



MR. TERRY GRIFFIN '79

Terry Griffin retired in 2012 after 33 years from Altria, a leader in the wine and tobacco industry. While at Altria he spearheaded a collaboration to bring recruitment efforts to WSSU and established a partnership to select graduating seniors for career opportunities with Altria.

Mr. Griffin believes that supporting the university financially is a key responsibility of alumni. He and wife Yvette have established the Yvette & Terry Griffin Endowed Scholarship. He was also instrumental in establishing the Class of 1979 scholarship, which was launched with a \$51,000 donation in honor of their 35th reunion.

Mr. Griffin has served for several years as a volunteer assistant coach for the women's tennis team. This year, he and his wife chaired the inaugural Terry and Yvette Griffin Tennis Benefit, raising almost \$12,,00 for current and future tennis student-athletes.

BUSINESS



Ms. LISA MCCLINTON is Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance and Controller at the UNC School for the Arts. She provides counsel on financial matters and reporting to other divisions of the institution. She is an Ambassador for Black Girls Run Winston-Salem.

ENGLISH



Ms. VON CORBETT PURDY is founder and owner of the VON Associates, a public relations, marketing, and communications firm that focuses on writing, communications, events, and marketing of non-profit and for profit organizations. Clients include Dress for Success, Snapple Beverage Company, United Negro College Fund, Reliant Energy, Baskin-Robbins and The Fuller Center Housing.

CHEMISTRY



DR. SHANTÉ P. WILLIAMS is an inventor, intellectual property strategist, innovation enthusiast, and entrepreneur. She is the founder of RW Capital Partners, an investment firm specializing in commercial real estate and technology development. She uses her technical and financial background to help businesses in the Charlotte area, and her efforts have helped to build more than two dozen businesses.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY



MAJOR BRIAN T GREGG is the Behavior Resilience Officer-in-Charge for the Senior Leader Sustainment Initiative at the US Army War College. He is an Army occupational therapy behavioral health cabinet member and a consultant on best clinical practices and relevant research approaches for Army OT strategic priorities. In 2012 he was the US Army Medical Specialist Corps "Award of Excellence" for Company Grade Occupational Therapists.

EDUCATION



DR. ESSIE MANLEY MCKOY is executive director and principal of Philo-Hill Magnet Academy and an adjunct professor at NC A&T State University and ITT Technical Institute. Dr. McKoy is part of The National Scholars Honor Society and was nominated for the AASA Women in School Leadership Award co-sponsored by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

NURSING



TRREMONTEO BOYKIN CRAWFORD is vice president and chief nursing officer at Randolph Hospital in Asheboro, NC, where she served as the executive sponsor to open a wound center, implemented a shared governance model, and facilitated the RN to BSN transition program through WSSU. Mrs. Crawford is a past president of the Nursing Alumni Organization, the current chair of the SOHS Advisory Board, and an adjunct faculty in the WSSU Division of Nursing.

2017 NURSE ALUMNI ORGANIZATION GALA



Shown left to right: NAO President, Dr. Clifton Kenon, Faculty Leadership Awardee, Dr Joanne Banks, RN to BSN Student Nurse Leader Awardee, Courtney Davis, Nurse Alumni Leadership Awardee, Renee Harrison, Accelerated BSN Student Nurse Leader Awardee, Eyanna Thompson and Nurse Gala Chair, Veronica Jackson

Homecoming 2017 was unprecedented for the WSSU Nurse Alumni Organization (NAO). On October 26, 2017, the NAO rolled out the red carpet at the 2017 Nurse Alumni Scholarship Gala held at the Anderson Center. This year's theme was *"Celebrating Innovators in Nursing."* The 2017 Gala Chair, Veronica Jackson '90, teamed up with an A-Team Gala Committee to include Clifton Kenon '09 (NAO President/Fundraising Chair), Tremonte Crawford '79 (NAO Treasurer/Award Committee Chair), Sherri McCormick-Smith '01, Shakeeka Misher '10, Pamela Black '78 and Sharon Gregg-Correll '05. With the support of Chancellor and Mrs. Robinson, Dean Peggy Valentine and School of Health Sciences faculty, alumni, students and friends, the 2017 Gala hosted over 150 attendees to honor selected Innovators in Nursing and celebrate the 60-year anniversary for this top nursing program.

The high profile event began with livestream coverage on the red carpet by Bruce Baron of WSNC 90.5 FM, greeting guests who traveled from as far north as Pennsylvania, south to Georgia and west to Texas. After dinner, three guest speakers spoke on the theme of *"For the Best of Our Stories Have Never Been Told."* Guest speakers included Dr Sadie Webster, a nurse graduate of the inaugural class of 1957, and former Dean of Nursing Dr Gwen Andrews, the first nursing professor hired by WSSU School of Nursing, and Dr Joyce Roland '61, author of *"As We Go Forth."* After sharing their untold stories of their journeys in nursing, a musical tribute was performed by Project Nightingale.

Not only did this year's Nurse Alumni Scholarship Gala experience one of its highest attendance, it tripled its fundraising from previous years to help fund nurse academic and hardship scholarships. As noted in the presidential address, Dr Kenon stated "It's time to move to new heights because we can stand on the shoulders of those who came before us, but that's not enough. We have to provide a solid rock for those who will come after us." The 2018 Nurse Alumni Gala is set to raise the bar on what was a signature event during Homecoming 2017!

For more information on how to join or support the WSSU Nurse Alumni Organization and its events, please contact President Clifton Kenon at cliftonkenon@yahoo.com or connect on Facebook: WSSU Nurses.



WSSU School of Health Sciences Honors Healthcare Legends of East Winston

Winston-Salem State University's School of Health Sciences (SOHS) honored six individuals and two organizations that have made a positive impact on the health and wellness of the residents of East Winston during the inaugural Healthcare Legends of East Winston on Friday, November 17.



Front row (from left): Dr. William Philadelphia (accepted the award on behalf of Dr. A.H. Ray and nurse Lula Hairston); Dr. Harvey Allen; and Larry Womble. Back row: Jacqueline Howell, president of the Kate B. Reynolds Alumni Reunion Group; Dr. William McCloud (accepted award on behalf of his father); Dr. Peggy Valentine, SOHS dean; WSSU Chancellor Elwood L. Robinson; and Rembert Malloy (accepted the award on behalf of his grandfather).

Honorees were:

- **Dr. Harvey H. Allen Sr.**, a surgeon who practiced at Kate B. Reynolds Memorial Hospital.
- **Lula Hairston**, first head nurse and director of Slater Hospital, which opened in 1902.
- **Dr. Humphrey H. Hall**, the first African-American physician to practice in Forsyth County.
- **Dr. H. Rembert Malloy**, the first African American in the South with a practice limited to the specialty of surgery. He's noted for performing more surgeries than any other physician in Forsyth County.
- **Dr. Alexander Hamilton Ray**, appointed regular physician for Winston-Salem Teachers College and instrumental in planning the Kate B. Reynolds Memorial Hospital.
- **Hon. Larry Womble '63**, a former state representative who sponsored legislation in support of eugenics victims.
- **Twin City Medical Alliance**, the counterpart of the Forsyth Medical Society, it was organized by African American physicians.
- **Kate B. Reynolds Hospital Alumni Association**, former hospital staff and administrators from 1938-1975.

In Memoriam



Wilhelmena Brown Lash
Class of 1940



Marjorie Wilkins
Class of 1971
Wife of former association
president
Quether T. (QT) Wilkins



Teresa Miller
Class of 1971



Margaret Miller Poston
Mrs. Poston was employed at Winston-Salem State University in 1977 and worked in the Supplemental Education Program. She joined the Department of Mathematics faculty in 1978. She served as the interim chairperson of the Department of Mathematics from 2000 to 2004. She was Special Assistant to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences from 2004 to 2013. At the time of her passing, she served as Associate Director of Quantitative Initiatives for University College and Lifelong Learning.



Eldria Lee Cheatham Sherrill
Class of 1959
Durham Chapter
Mother of Kim Sherrill,
WSSU NAA Membership Chair

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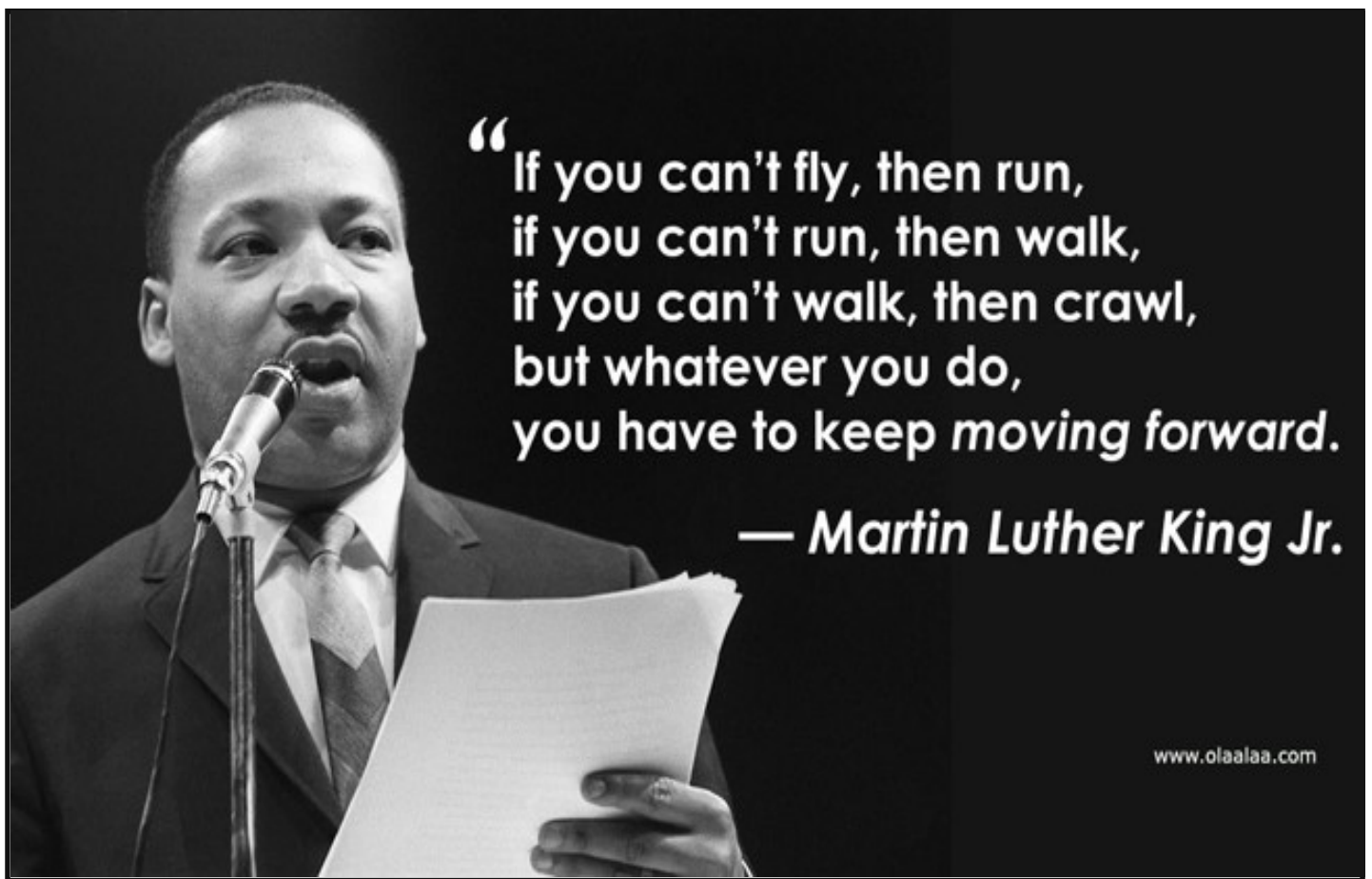
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