



The Battering Ram

"Linked together in unity. Serving together with purpose."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 11
Scholarship Luncheon

April 13
Annual Membership
Meeting
RJR Building / Lecture Hall –
136.

9:00 am - University Hour

10:15 am - Annual Meeting



2019 Forty Under 40 Awards

April 13, 2019
The Benton Convention Center
Winston-Salem, NC
301 West Fifth Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
7:00 PM

The WSSU Young Alumni Council hosts The Forty Under 40 Awards celebration on a biennial basis. This banquet is not only an opportunity for WSSU to celebrate young alumni professionals who are making positive changes in the world, but also a fundraiser to support student scholarships.

By supporting this event you will be supporting the Winston-Salem State University Foundation, Inc. (a 501(c) (3) organization) in its mission to assist the most academically talented, yet financially disadvantaged, students in our community.

Our 2019 Honorees

Brandon Akinbiyi
Sergeant Ebony B. Moore
Juanyetta Beasley, PhD, RN, CNML
Ca'Vette-Latice Buford
Montavius Carson
Greg Colleton
Kia Colleton-Livingston, MSN, ANP-C
Tieshia DuRant
Tish Forney Guerin
Latasha FullStephanie Robinson
Captain Shana Saltee Goner
Shawanda Spencerer
Tiffany Williams

Dr. Tenille Gaines
LaToya Greene Lindsey
Cameron Hamlin
Amber Harper Lewis
Ashanti Holley
Samone Houston Graham
Kamille S. Jones
Nathaniel Jones
Quentin Jordan
Candace LaRochele
Dr. Marketa Taylor
Colette Waddell
Lauren Waters Jones

Lori Lawson Poag
Dr. Tanesha McCauley
Kendell McKoy
Alexandria Miles, M.Ed., CRC
Elerod Morris
Jamerian Myles
Crystal Pellom
Tim Pulliam
Aries Richardson
Tiffany Richmond
Dr. Kimberly Willis Bennett
Alexandra Stevens Witherspoon
Sherrod Wood

<https://www.wssu.edu/about/news/articles/2019/01/yac-announces-2019-forty-under-40-inductees.html?fbclid=IwAR09IqTbKkKmfSP1H9UUGJCPeqlJnV0WiRk9Mi5o3fs6IKXxzirauXoDE>

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

RAMILY,



"You have the power to change perception, to inspire and empower, and to show people how to embrace their complications, and see the flaws, and the true beauty and strength that's inside all of us."

— Bevonce

I want to congratulate the recipients of the 2019 WSSU Forty Under 40 Alumni Award. They have exhibited the power within them to be a foundational pillar of change. Fittingly, as this prestigious award salutes alumni leaders who are making tremendous strides in their chosen professions, they have inspired, empowered, and embraced the world of business and their respective communities. It is apparent that each of them has realized the 'work' of being a product of this university, committing faithfully to the charge, "Enter to Learn. Depart to Serve." This honor is indicative of their acceptance of this commitment; however, it is also a manifestation of the true beauty and strength that's inside of them!

As president, and on behalf of the Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association (WSSU NAA), please know that we are proud to celebrate the culmination of their academic, career and community successes, awarded via "Forty Under 40." We stand proudly with university faculty and staff in honor of their stellar accomplishments.

In closing, it is my hope that these words will be light upon your continued path of greatness... Remember that God looks to see what you will do with your time, talent, and treasure. He sees whether or not you are faithful to develop your gifts and seize the opportunities that He has given you. Seek to be faithful in every situation that you face. Be a good steward of the resources He has given you. Humble yourself before Him, and keep your (and His) promises. Demonstrate through what you do and say, that Jesus has changed your life.

In Ram Spirit,

Victor L. Bruinton

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President, WSSUNAA

CHAPTER NEWS

BALTIMORE

- ♦ Running Miss Alumni 2019 candidate - Ca'Vette Buford (right)
- ♦ Presented Annual Card Party on March 23
- ♦ Participated in HBCU College Fair at Freedom Temple AME Zion Church on February 2 (right)
- ♦ Scholarship sent too the university for the Gap Fund
- ♦ Community service project - Rising Sun Baptist Church (right)



charmcityrams
Baltimore, Maryland



HENDERSON



The chapter began the holiday season with a Christmas celebration at The Whitmore Retirement Center in Oxford, NC on December 21, 2018. The members celebrated with our oldest member,

Mrs. Henrietta Clark, a resident at the center who turned 104 years young in November.

Mr. Victor Bruinton, president of WSSU National Alumni Association, was our special guest. Many thanks to Mr. Bruinton for taking the time to come celebrate Mrs. Clark with us. The members made gift bags for twenty-five residents and placed them under their beautiful Christmas tree.

The chapter also completed a raffle scholarship fundraiser by drawing the names of the first, second, and third place prize winners. Money from all fundraisers will go toward scholarships awarded to incoming freshmen attending WSSU for the 2019- 2020 school year.

Henderson continued...

Everyone enjoyed a delicious meal, played right left gift game, and took a group picture to add to our chapter book of events.

Lastly, if there are any Rams in the Granville, Vance, Franklin, and Warren areas and would like to join us, please contact president Janice Perry at (252) 767-8260.

SALISBURY- ROWAN

On December 15, 2018, we had our annual Christmas gathering at DJ's Sky Lounge Restaurant in Salisbury, NC. We also had a brief meeting prior to the fellowship. We sent out Scholarship Packages to the local high schools for upcoming scholarship.

We collected care items and created bags to give to the WSSU Women's and Men's Basketball Teams when they played Livingstone College on February 23, 2019. Great experience; the students appreciated the bags.



Welcome

OUR NEWEST CHAPTER – ROCKINGHAM STOKES COUNTY CHAPTER

Wanda Shelton Brown, President
Debra Purcell, Vice President
Eunice Hannah, Secretary
Joyce Huff, Treasurer
Cleveland Ellison, Parliamentarian

HOMECOMING 2019 HOTELS

Family,

Homecoming 2019 will be October 31 thru November 3. We have secured lodging for Homecoming at the hotels listed below:

There are limited rooms at each property. Room Block name is: WSSU NAA or WSSU

Marriott
\$175.00
(336) 725-3500

Residence Inn University
\$199.00
(336) 759-0777

Hawthorne Inn
\$159.00
(336) 777-3000

Best Western Plus University
\$100.00
(336) 723-2911

Please call and make your reservations ASAP. Please share this information with other Rams, family, and friends.

2019 CIAA HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

LTC Robert L. Weeks, Sr. was inducted into the 2019 John B. McClendon, Jr. CIAA Hall of Fame on March 1. Weeks was a four-year letterman in football at WSSU. He started 40 consecutive games during his career at WSSU and was selected co-captain of the offense in 1976-1977. He was named to the NAIA All-District 26 team in 1975, All-CIAA team in 1976, and to the Pittsburgh Courier All-American team in 1976 and 1977.

Weeks graduated cum laude from Winston-Salem State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Health and Physical Education in 1978. His leadership continued after college through his decorated military career. He retired from the United States Army after 20 years at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Weeks was inducted into the Clarence E. "Big House" Gaines WSSU Hall of Fame in 2004.



Ca'Vette-Latice J. Buford is a 2007 graduate of Winston-Salem State University with a degree in Psychology.

Professionally, Ca'Vette has worked in the Mental Health/Human Services field, specifically with at-risk youth and individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities. Helping others achieve their goals and creating positive environments is a passion. This has spilled over into a new career as an esthetician. The ability to curate positive self-image, self-worth, and self-care with her hands is an honor each day.

Upholding our cherished motto, "Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve", she has made it a point to align herself with organizations that serve the community. She is an eight-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star. As a member, she has served as Worthy Matron and been initiated in higher auxiliaries.

She actively supports WSSU as a member of the Baltimore Chapter (Charm City Rams) of the WSSUNAA. She currently serves as Recording Secretary and Activities Chair. She is also a past member of the WSSU Young Alumni Council and a 2019 Forty under 40 award honoree. Through these activities, she has been able to raise scholarship funds for current and future students and share her WSSU story to attract new applicants.

She has also aligned herself with various grassroots organizations in the Baltimore area to support residents of low-income areas and progress social justice initiatives.

As a candidate for Miss Alumni 2019-2020, Ca'Vette is determined to bridge the gap between alumni and students while also uplifting the mission of WSSU and the WSSUNAA.

HOW TO DONATE

CashApp:\$CJBuford

PayPal:<https://www.paypal.me/CJBufordForMissAlumni>

Or you can send cash, checks or money orders to:

C. Buford
P. O. Box 9342
Catonsville, ME 21228

MISS ALUMNI CANDIDATE - KENYETTA AMINA RICHMOND



My name is Kenyetta Amina Richmond, and I am a proud third generation graduate of the great Winston-Salem State University. I completed my degree in May of 2007 with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with an emphasis in Mass Communications. Since my matriculation at Winston-Salem State University, I have completed a Master of Science in Adult Education with Higher Education focus from North Carolina A&T State University and a Master of Science in Higher Education & Student Success from Walden University. I am currently pursuing my doctorate of education in Higher Education at Walden University. Education has always been the premise of my motivation and drive. Although my path at WSSU was not one of tradition (I began in 1995), it was the road that was destined for me to travel in order to be of service and provide opportunities for all students and especially African American women. I am currently employed as the Director of the Shugart Women's Center at Forsyth Technical Community College, and firmly believe that when you educate the woman, you educate a generation.

Our motto, "Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve" along with "Be the change you wish to see in this world" a quote by Mahatma Gandhi, are statements that have guided me on my path of lifelong learning and servant leadership. I want to be a change agent in my community and a catalyst for prospective and current students seeking higher education at WSSU, so they can "Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve." Under my leadership as the president of the local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha

Sorority, Incorporated in 2017, we were able to establish an endowed scholarship honoring two former Rams who are no longer with us. The scholarship recipients will be students majoring in education or mass communication and has been fully endowed. This is just one example of how I have given back to WSSU since graduating.

It is with honor and pride that I am requesting your support as I take this journey to be your Miss Winston-Salem State University Alumni 2019-2020. The donations and contributions to the Miss Alumni Campaign will be used exclusively for student scholarships and your donation is tax deductible.

CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT

Winston Salem State University Choir (1994-97)

Winston Salem State University Burke Singers (1996-97)

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Gamma Lambda Chapter (Fall 1996)

News Argus Reporter (1995-97)

Mozik Modeling Troupe (1995-97)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director of the Shugart Women's Center at Forsyth Technical Community College

Academic Counselor at Forsyth Technical Community College

Sexual and Relationship Violence Responder at Wake Forest University

Coordinator of Community Outreach and Engagement at Family Services of Forsyth County

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

North Carolina Adult Education Association (2011-2014)

Forsyth Adolescent Health Coalition (2008-2014)

Forsyth County Domestic Violence Community Council (DVCC) (2008-2017)

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Women's Fund of Winston Salem

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Phi Omega Chapter (President 2015-2017)

Marvtastic Society (National Black Repertory Company) 2013

NC A&T Twin City Alumni Chapter

Winston-Salem State National Alumni Association

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

North Carolina Black Elected Municipal Officials Vivian H. Burke Outstanding Leadership Award (2015)

Wadaman L. Kennedy 4.0 Graduate Scholar, North Carolina Agriculture and Technical State University (2012)

Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission Young Dreamers Award (2012)

It is with a humbling spirit, pride and admiration for THE WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY that I ask for your support in my quest to raise scholarship dollars for our students at WSSU and become your Miss Alumni 2019-2020. Thank you in advance for your tax deductible donation, we are ONE FAMILY serving with excellence.

For more information, please contact me, Kenyetta Richmond, at krichmondwssumissalumni@gmail.com.

You can donate online at <https://www.bit.ly/KAR4missalumni>.

Or

Checks should be made payable to WSSUNAA, please add Kenyetta Richmond to the memo line and send to:

Ms. WSSU Alumni Scholarship 2019

c/o Ramonda C. Kyser

P. O. Box 21381

Winston-Salem, NC 27120

MR. ALUMNI CANDIDATE - DR. DANIEL McSPADDEN



Dear Ram Family,

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Dr. Daniel McSpadden and I am a proud alum of Winston-Salem State University (WSSU), Class of 1990. I am a member of the WSSU National Alumni Association and a candidate for the title of Mr. Alumni 2019. 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 aid eligibility.

I am a native of Lexington, North Carolina and currently reside in Cincinnati, OH. As a member of the class of 1990, I was fortunate to make lifelong friends while attending WSSU. I served in a host of clubs/organizations during my tenure at WSSU. Being an active member of the WSSU community as an undergraduate really made a difference in my life. This along with my incredible education helped cultivate me into the man I am today. The university motto, Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve is embedded in everything that I do.

I received my master's degree in College Student Personnel from Indiana State University. I also received my doctorate degree in Higher Education Student Affairs from Indiana University Bloomington. I currently work for Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH.

I am entering the WSSU Mr. Alumni Contest because I feel that I can use this platform to continue advancing my role as an ambassador of this great university. Everything that I have accomplished educationally, personally and professionally I can attribute much of that to my foundation, which was established by attending WSSU. Winston-Salem State University provided a very nurturing environment that helped build my character and zeal to be the best alumni that I can be. I share my undergraduate experience with students every chance I get and having the opportunity to serve as Mr. Alumni is an additional piece to share that your commitment to your college/university goes beyond your undergraduate experience. It is a lifelong commitment. Please submit ads in camera ready format.

WSSU alumni live throughout the United States, so an ad in our souvenir booklet has the potential to reach the masses across the country. 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 Dr. Daniel McSpadden on the memo line.

Full Page - \$200.00
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Quarter Page - \$50.00
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Bronze Level.....	\$2,500.00
Reception.....	\$2,000.00

Please make checks payable to WSSUNAA. (In the memo line, add Dr. Daniel McSpadden)
Contributions and ads must be received by August 17, 2019 and all contributions are tax deductible.
You may send checks to WSSUNAA Dr. Daniel McSpadden, 2201 Reading Road #1,
Cincinnati, OH 45202

I can be reached at (317) 908-9841 for any questions you may have.

In Memoriam



Jan Perrin Bailey
Class of 1990

Son of former alumni
association president
Beaufort O. Bailey



Dr. Manderline Scales

Longtime WSSU
educator



Otis Gibson
Class of 1969



David "Bibby" Robinson
Class of 1957

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information is delayed.

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