



The Battering Ram

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 18

Winter Board Meeting
Sheraton Imperial Hotel
Raleigh, NC
\$89 - WSSUNAA rate

February 25-29

CIAA Tournament
Charlotte, NC

April 18

Annual Meeting
Winston-Salem, NC

MISS AND MR. ALUMNI 2019-2020 KENYETTA RICHMOND AND DR. DANIEL MCSPADDEN



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Fellow Alumni,

Our association continues to grow successfully each year with the help of you and supporters. Thank You for your support. We continue to work to provide new opportunities and paths for alumni to strengthen their bond with WSSU and engage with fellow alumni and current students. Our driving force is to always provide exceptional experiences for you to celebrate your SU experiences and connect with others.

With your financial support we were able to present a check in the amount of \$85,000 to the university at homecoming. We continue to work hard to provide scholarships and funds to support organizations for WSSU students. We must take responsibility for ensuring that students receive access to the opportunities needed to prepare them for the demands of the 21st century.

More than 28,000 alumni are connected by the incredible experiences of our WSSU education. I call on you to continue to take collective action as we work to support the vision of WSSU to educate and prepare students for the future. Share your SU experience often, encourage others to support our alma mater, and think often of the many memories you cherish as a part of your WSSU story. The association seeks to engage all alumni and Ram supporters. Please remain a financial member of the association and encourage other alums to become members. Get connected with the local chapter in your area.

People with a liberal education are able to think about and view the world from several different perspectives. It gives you a strong sense of personal and social responsibilities that are important in all spheres of life. Please visit our website at www.wssunaa.org for additional information and stay connected. Contribute to our WSSU National Alumni Scholarship Endowment annually.

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

Sincerely,
Victor L. Bruinton
National President

CHAPTER NEWS

DUPLIN-SAMPSON

On Saturday, November 30, the chapter sponsored an afternoon community service event for youth. A *Skate to Learn* skating lock-in was held at Skate City in Wallace, NC.

The event was held to encourage students to value education and to acquaint them (their parents and the community) with the opportunities afforded them at Winston-Salem State University.



Figure 1: Duplin-Sampson chapter members and current WSSU students stop for a group picture.

Current WSSU students were on hand to share their experiences of success while being enrolled at the university. A video of other student testimonials and information about the university were also shared. Additionally, Duplin-Sampson chapter members shared their experiences at the university.

After enjoying an afternoon of skating and refreshments, the students were presented with WSSU Ram backpacks filled with school supplies and other prizes.



Figure 2: Current WSSU enjoyed an afternoon with "future RAMS".

TWO GOLD-WAYNE RAMS SHINE

BEVERLY KEE '90

was recently named Director of Federal Programs for Lenoir County Schools (Kinston, NC). After graduation from WSSU, Beverly was employed as manager of a group home, mathematics teacher, lead teacher and Assistant Director of Federal Programs for Wayne County Public Schools. She currently serves as secretary of the Gold-Wayne chapter.



DANNY KING '84 is founder and Executive Director of ADLA, Inc. (A lot of Direction, Love and Affection). ADLA was founded in 2003 with the mission of helping youths to acquire the needed behaviors and employability skills to function in a changing global society. Too, ADLA hopes to promote the understanding and practice of the universal values of honesty, integrity and respect. Recently, much of ADLA's attention has turned to feeding the hungry. North Carolina ranks second in the nation for food insecure children under the age of five. King's organization operates a soup kitchen each Tuesday offering 150 meals. Last summer, ADLA served 7000 meals to indigent children. With the recent addition of a food truck, King can take food to public housing sites, charter schools and local churches. In November, ADLA was named Organization of the Year by the local chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.



HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

VIRGINIA WATSON ADAMS '67, PhD, RN, FAAN, lifetime member of the WSSU National Alumni Association, was inducted into the National Alumni Association Hall of Fame of Hillside High School in Durham, NC on October 12, 2019. Dr. Adams was recognized for her excellence in public service. For 14 years, she served as the first African American dean at UNC Wilmington School of Nursing.



In the Wilmington NC community, she became the first African American nurse to simultaneously serve on a hospital board, a public health board, a mental health board and area health education board, two of which she chaired. Currently, Dr. Adams serves as Chair of the Physical & Mental Health Awareness and Involvement Subcommittee of the Wilmington (NC) Alumnae Chapter, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Co-chair of the American Academy of Nursing Diversity & Inclusivity Committee, Vice-Chair of the New Hanover County Health and Human Services Board and a member of the NHC Partnership Advisory Group. Selected honors include Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing, WSSU Distinguished Educator Award and UNC Chapel Hill Distinguished Contributions to Nursing Education Award.



GREATER FAYETTEVILLE

On December 7, 2019, the Greater Fayetteville Area Chapter hosted a Red and White Scholarship Luncheon in Fayetteville, NC. WSSU Chancellor Dr. Elwood Robinson was the keynote speaker. He spoke about WSSU data to support what the campus community has always known: that WSSU is a first-choice institution.

Faculty and staff do an excellent job to ensure WSSU students are successful both inside the classroom and out. He also highlighted the value of the work we have done to tell WSSU's story and to share the benefits of the HBCU experience. He stated that WSSU students are among the best and brightest and our faculty and staff are committed to student success.

Musical entertainment was provided by Willie Bradley Jazz Trio, a well-known saxophone player. The Red and White Affair also highlighted a current WSSU student that is an entrepreneur that bakes. A donation was provided to the AAU basketball team by the Greater Fayetteville Area Chapter.



Ramify,

Be sure to renew your membership for 2019-2020. Encourage other alumni to join you in your commitment.

2019 HALL OF DISTINCTION INDUCTEES



Left to right

Mr. Clyde A. Caudle '93

Mr. Cleveland Ellison '60

Mrs. Veronica Carter Jackson '90

Mr. Octavius Robinson '92

Mrs. Mary Roseboro Gill '64

Dr. Siobahn C. Day '05

Center - President Bruinton and Trustee Farmer



***We're putting together the
Winston-Salem State
National Alumni Association
2019 Directory now!***

We've already heard from many fellow alumni! Don't miss your chance to be a part of this significant project. To update your listing, call:

(800) 539-2636

Directory is offered in print and digital versions, along with apparel branded to the Association.

News Flash!

NOTE NEW HOMECOMING 2020 DATE

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WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY HOMECOMING SEPTEMBER 19 2020

WSSU POINTS OF PRIDE

Winston-Salem State University's commitment to educational innovation and excellence has been recognized at local, regional and national levels.

Here is a quick look at what sets us apart.

- #1 in the UNC System for graduates receiving jobs in NC after graduation *
- #1 in UNC System for highest median early career earnings for undergraduate degree *
- #1 in NC for graduating Black students in nursing and health professions (*Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, 2018*)
- #2 in the UNC System for highest salary after receiving a graduate degree *
- Top 100 Bachelor's Degree Producer for African Americans in 15 categories (*Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, 2018*)
- Top 50 in the nation for producing Black college graduates (*Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, 2018*)
- One of the nation's top universities for annual Return on Investment (ROI) (*Payscale Best Value Colleges, 2018*)
- #7 in the US for social mobility and one of five universities in the nation to rank in the top 20 on CollegeNET's Social Mobility Index for all five years of the rankings
- Best Bang for the Buck in the Southeast (*Washington Monthly, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019*)
North Carolina Department of Commerce
- Social Mobility Innovator Award (*CollegeNET, 2017, 2018, 2019*)
- Higher Education Excellence in Diversity Award (*INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine, 2018, 2019*)
- Four HBCU Digest Awards in the past two years: 2018 Best Social Work Program and Best Nursing Program; 2019 Best Social Work Program and Best Fine Arts Program (Diggs Gallery)
- Four Inspiring Programs in STEM awards in past two years (*INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine, 2018, 2019*)
- Top 10 nursing schools in the East (*Nurse Journal, 2017*)
- One of the top producers of nursing/RN degrees for African Americans in the nation (*Diverse: Issues in Higher Education, 2018*)

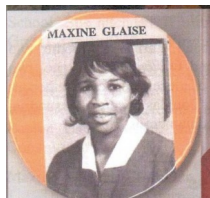
FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Founded in 1892, a co-educational public university
- Part of the University of North Carolina System
- Student enrollment: 5,124
- WSSU offers: 34 baccalaureate degrees; 50 undergraduate minors; 7 master's degrees; 2 professional doctorate degrees; and 6 post-baccalaureate certifications
- Student-to-faculty ratio: 14:1
- Motto: Enter To Learn. Depart To Serve.
- Athletic Conference: CIAA

IN MEMORIAM



SAMUEL A. FOSTER, JR.
Class of 1961



MAXINE GLADE-DUNMODDIE
Class of 68



SHIRLEY PARKER LONG
Class of 1958

QUICK GRAMMAR LESSON

alumna – a female graduate
Plural: **alumnae** (pronounced a-lum-knee)
*Example: Karen is an alumna of WSSU.
Spelman graduates are alumnae.*

alumnus – a male graduate
Example: James is an alumnus of WSSU.

alumni – Plural form of alumnus; also used as a collective form of male and female graduates
Example: Karen and James are alumni of WSSU.

Note: An individual is never an alumni of an institution.
Incorrect: I am an alumni of WSSU.

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comments to:
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<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 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:

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