



The Battering Ram

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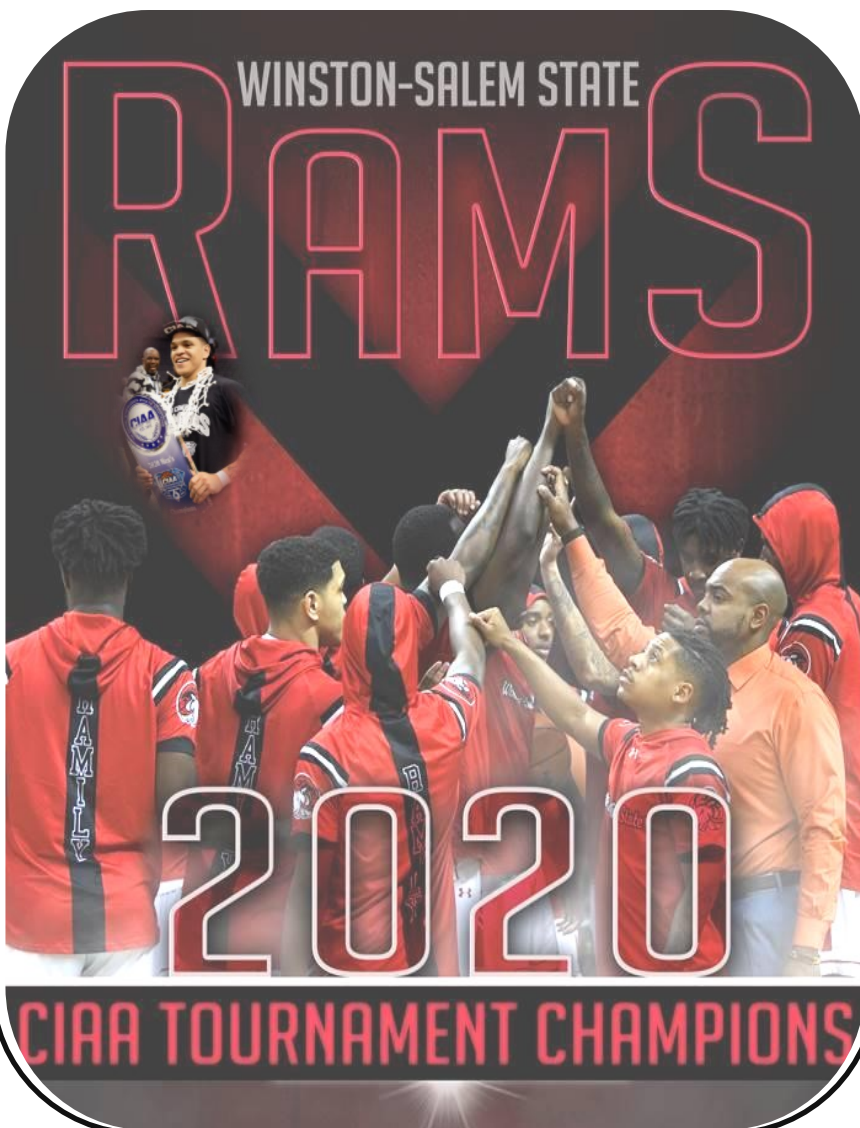
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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18 (Tentative)
Annual Membership
Meeting
Winston-Salem

**WSSU brings the CIAA
championship back to
Winston-Salem with thrilling
63-62 win over Fayetteville State**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



RANily,

We are truly living in unique times. The coronavirus pandemic is impacting everyone from our families, to our businesses, to our first responders who are bravely on the front lines. As the situation continues to affect our world, we wanted to reach out and update you on how we're supporting our university, and our community.

The academic year at WSSU is unfolding in disappointing ways, with competitions, classes, performances, and events cancelled or postponed. Faculty and students are adjusting to the suspension of in-person instruction and the transition to remote learning, and staff and administrators are tirelessly working to keep our campus safe. Please visit the university website for updated information and ways that we can support.

Above all else, our thoughts are with those affected by the virus, particularly those who are sick. We wish them a speedy recovery, and we remain inspired by our healthcare workers and others who are caring for people around the world. It is imperative that we take care of our families and the communities.

We are closely monitoring the updates of the pandemic we are currently facing. As of right now, our Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held on April 18, 2020. We will be closely monitoring the developments of the coronavirus and will use good judgment as the date approaches. We will also be making adjustments to our office hours. Please know that we value you and some responses may experience delays.

Be Calm, Be Cautious and Be Confident and protect yourself and your family. I pray God's healing and protection for us all.

Thanks,

Victor L. Bruinton
President

CHAPTER NEWS

BROWN

Greetings Ramily from Brown Chapter. Paying homage to the history of Winston Salem State University is always a good time. This year Brown Chapter hosted The 69th Founders Day Jam. The word "founder" comes from the fact that a group of like minded individuals believed that a movement could be established as an alumni association. So we have taken this day annually to reflect on the rich history that came from Good Ole SU. The Jam was held on Friday, March 20, 2020 in lieu of the March meeting.



PIEDMONT TRIAD

Pres.: Ladia Rutledge
VP: Tracy Webb
Sect: Deanna Wright
Tres: Myra Waddell

Meetings: 1st Tuesday
of every month from
6:30pm-8pm at McGirt
-Horton Library.
2501 Phillips Ave
Greensboro, NC 27405



April 4 - Adopt a Highway 7am-9am
Meeting Location 3603 Groometown Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27407

April 7 - Chipotle Fundraiser 5pm-9pm
1420 Westover Terrace
Greensboro, NC 27408

May 7 - Social Event Applebee's Grill
3865 John Gordon Lane
High Point, NC 27265 7pm-10pm

Facebook: @ptcwssunaa
Group Me: Piedmont-Triad Chapter
P.O. Box 162
6151 Burlington Rd.
Sedalia, NC 27342

SALISBURY-ROWAN

On December 20, 2019 we had our Annual Christmas Social at Italy Cafe, where we asked each member that participated to bring a \$10 gift to exchange with someone in the group.

We are planning 3-year Anniversary Social on May 30, 2020. All proceeds will go to our Scholarship Fund. We invite all local Rams to attend this event.

On January 27, 2020, we made snack bags for the WSSU men's and women's basketball teams at the Livingstone game in Salisbury.

On February 18, 2020, we filled backpack bags for Rowan Helping Ministries in a Salisbury, NC. for the local school.



TIDEWATER

On Sunday, December 15, 2019, we enjoyed our annual Christmas Dinner at Park Lane Tavern in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Chapter members Joy Atkinson, Amanda Eure, Sinda Rogers (not pictured), Linda Walker, and Mary Weaver shared lots of fun and laughter in fellowship. Amanda Eure gave Christmas gifts to all the members.



The chapter participated in "College Day 2020" sponsored by Shirley R. Carr Scholarship Foundation on February 23, 2020 at Second Calvary Baptist Church in Norfolk VA. , Amanda Eure, represented the chapter and distributed materials from the Office of Admissions. Several other HBCUs participated in the event.



DUPLIN-SAMPSON



Picture Caption: Members came out in support of Chancellor Elwood Robinson on February 8. He served as the keynote speaker for the Duplin County NAACP Anniversary and Membership Rally held at First Missionary Baptist Church in Warsaw.

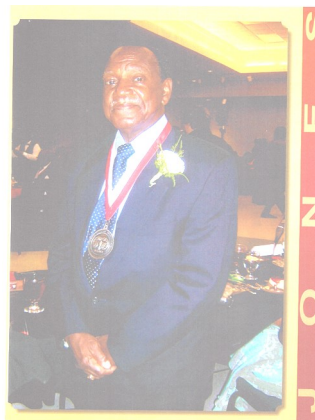
Pictured left to right: Maggie Newkirk, Mary Brown, Velma Burden, Valerie Merritt, Dr. Robinson, Floria Oates-Williams, Cynthia Mitchell (Wilmington).

IN MEMORIAM



Naomi Jackson Jeffries Class of 1949

In 2002, Naomi was inducted into the C. E. Gaines Hall of Fame for basketball



CLARENCE "JEEP" JONES Class of 1955

Jeep was a member of the basketball team that brought the first CIAA championship to the school. He also ran track.

He also served several terms as National Association president.

MISS ALUMNI CONTESTANT 2020-2021

Donna Renee Montgomery



Donna Renee Montgomery is the daughter of Alma Jean McAdams and the only daughter of Jesse Attucks Jr. Raised in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina Donna was educated through the McDowell County school systems. Graduating from McDowell High School in 1983, Donna received and earned a four-year scholarship to attend the great Winston-Salem State University. Donna graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Interdisciplinary Studies with a Concentration in Social Welfare in 2007. Donna went on to further her education by attending Strayer University and obtaining her master's degree in Adult Education Management.

Since graduating from WSSU, Donna has worked in the healthcare setting for over 25 years. She is the owner of Your Care Services and CEO of Total Entertainment Incorporated. Throughout the years as Donna made Winston Salem her home, she has and continues to give back to her community by producing and playwriting theatre plays and establishing events throughout the city.

Donna established the North Carolina Battle of the Bands and provided 10 scholarship opportunities for our great Red Sea of

Sound WSSU BAND! She also provided scholarships and opportunities for local high schools to participate and receive recognition. Donna has made ways for the youth in Winston-Salem who thought they could never attend college. Donna is a member of the Black Political Awareness League, the NAACP and a member of Alpha Alpha Gamma Psi Christian Sorority. For the past 12 years Donna has worked closely with the Mental Health Association of Winston Salem, North Carolina and her compassion for this population has opened doors that have helped connect this struggling population to community resources that give these beautiful people the opportunity to have a greater quality of life.

Donna is a lover of people and wholeheartedly lives by the motto "Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve." Most recently Donna has created the #ICANTOO movement which brings light to our everyday people in the community by showcasing community involvement, contributions, and talents that sometimes go unnoticed by the masses.

Donna is proud to be a Winston-Salem State Ram and is honored to represent the Brown Chapter of Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association. Her background, along with her lifelong commitment and LOVE for Winston-Salem State University, demonstrates why she would make you proud as Miss Alumni 2020/2021!

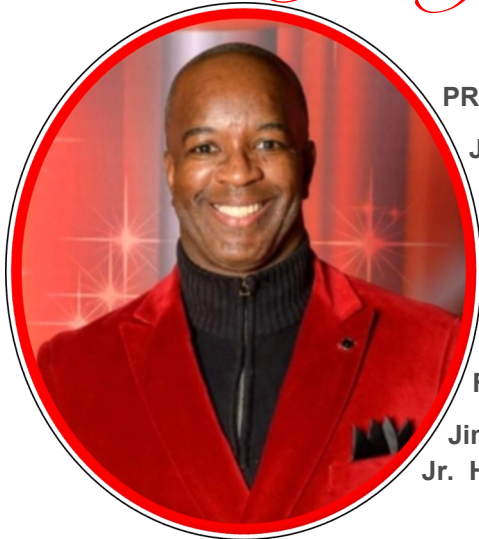
For more information and to support Donna Montgomery as Miss Alumni 2020/2021, please contact Donna @ 336-618-3015 or email @ donnareneem@gmail.com.

For donations to the #ICANTOO! Movement please send contributions to Cashapp: \$DonnaMont and paypal.me/donnamont

MR. ALUMNI CONTESTANT 2020-2021



Jimmy L Hester



PROFILE

Jimmy L. Hester is a 1990 graduate of Winston-Salem State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, and a minor in Marketing. He is employed by Community Assistance Residential Environment, Inc. (C.A.R.E.) as an Alternative Living Specialist.

He is a 2017 inductee to the C. E. "Bighouse" Gaines Athletic Hall of Fame. Jimmy is also a member of the 1000 Horns Athletic Club.

Jimmy is the father of two children; his daughter, JaMea and son, Jimmy, Jr. He also has a very special godson, Johnny Levan.

HOBBIES

Traveling
Reading Mystery Novels
Listening to Jazz
Watching Classic Black &
White movies on Turner
Classic Movie Channel

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JIMMY L. HESTER

2020 WSSU Mr. Alumni

Jimmy was born and reared in Durham, NC, and graduated from Southern Durham High School. While attending high school, Jimmy participated in several varsity sports. However, he especially excelled in wrestling where he was a two-time conference champion, regional finalist, and was one of the top wrestlers in the state his senior year. His efforts earned him an athletic scholarship to attend Winston-Salem State University. During his time at WSSU, he was three-time all-Central Inter-collegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and two-time CIAA team champion. In 2017, his team was inducted into the Clarence E. "Big House" Gaines Athletic Hall of Fame.

After graduating from WSSU, Jimmy became heavily involved and personally invested with the rapidly expanding field of people dealing with mental illness and behavioral health issues. For the past 28 years, he has diligently dedicated his time as well as his efforts to adults with special needs and has been a health care provider in his own home for the past 20 years.

Jimmy has been instrumental in the Winston-Salem community. He is a member of Mount Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church where he serves as president of the Adult Usher Board, as well as a member of the Deacon Board. He also volunteers at the Habitat for Humanity Restore where he oversees and assists general labor operations with his clients. Additionally, Jimmy devotes his services to Meals on Wheels where he personally delivers food to the elderly.

WSSU CLASS OF 1980 40TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION ANNOUNCEMENT

The WSSU Class of 1980 is planning several wonderful reunion events to celebrate its 40th Class Reunion. Please see the attached registration form in support of our 40th year anniversary to be held during 2020 Homecoming week September 17 - September 20, 2020. The RAM football game is scheduled for September 19, 2020 against Tuskegee at 1:30PM and we look forward to seeing classmates and family of classmates attending.

The Planning Committee has put together a exciting 40th Reunion for you and your family to enjoy so please complete your registration today. The schedule of Reunion activities is included on the registration form you so you can plan where the Class activities will be place and times to put on your calendar.

Class pictures will be taken twice during our 40th reunion activities. More details to come and more opportunities to contribute to Old SU. Please indicate on the appropriate box on the registration form (next page) if your donation will be supported by corporate matching. If so, this wilned with any other matching initiatives in place in support of University fundraising efforts. So make your money grow by sending in your registration fees now!

Thank you for your commitment to the University and your willingness to come and spend time with your classmates supporting this wonderful 40th Homecoming Reunion!

Remember to share this information and invitation to any other classmates that may not be included in this communication.

Craig Umstead, WSSU Class of 1980 Reunion President



The graphic features a background image of a large crowd at a homecoming event. In the foreground, a man is singing into a microphone. A red starburst in the top left corner contains the text "News Flash!". A black square with white cursive text "Gave THE Date" is positioned over the crowd. At the bottom, a red banner displays the Winston-Salem State University logo, the text "WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY", and "HOMECOMING SEPTEMBER 19 2020".

News Flash!

NOTE NEW HOMECOMING 2020 DATE

Gave THE Date

WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

HOMECOMING

SEPTEMBER 19 2020

REGISTRATION FORM
WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 1980
40th CLASS REUNION WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 18, 2020- SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

Name: _____

Mailing Address-Street: _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

Home Telephone _____

Business Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

HOMEcoming EVENTS

EVENT	REFERENCE	PRICE PER PERSON	SUB-TOTAL
Class of 1980 Class Photo	State # in party _____	Included (Free)	\$ _____.____
Class of 1980 Reunion Tailgate	State # in party _____	Included (Free)	\$ _____.____
CLASS Donation (make all monies payable to the WSSU Class of 1980)	*Installment payments can be made in amounts of \$1000, or two payments of \$500.	\$1000.00 – Option 1 A Payment Receipt will be given for Tax Purposes	\$ _____.____
CLASS Donation (make all monies payable to the WSSU Class of 1980)	*Installment payments can be made in amounts of \$600, or two payments of \$300 or three payments of \$200.	\$ 600.00 – Option 2 & 3 A Payment Receipt will be given for Tax Purposes	\$ _____.____
WSSU Class of 1980 Cook Book	Each	\$20.00	\$ _____.____
Football Game WSSU vs TUSKEGEE	Each	\$20.00 (Class Designated Seating Area)	\$ _____.____
Class of 1980 Cap and tee-shirt	Circle Size (Unisex) (M/L/XL/XXL)	\$20.00	\$ _____.____
Old School Basement Party & Reception (Brookstown Inn – Friday 9:00PM)		Included (Free + 10.00 guest)	\$ _____.____
TOTAL (\$\$\$) ENCLOSED			\$ _____.____

Please return this form with payment postmarked no later than July 31, 2020. All game tickets will be available for pick-up at the Hospitality Suite at the Brookstown Inn on Friday, September 18, 2020, from 6:00 PM to 12:00 midnight, and Saturday morning 9:00A.M. until 10:00A.M. or tailgate parking lot location until 12:00noon. Your * **CLASS DONATION CHECK** should be made payable to: **WSSU CLASS OF 1980, MEMO LINE - 40th Class REUNION.**

Mail to: TBD Name: WSSU Class Reunion of 1980
C/O: Craig Umstead
2840 South College Road, Suite 407
Wilmington, NC 28412

HOMECOMING RAFFLE

Ramilly, Family, and Friend

On behalf of the WSSU Athletics, Band Department and the National Alumni Association, we thank you for your generosity in making our 1st Annual WSSU Homecoming Raffle (HCR) a huge success. The WSSU National Alumni Association HCR Fundraiser raised 30K based on \$10 per raffle ticket. The prizes consisted of:

- A. Two nights' stay in the Marriott Hotel (located downtown W/S)
- B. Two tickets to the Homecoming Football Game
- C. Tailgate parking space in the South Parking Lot of Bowman Gray Stadium.

Each entity received 10K for Scholarships. The winner of the 1st Annual HCR was Braxton Hairston, of Winston-Salem, NC.

If you have suggestions or want to contribute additional prizes toward next year's contest, please feel free to contact the NAA office with your ideas.

We see RED,

Winfred R. Mack, Jr, Chairman

Gordon "Butch" Everett, Co-Chairman



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NECESSARY TO START**

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