



The Battering Ram

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APPEAL TO ALUMNI

We are in uncharted waters and the COVID-19 Pandemic is present nearly everywhere, and has impacted everyday life. Without our signature fundraiser of the Miss and Mr. Alumni contest and the cancellation of our 2020 Homecoming experience, the Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association, Inc. has an important role to play by continuing our commitment to serve our students through funding our commitment of 20 scholarships per academic year.

Will you join us and make a donation today? Donate now: <https://wssunaa.org/donations/> or mail your contributions to: WSSUNAA Lockbox address P.O. Box 890670 Charlotte, NC 28289-0670

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 23, 2021
Winter Board Meeting

April 9 & 10
WSSU Rams Alumni Weekend
Friday - TBD
Saturday - WSSUNAA Annual Meeting,
YAC - Forty Under 40 Gala

PAR-TEA TIME

WSSUNAA life members and those who began paying your life membership, we need to hear from you!

Please send your contact information (name, email, phone number) to membership@wssunaa.org for an upcoming virtual PAR-TEA. Join our NAA President and Membership Committee for a sip of tea and chat forum.

Please submit your information by Oct. 31 and look for an invite to follow.

SUGGESTED REVISIONS TO NATIONAL BYLAWS

Submit suggested revisions to bylaws by December 1.

<https://wssunaa.org/documents/>

SOUTHERN REGION 1

Southern Region 1 is comprised of the 21 WSSUNAA chapters in North Carolina. Currently we have 20 chapters that are financially and functionally active. The Executive Board has been busy bridging the gap to maintain record for accountability in accordance with the requirements for each chapter.

As Regional Coordinator, I am very excited in maintaining leadership for this region, but I am not doing it alone. The executive team consists of Renee Alexander - Secretary; Cookie Parks- Treasurer and Debra Hart – appointed Parliamentarian. TOGETHER WE will assure that all will be done in decency and order.

We have our 21 chapters divided into 3 geographical clusters to maintain better support within an area, convey better communication, messages, projects and assistance to WSSU and WSSUNAA. We will have monthly cluster meetings and regional meetings every other month.

Respectfully Submitted
Barbara Williams Pollard,
Southern Region 1 Coordinator



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Renee Alexander
Southern Region 1
Secretary



Cookie Parks
Southern Region 1
Treasurer

CHAPTER NEWS

DUPLIN-SAMPSON



JACKIAL HERRING SWINSON is pleased to announce the publication of her book entitled, *An Educator's Legacy: The Teacher Next Door*. This handbook is for all teachers; however, new teachers will benefit greatly from this single guide rather than several resources.

Swinson, a retired educator from Greenevers, North Carolina, has taught for 40 years after earning a B.A. degree in English Education from Winston-Salem State University (Class of '77) and a Master of Arts in Teaching English Education Degree from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. She has taught in three different states and perceives education as one of the most valued institutions that exists.



SONYA MCLAURIN POWELL
Tapped to Lead the
Sampson County School
Board

After being re-elected to the board, the Sampson County (NC) Board of Education passed the gavel of leadership to

Sonya McLaurin Powell during their monthly July 2020 meeting. She will serve as the board chairman for the 2020-2021 school year and possibly beyond.

She graduated from Winston-Salem State University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Education (Class of '78) and from Campbell University with a Master of Education degree. She also earned her add-on licensure in AIG from UNC-Wilmington and is currently seeking her doctorate in Educational Leadership at Fayetteville State University.

WSSUNAA MEMBERSHIP



Dear Ram Alumni,

Thank you for supporting the activities of the National Alumni Association through your membership.

Regular membership renewal date is July 1. Alumni taking advantage of the installment plan for Life Membership must

make four (4) consecutive payments to maintain eligibility without starting over.

Thank you for demonstrating RAM PRIDE through your affiliation with the National Alumni Association. Please make sure that we have your current mailing and email address so we can keep you updated with Association news.

Please renew your membership today: [Membership/Pay Dues Online](#)

Looking for Scholarship Opportunities?

See our website: wssunaa.org

Special Scholarship

Application:

Deadline: November 20, 2020



ALUMNI DIRECTORY DELAYED

Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association recently launched a comprehensive alumni data verification project handled by PCI (Publishing Concepts Inc.). We were informed that there are delays in the release and it will be close to the end of the year for distribution.

ALUMNI NEWS

We are asking our alumni to update their membership profile with an email address in order to stay connected to WSSUNAA news and events. Visit <https://wssunaa.org/contact-information-updater/>.

VERIZON TEAM INCENTIVE PROGRAM (TIP)

Calling all Winston-Salem State University alumni who are active Verizon employees! We have a unique opportunity to form a WSSU team to raise funds which will be matched up to \$25,000 by the Verizon Foundation. Any Verizon employees who are interested in taking part in this endeavor are asked to contact Angela Hamilton at caughtbypepe@gmail.com.

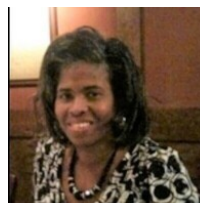
Once the team has been formed and information submitted to Verizon, the team will be reaching out to the WSSUNAA for their support.

Thanks in advance for all you do to continue to lift our University to a higher level.
<https://www.verizon.com/about/responsibility/giving-and-grants>

In Memoriam



Delores Miller Scales
Class of 1957



Lois Hicks
Class of 1977

CLASS OF 1980

In celebration of our memorable years at Winston-Salem State, the Class of 1980 has compiled our tastiest tried-and-true recipes into a single book to celebrate our 40th class anniversary. This mouth-watering cookbook contains 200 recipes--everything you need from appetizers to desserts. Each recipe includes the contributor's name, so it is easy to find the recipes of class members. *Rams Cooking in the Kitchen* will be printed by Morris Press Cookbooks of Kearny, Neb. Profits will benefit The Class of 1980 Gap II Scholarship Fund.

A big reveal of the cookbook will be October 1, 2020 including a special feature that will bring back memories from the past. Sales will start on October 1 and end on October 30, 2020. In order to be included in the reveal, watch for post on www.wssumedia@wssu.edu and www.facebook.com/WSSUNAlumniAssociation. Cookbooks can be ordered at www.wssucookbook@gmail.com

The cost is \$20. Feel free to purchase for yourself or give as a gift. Of course, all classes are invited to be a part.

Thank you for your support!

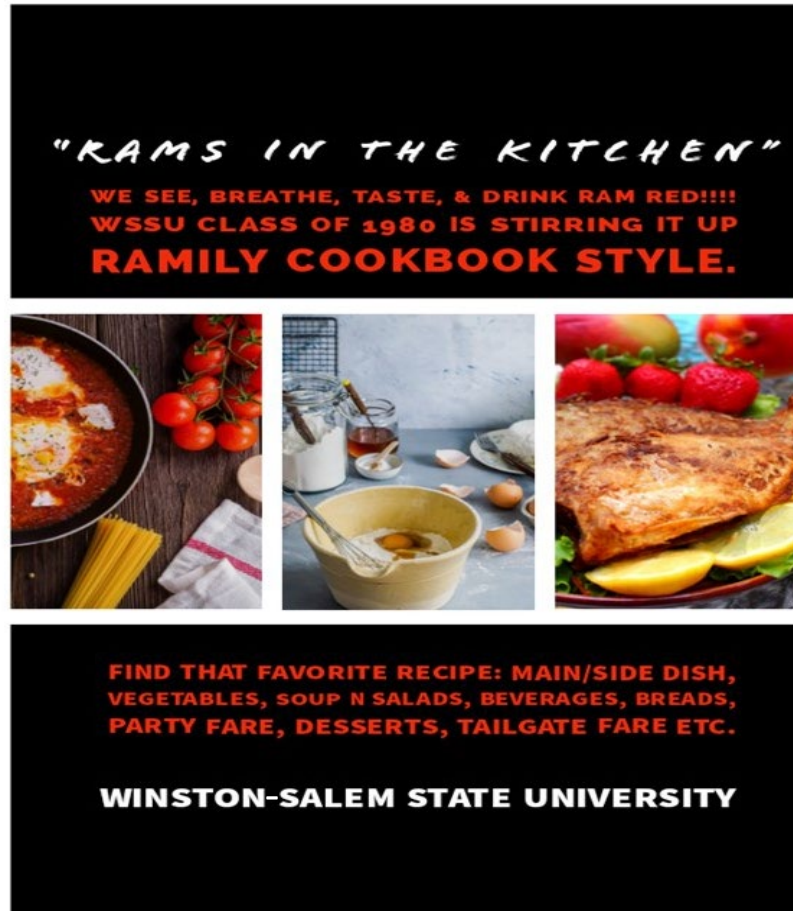
ALUMNA WHO PARTICIPATED IN WSSU GRADUATION 70 YEARS AFTER EARNING DEGREE DIES AT AGE 100



Elizabeth Barker Johnson, who walked across the stage during Winston-Salem State University's 2019 graduation ceremony, died recently in Catawba County at the age of 100.

"She is one of the most incredible people I have met during my time on the planet," Chancellor Elwood Robinson said in a Facebook post. "Thank you for your service and your life! I will miss you! I am a better person because of meeting you!"

WSSU CLASS OF 1980
PRESENTS:
RAMS IN THE KITCHEN COOKBOOK



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Please Support the WSSU Class of 1980 Fundraiser!
Cost: \$20
Contact: Craig Umstead, 1980 Reunion President
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DISH NAME: SOUTHERN DURHAM – HORNET STING MEAT RUB

RECIPE AUTHOR'S NAME: Craig Umstead,
WSSU Class of 1980

TITLE DISH: MEAT RUB

• INGREDIENTS:

- ½cup light brown sugar
- ½ white pepper
- ½cup granulated sugar
- ½cup Lawry's Season Salt
- ½cup ground cumin
- ½cup paprika
- ½ cup of sea salt
- 2 tablespoons (tbsp.)chili powder
- 2 tbsp. garlic powder
- 2 tbsp. onion powder
- 2 tbsp. mustard powder
- 2 tbsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp dried thyme
- 1 tsp crushed red pepper
- 1 tsp cayenne
- 1 tsp Old Bay Seasoning
- 1 cup cubed red pepper
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1 teaspoon garlic salt
- ¼teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- Mixing bowl

• INSTRUCTIONS:

- Whisk together the brown sugar, granulated sugar, paprika, sea salt, cumin, white pepper, chili powder, garlic powder, onion powder, mustard powder, thyme, red pepper flakes, toasted sesame seed, cayenne and Old Bay as well as all other ingredients. Rub over on any meat before cooking. The rub has a ton of flavor and will give the meat a nice brown crust. This is what your taste buds have always been waiting for!
- Seal rub with flour and let stand for 10-12 minutes before grilling, baking or deep frying. Seasons 10 – 20 lbs. of meat.

"RAMS IN THE KITCHEN"
WE SEE, BREATHE, TASTE, & DRINK RAM RED!!!!
WSSU CLASS OF 1980 IS STIRRING IT UP
RAMILY COOKBOOK STYLE.



FIND THAT FAVORITE RECIPE: MAIN/SIDE DISH,
VEGETABLES, SOUP N SALADS, BEVERAGES, BREADS,
PARTY FARE, DESSERTS, TAILGATE FARE ETC.

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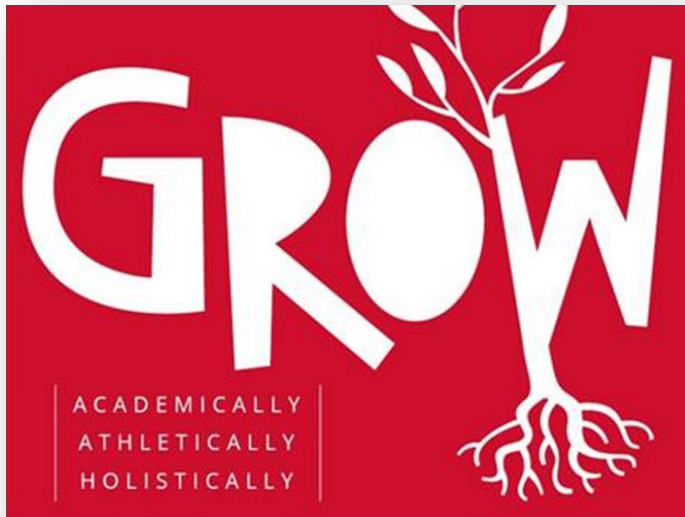
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WSSU DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

As we continue to move forward in these times, please know that your support is greatly appreciated, and our student-athletes benefit greatly from you. If you have not done so, please renew or join our HORN\$ Club today, by clicking the link below:

<https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=90df69>



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Will you help us GROW? Please text **20GROW** to **71777**
or click: <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/20GROW>

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Kenyetta Richmond, Miss Alumni
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Mae Godette, Interim Director of Alumni Engagement
<https://www.wssu.edu/about/office-and-departments/university-advancement/alumni-engagement/index.html>

Email: alumniengagement@wssu.edu
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COVID-19 Coronavirus

Almighty God, we know that everything is in Your sovereign control. We ask that You keep this new coronavirus from continuing to spread. Give government officials the ability to safely handle people arriving from other countries. Help people decide to stay home instead of traveling or going out needlessly. Holy Spirit, remind people to wash their hands properly. And while it may be heartbreaking, comfort families as they decide to keep their distance from elderly or other high-risk family members.

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