



# The Battering Ram

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

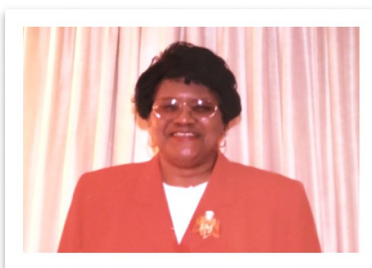
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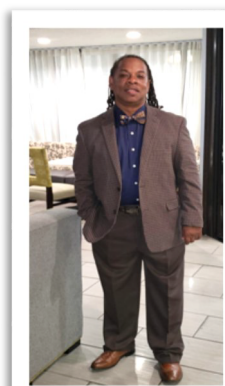
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## WSSUNAA RECOGNIZES OUR 2020 HALL OF DISTINCTION HONOREES

We congratulate the following alumni on their selection to the Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association, Inc. Hall of Distinction! A formal induction ceremony will take place later in 2021. These individuals are recognized for their achievements, contributions and continuous support to the NAA and the university



**DORIS MOORE**  
Class of 1981



**GEORGE JAGGERS, III**  
Class of 1981

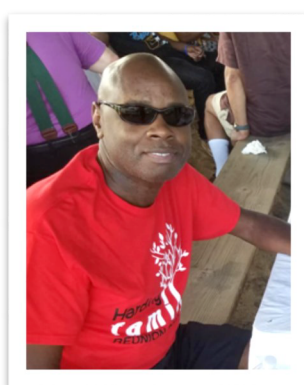
## UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

### January 23

Winter Board Meeting

### April 9 & 10

WSSU Rams Alumni Weekend  
Friday - Virtual Alumni Mixer  
Saturday - Annual Meeting



**STANLEY HARDING**  
Class of 1985



**SEAN A. BELLAMY**  
Class of 2005

From the desk of

the *President*



Happy New Year Ram Alumni,

I hope that all is well with you and your family. We are thankful for the many blessings we have received and look forward to a prosperous and productive new season. The NAA continues to strive to be a catalyst to improve communication among alumni, serve as a liaison between our alumni and the university, and represent as change

makers in the wake of social issues, economic disparities, and health consciousness. We are excited for new opportunities to partner with alumni affinity groups such as the Young Alumni Council (YAC), Nurse Alumni Organization (NAO), and all other university auxiliaries. We ask for your continued support with opportunities to become involved through membership, participate in our fundraisers, and give financially to the NAA student scholarships and the NAA Endowed Scholarship fund.

We began our administrative term with the theme "Each One Reach One" and market the NAA brand to tell our story of the positive impact that the NAA is having within our communities. We also honor our commitment with the designation of 20 annual scholarships to deserving students attending WSSU. Look for us to further engage with our alumni through various platforms and share your thoughts and ideas to help continue to move the Association forward.

Ram Love,

C. Regina Cason , NAA President

## CHAPTER NEWS

### CHARLOTTE QC RAMS

The Charlotte QC Rams had a very busy 2020! We have monthly meetings via Zoom.

New officers were welcomed and installed at our September meeting:

President – Cassandra Black  
Vice President – Jerry Robinson  
Treasurer – Linwood Woodley  
Recording Secretary – Joselynn Freeman  
Corresponding Secretary – Leonora Robinson  
Parliamentarian – Juan Corders

We also volunteered to feed our neighbors breakfast, provide snack items, donate fall/winter clothing, and provide toiletries and tents to our neighbors in need with Block Love Charlotte in September.



On October 31, we volunteered for highway cleanup as a part of the Adopt-A-Highway program.



In November, we collected canned foods and non-perishable food items in Veteran's Park for Loaves & Fishes, a local nonprofit emergency food pantry program.

We enjoyed our annual holiday party via Zoom this year. It was different but still loads of fun! We enjoyed games, music, and refreshments. We invite all Charlotte area Rams to join us. Details to join can be found on our chapter website <https://www.qcramschapter.com>.

## LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

See our website: [wssunaa.org](http://wssunaa.org)

Application deadline: March 15, 2021



## HAVE YOU JOINED YET?



Amazon Smile

Support Winston-Salem State University  
National Alumni Association

Shop at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and we'll donate to your favorite charitable organization, at no cost to you.



## SALISBURY-ROWAN

-In June, we presented Raven Beatty, Mooresville High School

-On September 13, we provided care packages for local WSSU students. The packages included items to keep them safe and assist with cleaning their rooms.

-In November, we assisted the Rowan Helping Ministry Food Pantry by contributing bags.

Congratulations Raven Beatty, Mooresville High School recipient of Salisbury Rowan Chapter WSSUNAA 2020 Scholarship



Janae Marie

Oct 7 '20  
IT'S SO HARD TO BE A RAM! ❤️

A huge thank you to Nessie Bates and the WSSU Alumni Association for the amazing student care packages! Everything I need for a successful, safe, COVID-free year! Many of my things have already been used! Thank you guys so much!



## UPCOMING EVENTS



Greetings Ramily!

The Special Events (SE) Committee would like to take this time to remind you that we are currently accepting applications for the Mr. and Miss Alumni Contest. This contest serves as our largest fundraiser of the year. We will be accepting applications through January 15, 2021.

All approved applicants will be required to join a virtual orientation on the evening of Friday January 22, 2021. Time is TBD. We look forward to many of our chapters sponsoring an applicant or applicants for this royal contest. All contest details including important dates, purpose, eligibility requirements, awards, and amenities, can be found on the NAA website under the Forms and Docs tab for Mr. and Miss Alumni Contest Guidelines.

Thank you in advance for your immediate response for the call to action for our illustrious university, Winston-Salem State University. Please do not hesitate to contact the committee co-chair below with any questions and/or concerns.

Sincerely,

Clyde Caudle  
SE Co-Chair  
980-800-698

Visit our website for Events and More: [wssunaa.org](http://wssunaa.org)



# HOMEcoming 2021



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## SAVE *The* DATE

# Saturday, October 23, 2021

**THANK YOU TO THESE  
AMAZING NAA MEMBERS FOR  
YOUR EXEMPLARY SUPPORT  
AND SERVICE!**



Joyce Dove Leak



Kimberly Sherrill



Michele Todd  
Davis

## ALUMNI DIRECTORY DELAYED TO 2021

Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association, Inc. 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 in early 2021 for distribution.

If you need further information, please contact Cassie Cox at [customerservice@publishingconcepts.com](mailto:customerservice@publishingconcepts.com)

## LIFE MEMBER VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

The NAA is excited to connect with our life members and would be honored if you join us for a Life Member Virtual Celebration (Date /Time to be announced). In an effort to update our national registry, please provide your contact information via link below:  
<https://forms.gle/UrEXh7z6YwinpppH9>

OR

Call WSSUNAA Office: 336-750-2122 with the following information:

Name (Include Maiden)  
Phone  
Email  
Year of Graduation

Thank You,

*Membership Committee*

## WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR WSSUNAA

### WSSUNAA Endowed Scholarship

Keep It RAMStrong!

We are tough. We are resilient. We are RAMStrong. Let's continue to share our strength, share our stories, and support our students. Take advantage of charitable giving deductions and make your gift count this year!

- **Share your strength:** Make a generous gift that empowers WSSU to address our most pressing needs. Select "Unrestricted" in the dropdown menu.
- **Share your story:** Make a contribution to the National Alumni Association Endowment Fund. A gift over \$100 gives you the opportunity to share a **Memorable Moment** on our fundraising page.

Please visit our secure link below for the NAA Endowment Scholarship Campaign as well as capture your memorable moment. Make a tax-deductible contribution today.

Donate Now

<https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/20NAAES> OR  
Text 20NAAES to 71777

<p>Share Your <b>STRENGTH</b></p> <p>Give toward pressing needs</p>	<p>Share Your <b>STORY</b></p> <p>Give toward NAA endowment</p>
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## IN MEMORIAM



**Quinton Boulware**  
Class of 1978



## WSSU NURSE ALUMNI ORGANIZATION

On behalf of the Legacy Committee of The Winston-Salem State University Nurse Alumni Organization, chaired by Nurse Renee Hill Harrison '06, we wish to congratulate and formally announce our 2020 Legacy Award Winners:

The Debra Benbow Distinguished Alumni Award for Nursing Awardee: Nurse Sharon Gregg Correll '82/'05

The Sandra Wilder Distinguished Alumni Award for Nursing Awardee: Nurse Veronica Carter Jackson '90

The Mary Scott Isom Distinguished Faculty Award Awardee: Nurse Pandora Goode '05

The Heartbeat of the Nurse Alumni Awardees: Mrs. Tremonteo Crawford '79 and Mr. Ron Crawford

The Friend of Nursing Awardee: Mrs. Catherine Pettie Hart '74



**Text to Give: WSSUNURSE to 71777**  
**Or donate online at [www.wssu.edu](http://www.wssu.edu)**

## WSSU DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Rams,

Please join us in congratulating Quarterback, Tyler Smith as he completed the Sabalauski Air Assault School. Please click here for the full story: <https://www.wssurams.com/sports/m-footbl/2020-21/releases/20201215keb4nf>

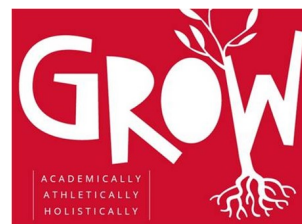
If you would like to support our student-athletes, please text 20GROW to 71777, click: <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/20GROW> or click: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=90df69>

For more information regarding our Athletic Department, please visit [www.wssurams.com](http://www.wssurams.com). Thank you so much for all that you continue to do for our student-athletes!

**James DuBose**  
Senior Associate AD for Development and Athletic Administration  
336-750-3180 (Office)

**Will you help us GROW?**

Please text 20GROW to 71777 or click: <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/20GROW>



## FORMER WSSU SGA PRESIDENT AWARDED THE PICKERING FOREIGN AFFAIRS FELLOWSHIP



Mona Zahir, Winston-Salem State University's 2016-17 student body president, was recently awarded the U.S. Department of State Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship.

Administered by Howard University, the fellowship invites applicants from minority groups, women, and those in financial need who are committed to pursuing Foreign Service careers. Zahir, a 2017 political science graduate from Charlotte, was one of 45 candidates out of an applicant pool of more than 1300 to be selected for this prestigious program.

"It feels surreal," says Zahir. "I'm still processing this life changing direction. I've dreamed of being a diplomat since I was a child and to see its fruition in the initial stage, especially during a challenging year, has made me incredibly grateful, honored, and also proud of myself. The pool of candidates and application process were competitive, so I do not take this selection lightly."

Pickering Fellows receive financial assistance with two-year graduate programs; two summer internships: one domestic, one abroad; professional development; and mentorship from a Foreign Service Officer. Fellows also commit to a minimum of five years of service in the Foreign Service. The program begins May of 2021.

Zahir serves as a global operations analyst at Facebook. She was selected for Global Operations' first racial justice workforce and worked the 2020 elections. Zahir says that after a few years in the workforce as an underrepresented professional, she understands how beneficial the Pickering Program experience will be to the success of her career.

## HAPPY NEW YEAR TO THE WSSU CLASSMATES OF 1970

We are looking forward to seeing each of in 2021 to celebrate our 50th/51st anniversary. We have recently enjoyed having a 50th Reunion via Zoom in September and a Holiday Social the first Saturday in December. Please keep in mind that we are still trying to locate other classmates from the Class of 1970 to connect with. We will send out further information on our 2021 homecoming reunion.

In addition, we would like to continue to help students at WSSU. With that in mind, we are asking that each classmate contribute \$1,000 to our Endowed Scholarship Fund.

You can make your contribution in one of three ways:

1. MobilCause App at <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/70RAMS>
2. Text your gift to: 70RAM to 71777
3. Mail: See form "CCF121420220.pdf"

# HELLO RAMiLy!!!



## CLASS OF 1970 CELEBRATES 50 YEARS WSSU HOMECOMING

### PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THESE COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

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# WSSU

## Class Gift Form

### WSSU Class of 1970 Endowed Scholarship Fund

Yes, I am very grateful to Winston-Salem State University for affording me the opportunity to pursue my educational goals. To show my appreciation, I wish to provide a financial gift to the 'Class of 1970 Endowed Scholarship Fund' to assist students in pursuing their educational dreams.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
*Last First MI Maiden*

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*Street Address*

\_\_\_\_\_ *City State Zip*

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ *Home Cell*

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

There are three ways you may send your gift to the University.

1. You may go to our MobileCause app at <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/70RAMS>. *(Your name will automatically appear with the gift amount on this site.)*
2. You may also text your gift to 70RAMS to 71777. *(The text link will send you directly to the MobileCause app.)*
3. If you wish to send a check/money order, please indicate the "Class of 1970 Endowed Scholarship" in the memo section. Send check/ money order to:

Winston-Salem State University  
Donors Records  
311 Blair Hall  
Winston-Salem, NC 27110

Payments may be made by personal check, money order or payable online. **DO NOT SEND CASH!!!** ALL forms of payment **MUST** include: **Class of 1970 Gap II Endowed Scholarship Fund** in the memo line of your check or money order.



Education is the most powerful  
weapon which you can use to  
change the world.

— Nelson Mandela —

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