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UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

May 20 and 21
Commencement

October 23
Homecoming

YOUNG ALUMNI COUNCIL (YAC)

Congratulations 2021 Honorees

Keon Artis '15
Chantelle Bethea '11
Charlie Bowers '07
Vicky Bradley '07
Lezlie Briggs '09
Dwayne Bryant '12
Shondale Clark '13
Melissa Davis '13
Melonie Davis '06
Shannon Davis '06
Yolanda Davis '06
Chanelle Dawkins '05
Rolanda Patrick Forehand '03
Kenneth French '06
Christopher Graham '12
Darvis Holley '07
Joi Holliday-Sparrow '13
Kimberley Holloway '03
Tiffani Mills Jackson '03
Courtney Jenkins-Norman '04



Amber Johnson '06
Aaron Lide, Jr. '14
Jessica Martin '08
Whitney McCoy '10
Khrystal McGrant '07
NaTasha Moss '03
Latoya Simmons Murray '05
Dawn Payne '07
Darrell Potts '08
Timothy Richardson '12
Qianna Robinson '04
Jokyr Bullock Scott '03
LeSherl Stoudermire '04
Courtney Tate '08
Tierra Terry '08
Justin Thomas '12
Wyndell Waldon '07
John Watson '08
Lynette Ingram Williams '11
Trace Young '08

HAVE YOU DONATED? If so, we thank you
for your donation to this great cause.

For more information about the event, visit our website:
<http://www.wssu.edu/40under40>

To donate to an honoree, visit:

<https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/2140U40>

ANTOINETTE CERISE GREEN

MISS ALUMNI CONTESTANT 2021



Dear Ramily,

My name is **ANTOINETTE CERISE GREEN**, and I am a candidate for Miss Alumni 2021-2022. I am a proud graduate of the illustrious Winston-Salem State University and a member of the Charlotte/QC Rams Chapter. I graduated in May 2010 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science.

Currently, I am obtaining my masters degree in Political Science from Liberty University. The goal of this contest is to provide scholarships to undergraduate students that qualify based on academic criteria and financial eligibility.

As a member of the Class of 2010, I was able to serve my university in many ways. I was an active member of the Campus Activities Board, a proud member of the Red Sea of Sound, and a 2008

Initiate into the gorgeous Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. Also in 2008, I was able to serve as one of our organizational queens, Miss Campus Activities Board.

Since my matriculation at Winston-Salem State University, I have dedicated my life to bettering our community. In my current position as a high school history teacher, I pride myself on preparing my students to be productive global citizens. In my down time, I am involved with several organizations, including, the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Association of Educators, the North Carolina Association of Educators, the Mecklenburg County Black Political Caucus, and the Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. In 2019, I ran for Charlotte City Council, and currently serve on the Advisory Board for the Arts and Science Council.

Your support is crucial to our efforts to raise scholarship money. If you're able, I would love it if you could make a donation to help us achieve our goal. Thank you in advance for your contribution. Your donation will go directly to deserving students.

Here are the ways you can make a donation:

- 1) Make a donation online or purchase an ad. Please visit us at www.missalumni21.com
- 2) Checks should be payable to WSSUNAA. Please add Antoinette Green in the memo line

Antoinette Green
4015 John Dale Lane
Charlotte, NC 28269



KIMBERLY D. KELSEY

MISS ALUMNI CONTESTANT 2021



Name: **KIMBERLY D KELSEY**
Graduation Year: 1987
Major: Business Administration
Alumni Chapter Salisbury-Rowan Chapter
Region: Southern Region 1

STATEMENT

When I begin to think about my illustrious Winston-Salem State University two words come to mind: RAM PRIDE. As I digest the impact of my years at WSSU, RAM PRIDE means greatness. As the WSSU NAA Miss Alumni, I would emphasize the atmosphere of the long lasting RAM PRIDE.

EDUCATION

A.A.S. in Funeral Service
MBA in Finance
Ph.D. in Business Administration

EMPLOYMENT

Noble and Kelsey Funeral Home, Inc. - Owner/Mortician

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

President and Member of Western District Funeral Directors & Morticians Association, Inc.
Funeral Directors and Morticians Association of NC, Inc.
National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, Inc.

AWARDS/RECOGNITION:

- 2001 – Piedmont Funeral Directors & Morticians Association of NC, Inc District Profession of the Year
- National Association of Professional Women 2016-2017 Inductee into VIP Women of the Year Circle
- 2018 – National Women of Achievement, Inc. Queen City Chapter, Queen City Chapter-Community Service Award
- City of Salisbury Proclamation from the Mayor in 2018
- SOS Womens Network, Inc

VOLUNTEER SERVICE OR ORGANIZATIONS:

- Salisbury/Rowan WSSU Alumni Chapter
- Salisbury-Rowan NAACP
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Former Member of Order of Eastern Star

DONNA RENEE MONTGOMERY

MISS ALUMNI CONTESTANT 2021



DONNA RENEE MONTGOMERY is the daughter of Alma Jean McAdams and the only daughter of Jesse Attucks Jr. Donna was raised in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina and 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 Montgomery 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! Additionally, she 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. 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 sometime go unnoticed by the masses.

Donna is proud to be a Winston-Salem State Ram and is honored to represent the Winston-Salem. Her background, along with her lifelong commitment and LOVE for Winston-Salem State University, demonstrates why she would make you proud as Miss Alumni 2021/2022!

For more information and to support Donna Montgomery as Miss Alumni 2021/2022, please contact Donna @ 336-618-3015 or email her @ donnareneem@gmail.com.

For donations to the #ICANTOO! Movement please send contributions to Cashapp: \$DonnaMont and [paypal.me/donnamont](https://www.paypal.me/donnamont)

JIMMY HESTER

MR. ALUMNI CONTESTANT 2021



JIMMY L. HESTER is a 1990 graduate of Winston-Salem State University where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration with a minor in marketing. He is employed by Community Assisted Residential Environment (C.A.R.E) as an Alternative Family Living Specialist.

During his first year at WSSU, he was Freshman of the Year. He was a three-time All-Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) and two-time CIAA team captain. In 2017, his team was inducted into the Clarence “Big House” Gaines Athletic Hall of Fame, and is an annual WSSU 1,000 HORN\$ member. He is a member of the Winston-Salem Chapter

and is a life member of the WSSU National Alumni Association.

After graduating from WSSU, Jimmy became personally involved with the rapidly expanding field of mental health and intellectual and developmental delay. For the last 30 years, he has dedicated his time and efforts to those with I/DD and has been a healthcare provider in his home for the last 20 years.

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

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Your generous contributions will be used to serve the students at WSSU

CHAPTER NEWS

SOUTHERN REGION I

Southern Region I 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. My executive team members are Renee Alexander--Secretary; Cookie Parks--Treasurer, and Debra Hart--Parliamentarian. TOGETHER WE will assure that all will be done in decency and order.

We have our 21 chapters divided into three 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 I Coordinator

ATLANTA

The Atlanta Chapter continues to have a banner 20/21 FY. While assuming leadership of the chapter during the midst of a pandemic, chapter president Marilyn Cruter challenged the chapter to "not only survive, but thrive!" That is exactly what the chapter is doing.

The membership committee is doing a fantastic job in recruiting members. Through their efforts in sending out invitations and calling area alumni, chapter membership has increased by 55%!

The events committee has done an outstanding job in leading the chapter in its spring fundraiser with two initiatives: Double Good popcorn sales and Ask/Give donations. With 18 chapter members creating Double Good pop-up stores, we garnered 411 supporters covering a span of 23 states, resulting in the chapter profiting 50% of \$17,141 in sales. Coupled with the Ask/Give donations, the chapter reached a historic single fundraising record of \$10,000 for scholarships!

In January, the chapter awarded scholarships to two WSSU seniors for the spring semester. The Atlanta Chapter continues to have well attended virtual monthly meetings and continues to thrive!

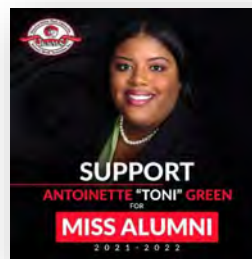
CHARLOTTE QC RAMS

The Charlotte QC Rams have been very busy! Our annual scholarship drive just wrapped on April 2, 2021.

We had a very exciting virtual membership drive on March 7 that was led by our membership chair Cherone Johnson, and event co-chairs, Abby Bingham and Dionne Taylor. We're ecstatic to welcome the following new members to our chapter:

Timmy Watkins, Amory Brown, Roberta Jarrell, Lauretta Chisolm, Bill Miller, Donald Meekins, Daisy Walker, Amber Raiford, Marsha Graddy, Lorrain Miller, Myra Hall, Cheryl Basnight, Adrienna Harris, Wilber Streeter, Shawanda Spencer, Sally Mayfield, Gail Streeter

We are seeking your support for our very own Ms. Antoinette "Toni" Green for Miss Alumni 2021! Please visit www.missalumni21.com for ways to support her.



DURHAM

The Durham Chapter has been quite busy during the 2020-2021 academic year. Although separated due to the pandemic, we're still working together virtually to promote Winston-Salem State University.

The chapter was able to present three students with scholarships.

Brooke Currie--\$1500 freshman
Jaylen Stanfield- \$750 freshman
Courtney Thomas-\$750 senior (Fall 2020)

In November, Chancellor Robinson joined a virtual breakfast to share the state of the campus during the pandemic and the incredible work that everyone was doing to create a safe campus for all. Joining him was Etienne Thomas, Athletic Director, and many others from the University.

Chris and Gwen Wilson, Class of '83, were welcomed into the Heritage Society during a virtual induction ceremony held in December 2020.

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DURHAM continued...

To continue the mission of supporting students from Durham and surrounding communities, the chapter is currently sponsoring an Auto Bell Carwash fundraiser. The funds raised will help to provide scholarships to students for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Another big focus for the chapter has been outreach to RAMily in the area to ensure the health and safety of all. With members seeking out other Rams, attendance at the March meeting more than doubled.

Chris Wilson, Class of '83, was the featured guest speaker. He provided everyone with the latest update as it relates to new legislation and tax tips. He also led a discussion with the group on generational wealth—how to leave a legacy for those nearest and dearest to your heart by creating self-directed annuities.

The Bull City Rams are here to serve!

FAYETTEVILLE

Although the global pandemic of 2020 caused most of the world, as we know it, to shut down, the Greater Fayetteville Area Chapter still had a mission to accomplish. We wanted to ensure our scholarship application was made available to eligible students. We got busy setting up an email account, editing our application, and spreading the word.

Ultimately, we had two young ladies respond to the call and submit the necessary documents. These two ladies each received \$1,000. Congratulations to Te'Drenna Coleman, a senior this year, and Saliyah Goodman, a brand new freshman.

Plans are well underway for our next round of scholarship awards to be handed out for the 2021-2022 school year.



HENDERSON

REMEMBERING OUR OLDEST MEMBER

The Henderson chapter celebrates in memory of the passing of our oldest member, Henrietta Clark, who died on March 3, 2021 at the age of 106 years old. Mrs. Clark was an active member of the chapter until her death. She loved being a Ram! And she especially enjoyed celebrating with us at our annual Christmas parties. She will be dearly missed.



The chapter will present two scholarships in May of 2021 to students entering WSSU in the fall of 2021. One of the scholarships will be presented in memory of Mrs. Clark and the other scholarship in memory of Mrs. Martha Sneed, who was the owner of The Whitmore Retirement Center Oxford, NC where Mrs. Clark resided until her death. Mrs. Sneed so graciously supported the chapter by allowing us to have our annual Christmas parties at The Whitmore with Mrs. Clark because the Whitmore was Mrs. Clark's home.

The chapter's community service this year included the following activities:

December 2020 – For Christmas, the chapter presented a poinsettia plant and a gift bag of toiletries to each resident at The Whitmore Retirement Center. Also, a gift card was given to each worker at the center as well.

March 2021 – The chapter adopted Holy Temple Church, Henderson, to fertilize and groom the church grounds as a thank-you for the church's continuous support of our scholarship fundraisers held at the church.

If there are any Rams in the Granville, Vance, Franklin, or Warren counties and would like to join us, please contact president Janice Perry at 252-767-8260.

CHAPTER NEWS

SALISBURY-ROWAN

In June, we presented Raven Beatty, Mooresville High School, with the Salisbury Rowan Chapter WSSUNAA 2020 scholarship.

On September 13, 2020, 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.

WASHINGTON, DC METRO AREA

2021 Virtual Scholarship Rainbow Tea

May 15, 2021 | 1:00 pm

<https://paypal.me/WSSUDCMetro>

RSVP on Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-virtual-scholarship-rainbow-tea-tickets-144354336707>

WINSTON-SALEM

A lot has happened this past year as we learned to rethink the way we engage with each other. However, in the midst of a global pandemic, the three local chapters here were able to come together to form the Winston-Salem Chapter. Kimberley Park, Kuandelea, and Brown chapters committed to joining together, and on July 1, 2020, the change was effective. We would like to thank the National Alumni Association for guidance and the merger committee for their diligent work.

As the newly merged chapter, we have continued to have monthly meetings via Zoom and now have 100 financial members. The chapter also had a socially distanced fish fry, a virtual holiday social, and a virtual membership mixer. The scholarship committee has continued to raise funds for Forsyth County students to attend the university and currently are accepting applications.

Our final update is to announce 2021 Mr. and Miss Alumni candidates Donna Montgomery and Jimmy Hester. As you can see, we have been full speed ahead while following CDC guidelines! We look forward to seeing our Ram family soon. Stay well and socially distanced!

Officers:

President—Reginal McSkill

Vice President—Mosé D. Belton

Secretary—Tasia Wilson

Treasurer—Sheryl D. Funderburk



WSSU NAA ANNOUNCES \$500,000 SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUNDED!

In 2007, the WSSU NAA established a scholarship endowment with the WSSU Foundation.

With your support, the WSSU National Alumni Association announced in January 2021 that the WSSU NAA Scholarship Endowment is fully funded.

The Association's new endowment fund is a permanent, self-sustaining source of funding that will support scholarships for students at Winston-Salem State University forever.

Completion of this goal is a testament to our commitment to sustain more financial support for WSSU. A special thank you to the NAA Annual Giving Committee, University Advancement Team, and all contributors.

Please join us in celebrating this RAM milestone and contribute annually!

Victor L. Brinton,
Immediate Past National President

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University National Alumni
Association

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**CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
2020 AND 2021
GRADUATES**

MAY 20 & 21



**THANK YOU TO THESE AMAZING NAA MEMBERS
FOR YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT AND SERVICE
THROUGHOUT THE YEARS!**



Barbara Manning

Marie Matthews

Donald Faison

Patsy Faison

Theophilus Woodley

Donald Cureton

Jacqueline Cureton

Rosa Williams

Ruth Bowen

Mose' Belton

Mary Gill

Tonya Talley Smith

Velma Hicks

Verdene Pettiford

Catherine Pettie Hart

Mozelle Williams

Nina Christian

Lynda Webster

Winslow Lowery

DeValdean Penn

Barbara Puryear

Samuel Puryear

Paulette Marshall

Elva Jones

Sophia Pierce

Inez S. Richardson

Milliceson Hayes

Lois Harris Greene

Emory Jones

Mary J. Gilmore

Class of 1970

Looking for These Classmates

Thomas Ballard
Lea Batts
Ronald Bushnell
Allena Coker
Harold Donavant
Diane Fogg Armstrong
Reamous Gunn
Johnny A. Hawkins
Van Henerson
Rosia Hodges
Joseph Jackson
Yvonne Isler Barnes
Margaret A. Johnson
Miriam Jones
Queen Jones
Rosia Joyner
Sherwood Kasey
Martha L^e Grand
Joyce M^c Leod

Gloria Miller
Gwyndolyn Mitchell
H.F. Monti
Gail Perry
Darlis Richardson
Lawrence Rucker
Eugene Sturdivant
Leon Sturdivant
Brenda Talbert
Claudette Tompkins
Janet Turner
Robert Williams

The class of 1970 is looking for these classmates.

Please contact:

Tonya Talley Smith (202) 399-4867
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Donald "Duck" Williams
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LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES?

See our website: wssunaa.org

Application deadline: **April 30, 2021**



IN MEMORIAM



VICTOR "VIC" JOHNSON
Class of 1960



**CAMILLE MILLER
ALLEN**



**DELORES ALMA FIELDER
THOMAS**



ARBRY FELDER
Class of 1972



JOY GREEN ADAMS
Class of 1957



CHERYL SCALES



WSSU DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

If you would like to support our student-athletes, Please text 20GROW to 71777 or click: <https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/20GROW>.

For more information regarding our Athletic Department, please visit wssurams.com. Thank you so much for your support of our student-athletes!

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



WAYS TO SUPPORT WSSUNAA AND INCREASE OUR ALUMNI PARTICIPATION RATE

WSSUNAA Endowed Scholarship

Keep it RAMStrong!

We are tough. We are resilient. We are RAMStrong.

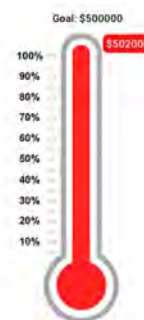
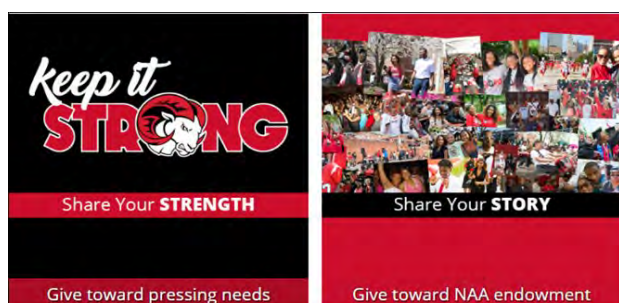
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and support our students.



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