



The Battering Ram

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

This newsletter is an official publication of WSSU National Alumni Association

S. G. Atkins House ■ Winston-Salem, NC 27110

TheBatteringRam@wssunaa.org

2021 HOMECOMING EDITION

FOREVER

RED

RAM-S

REUNION

WSSU 2021 HOMECOMING

OCTOBER 17-23, 2021

WWW.WSSU.EDU/HOMECOMING

MISS AND MR. ALUMNI 2021- 2022

MISS ALUMNI



DONNA MONTGOMERY

Class of 2007
BS Interdisciplinary Studies

She is the owner of Montgomery Care Services and CEO of Total Entertainment Incorporated.



1st ATTENDANT



KIMBERLY D. KELSEY

Class of 1987
Business Administration

Dr. Kelsey is owner/mortician of Noble and Kelsey Funeral Home, Inc.



2nd ATTENDANT



ANTIONETTE GREEN

Class of 2016
BA Political Science

She is a high school history teacher and is working on her master's degree.



MR. ALUMNI



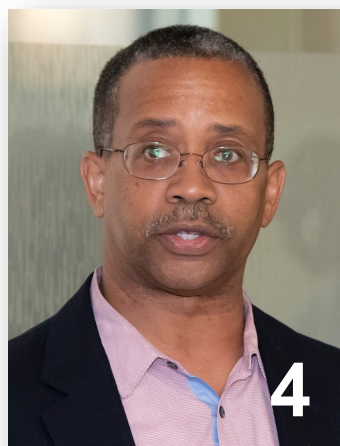
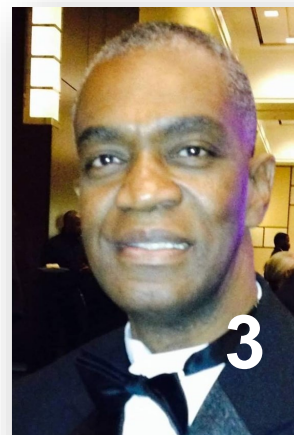
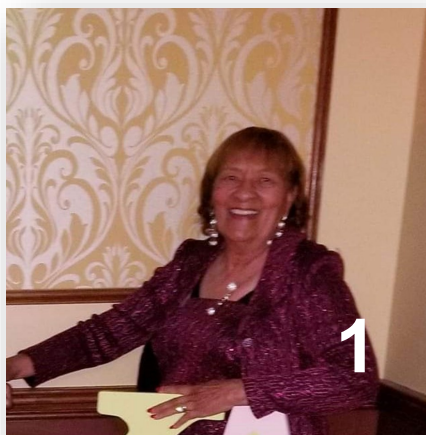
JIMMY HESTER

Class of 1990
BA Business Administration

He is employed by Community Assisted Residential Environment (C.A.R.E) as an Alternative Family Living Specialist.

2021 HALL OF DISTINCTION HONOREES

We congratulate the following alumni on their selection to the WSSU National Alumni Association, Inc. Hall of Distinction. These individuals are recognized for their achievements, contributions, and continuous support to the WSSUNAA and the university.



1—Dr. Sophia Pierce '60 (Greater Fayetteville Chapter)

2—Milliceson Hayes '61 (DC Metro Chapter)

3—Michael Murrell '76 [posthumous] (Atlanta Chapter)

4—Christopher Wilson '83 (Durham Chapter)

5—Benetta Dease Horton '96 (Atlanta Chapter)

6—Diedra Artis Phyll '05 (Baltimore Chapter)

7—Ladia Rutledge '07 (Piedmont Triad Chapter)



WSSU HOMECOMING OCT. 17 - 23, 2021

www.wssu.edu/homecoming

ALUMNI HOMECOMING ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

Alumni Return to Serve

Registration: Sign in

https://wssu.iad1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3wSjQRnjHzFMMCO

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

- **Alumni Check in**
Carolina Hall Plaza 11:00 am—3:00 pm
- **Hall of Distinction / Miss and Mr. Alumni Crowning**
Thompson Student Services Center
7:00 pm—12:00 am
Invitation Only with Live Stream Option

CANCELLED

CANCELLED

**COVID update:
Several homecoming 2021 events cancelled**

- Greasy Spoon Vendors Fair
- Homecoming Community Stage
- Simon Green Atkins Founder's Day Celebration: Invitation-only event for donors and friends of the university.
- Homecoming Community Parade
- Return to the Yard



Stay In The Know

Visit: www.wssunaa.org

- Alumni News
- Events / Meeting Info.
- Forms/Policies/Documents
- Update Membership info. & pay dues

CIAA 2022



**CIAA Room Block
February 20-27**

**Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards
Reservation link**

<https://book.passkey.com/go/CIAA22WSSUAL>

WOODLEY NAMED DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT



Thesha Woodley has been appointed director of alumni engagement where she will lead the creation of programs and services to effectively manage and sustain relationships with the over 30,000 alumni.

Woodley is a 2007 graduate of WSSU with a bachelor's degree in business administration with an emphasis in marketing.

"I am looking forward to returning to Winston-Salem State University and working with alumni like myself who fell in love with the university as a student and want to give back," said Woodley. "Winston-Salem State is my second home. WSSU not only educates students but creates familial relationships, cultivates your skills, affirms your purpose, and is a catalyst to achieve your dreams. I want to tap into that love of the WSSU experience to build more opportunities to

connect, engage and support our alumni through involvement.."

Woodley most recently served as the associate director of visitor experience and membership for the Mint Museum of Art in Charlotte, where she led the implementation of the museum's membership program and fulfilled the customer experience needs of 135,000 annual visitors.

"Ms. Woodley and the members of her team will focus on strengthening alumni engagement, outreach, and annual giving with particular emphasis on young alumni," said LaTanya Afolayan, vice chancellor for university advancement and executive director of the WSSU Foundation, Inc., noting young alumni represent 68 percent of WSSU's alumni population.

"We anticipate stronger collaboration between the Office of Alumni Engagement and units throughout the university including the Division of Student Affairs, the College of Arts, Sciences and Business and Education, and the School of Health Sciences."

Afolayan also said under Woodley there would be more emphasis on student education and engagement through a series of pre-alumni programs and activities.

As a WSSU undergraduate, Woodley was a member of the honors college and served as vice president of the campus chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA). She is a graduate of Leadership Charlotte, a member of the WSSU Young Alumni Council's 2017 Class of 40 Under 40, and a member of the WSSU National Alumni Association. Woodley served as the president of the QC Alumni Chapter of the WSSU National Alumni Association from 2014-2019.

The office of alumni engagement is a unit of the division of university advancement, which is also comprised of the following areas – advancement services, development, university, and donor events.

SOUTHERN REGION1

During this time period of COVID “overhead”, I was able to attend virtually and install new officers for the Greater Fayetteville Area Chapter and Cabarrus-Stanley Chapter. I attended, in person, the Membership Workshop - Duplin-Sampson Chapter and attended virtually the Vance County, Gold-Wayne and Raleigh-Wake Chapter monthly meetings. During this time, I attended or supported members in the passing of loved ones: George Jagger (mother), Pattie Sanders (husband), Marie Cross Boone (alumna - Asheboro) and Donald Faison (alumnus - Gold-Wayne).

During this period, we held our quarterly Southern Region 1 Zoom meeting. There were 11/18 presidents present for this meeting/workshop. This was a “Check Chapters’ Compliance for Charter. The majority of the chapters had submitted the Annual Audit Report to WSSUNAA.

A “snippet” from each chapter:

Duplin-Sampson - Hosted chapter Working workshop for 2021-22; presented each member with a gift. Presented gift bags to 2 assisted living facilities. Presented scholarship to Dariel McLean (Jackial Swinson).

Salisbury-Rowan - Port-A-Pit Fundraiser; Red/White Affair - September 11 (Jeanette Rankins)

Raleigh-Wake - “Wear Your Support” scholarship fundraiser; donation to Fuller Elementary School - books, iPads, and other learning materials. (Renee Alexander)

QC Rams - Chapter cookout in the park; Drive Thru Membership Drive; annual meeting 2nd Sunday @ 3:00 (Cassandra Black)

Vance County - Awarded two \$500.00 scholarships to freshman (Janice Perry)

Roxboro Chapter - Participated in the local high school’s Scholarship/Awards Program and awarded a \$600.00 scholarship to a graduating senior who will attend WSSU in the fall (Frank Bumpass)

Pitt County - The chapter participated with other HBCU alumni in an “Off 2 College Parade Event” sponsored by HBCU Coalition of Pitt County; attendees were given gift cards and well wishes. (Erma Busition)

Winston-Salem - The chapter participated in “RAMCATION” during the summer months and also gave five \$1,000 scholarships to students. (Reginald McCaskill)

Kinston - The chapter gave gifts to new and returning WSSU students; hosted a breakfast for local pastors to encourage them during the pandemic (Michelle Gooding)

Durham - The chapter awarded two \$1500.00 scholarships - freshman and a continuing student (Gwen Wilson)

Rocky Mount - The chapter provided gift bags, monetary donations and gift cards to 12 students attending WSSU (Debra Hart)

Gold-Wayne - Did not hold any events this summer. (William Berry)
(Our condolences are extended to Mrs. Patsy Faison (alum) on the transition of her husband, Donald Faison, Class of 1962, and a member of the Gold-Wayne Chapter)

Rockingham-Stokes - Donated school supplies to area schools for students and teachers (Wanda Brown)

Greater Fayetteville Area - The chapter elected new officers 2021-2023. The chapter sent off the new WSSU students with gifts/goody bags and a mother-daughter team donated \$25.00 each to 8 students; chapter adopted a new student with all amenities that she would need to start her freshman year. This student is a first-generation college student that had no or little knowledge of what was needed to attend college (refrigerator, computer, printer, etc). Also, the chapter awarded four \$1,000.00 scholarships to returning students. (Linda Zachary)

Gaston-Cleveland - The chapter did not host any activities during the summer months (George Jaggars)
(Our condolences are extended to President George Jaggars for the transition of his mother)

Cabarrus-Stanley - Chapter elected new officers. The chapter partnered with Samaritan’s Feet to collect and distribute school supplies and shoes to area students.

CHAPTER NEWS

CHARLOTTE QC RAMS

The chapter had a Drive Through Membership Drive on Sunday, August 29, to kick off our year.



DUPLIN-SAMPSON

On July 16, 2021, the chapter conducted its first planning session to initiate programs and projects that would greatly benefit the citizens of Duplin County and Sampson County communities for the new fiscal year. During the meeting, facilitated by its president, Jackial Swinson, the members had an opportunity to fellowship with a breakfast/brunch and make decisions that will greatly make an impact on the organization and its members.

The members were elated to have had a visit from the Southern Regional I Coordinator, Barbara Pollard. Ms. Swinson treated the members and Mrs. Pollard with gift bags that contained other gifts and a monogrammed Duplin-Sampson Chapter, WSSUNAA glass mug.



Following the meeting, members presented two assisted living facilities with numerous personal items for each resident. Maggie Newkirk, Takiyah Warren, and Jackial Swinson presented baskets of items to Tanya Edwards, activity directory, the Gardens of Rose Hill Assisted Living, Rose Hill, North Carolina; Teryone and William Peterson presented baskets to Diane Dudley, activity



director, at the Autumn Wind Assisted Living in Roseboro, North Carolina.

PITT COUNTY

The chapter participated in the Annual Back 2 College Parade on July 31, 2021 sponsored by the Historically Black Colleges and University Coalition of Pitt County. Students from the Pitt County area that are attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities and their families were invited to participate in the parade. Each student that attended was greeted with cheers and received gifts from the local alumni chapters or the coalition.

The chapter provided gift bags which included a \$25.00 gift card to the Pitt County students attending WSSU in the fall. The Historically Black Colleges and Universities Coalition of Pitt County is composed of alumni chapters and alumni who graduated, attended or supported Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The coalition sponsors two major events each year: the Back 2 College Cookout/ Parade (since the pandemic) the last weekend in July and the Annual College Fair the 2nd Saturday in November. The Pitt County Chapter of WSSUNAA was a charter member of the organization.



RACING RAMS

The chapter partnered with Samaritan's Feet to collect and distribute school supplies and shoes to students in the area on August 14, and hosted their first chapter meeting.

Newly elected officers for 2021-2022
President—Wilma King Means
Vice President—Joe Briscoe
Treasurer—Johnathan Tillery
Recording Secretary—April Scarborough
Corresponding Secretary—Tammy Broadway
Parliamentarian—John McKinney
Immediate Past President—Bridget Taylor



The chapter is planning a busy year for the recruitment of WSSU alumni, family friends, and future Rams. Please join us for a Ram Round-Up and Membership Drive on October 2, 2021, at Caldwell Park in Concord, NC.

Chapter meetings will be held on the 3rd Sunday, please email us wssucabrams@gmail.com for additional information or join our Facebook Page @The Racing Rams WSSU NAA for updates Cabarrus/Stanley Chapter.

RICHMOND METRO

The chapter would like to recognize three of our alumni members:

Mrs. Delores “Clyde” Williams Jackson ’57 just celebrated her 85th birthday. She was taken to lunch by her Chesterfield sorority sisters of which she is a charter member. She is also a charter member of our chapter.

Ms. Clara Russell ’79 was recently recognized as a volunteer of the week for her work at Foodmore and her work with voter registration.

We salute Dr. Lerla Joseph as an “Outstanding Woman of the year” by the Dominion organization.

SALISBURY-ROWAN

The Salisbury Rowan Chapter had a Fish Fry and Port-A-Pit fundraiser that benefited our scholarship fund for our contestant for Ms. Alumni, Dr. Kimberly Kelsey. We had a RED & WHITE PARTY on September 11. Our officers were installed to serve 2021-2023: Jeanette Rankin, President; Teresa Knox, Vice President; Melinda Thompson, Secretary; and Kimberly Kelsey, Treasurer. We are very excited about having a contestant for Miss Alumni and are looking forward to the homecoming events.



In Memoriam



DONALD RAY FAISON
CLASS OF 1962

Former Treasurer,
WSSUNAA
President Gold/Wayne
Chapter



TERRY MCNEIL
Class of 1971



ANNIE BELTON
Class of 1957



DAVID LEE, JR.
Class of 1971



Amazon Smile
Support Winston-Salem State
University National Alumni
Association

Shop at smile.amazon.com
and we'll donate to your favor-
ite charitable organization, at
no cost to you.

ASSOCIATION LOCKBOX

Reminder...

Please mail only checks to the Association's lockbox for membership dues and payments. All correspondence should be either emailed to officemanager@wssunaa.org or mailed directly to the NAA office.

Note: Please do not mail extra documents to the lockbox as the bank charges per each scanned item.

Dues and all other monies should be mailed to:

WSSU National Alumni Association
Post Office Box 890670
Charlotte, NC 28289-0670

HOW TO CONTACT US



Please submit articles, suggestions, or comments to:

wssunaa@aol.com

Website

www.wssunaa.org

E-Mail

alumni@wssunaa.org

<http://twitter.com/WSSUAthletics>

Due dates for *The Battering Ram*

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Winter	December 1
Spring	March 1
Summer	June 1
Fall	September 1

This newsletter is an official publication of:

*WSSU National Alumni Association
S. G. Atkins House
Winston-Salem, NC 27110
336/750-2122*

*C. Regina Cason, President
Catherine Pettie Hart, Editor*



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](#)

WSSU National Alumni Association
Winston-Salem State University
S. G. Atkins House
Winston-Salem, NC 27110



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