



The Battering Ram

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UPCOMING EVENTS

January 15—Deadline for Miss and Mr. Alumni applications

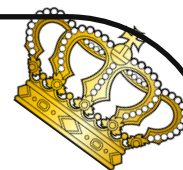
January 29—Winter Board Meeting

April 23—Annual Membership Meeting

June 25—Leadership Training



*Queen
King*



The Special Events (SE) Committee is currently accepting applications for the Miss and Mr. Alumni Contest. This contest serves as our largest fundraiser of the year. We will be accepting applications through January 15, 2022.

All approved applicants will be required to join a virtual orientation on the evening of Friday, January 28, 2022. Time is TBD. We look forward to many of our chapters sponsoring an applicant or applicants for this royal contest. Details, including important dates, purpose, eligibility requirements, awards, and amenities can be located on the NAA website under the Forms and Docs tab for Miss and Mr. Alumni Contest Guidelines.

Thank you in advance for your immediate response for the call to action for our illustrious alma mater. Please contact the committee co-chair below with any questions and/or concerns.

*Sincerely,
Clyde Caudle
SE Co-Chair*

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Happy New Year Alumni,



As we welcome the new year, I hope that you and your family remain well and are safely navigating through this season that we are experiencing as a family, state, and nation. I offer these words of inspiration: *"He will keep you in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on him."* We are thankful for the blessings and covering bestowed to us and have faith that we will continue to be protected. The NAA continues to support the university and foster partnerships with Alumni Engagement, Young Alumni Council (YAC), Nurse Alumni Organization (NAO), 1892 Crew, and other university auxiliaries. We seek your continued support with opportunities to become involved through serving in leadership roles, supporting local chapters, participating in our fundraisers, and giving financially to the NAA student scholarships and the NAA Endowed Scholarship fund.

"Each One Reach One" is our theme to expand the NAA brand and tell "Our" story of the progressive impact that the NAA has made. We congratulate our 2021-2022 Miss Alumni Donna Montgomery and her court 1st Attendant Dr. Kimberly Kelsey, 2nd Attendant Antoinette Green, and Mr. Alumni Jimmy Hester. Through your tireless efforts, we were safely able to have a Miss and Mr. Alumni crowning ceremony and raise scholarship funds for deserving students at WSSU. We remain committed to be "Linked Together in Unity. Serving Together with Purpose."

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Other notable NAA impacts that were made possible by alumni are as follows:

- Increased memberships
- NAA Endowed Scholarship fund reached fully funding status
- NAA student scholarships increased from 20 to 25 annually
- Supported university departments/funds (Athletics, Choir, Red Sea of Sound, Almost Home Gap Scholarship Fund) with donations for scholarships

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."
Maya Angelou

Be Blessed & Stay Safe,

C. Regina Cason, 1990 Alumna

2022 OFFICER / REGIONAL COORDINATOR ELECTIONS

- **January 15** - Association members sent request of candidates for elective office by January 15 of the election year.
- **February 15** - Receive nominations for elective positions postmarked by February 15 of the election year.
- **March 1** - Candidate profiles and voting instructions sent to financial Association members on record as of February 28 and notify regional coordinators and chapter presidents of the distribution by March 1 of the election year.
- **April 1** - All ballots, when mailed, must be postmarked by April 1 of the election year. Electronic or onsite balloting procedures must be developed by the nominating committee.
- **April 15** - The Nominating Committee shall count ballots, notify candidates of results by April 15 of the election year.
- **Regional Coordinators** shall be elected by members and/or chapters of the designated region during the same year elections are held for the officers of the Association. Regional Coordinators must be financial and in good standing with the Association.

CHAPTER NEWS

ATLANTA

The WSSU Rams basketball team beat Clark Atlanta University 75-65 in Atlanta on November 17. The Atlanta Chapter fed the team on Tuesday and gave them box meals after the game on Wednesday.

Atlanta alumni cheering on the Rams



Alumni with Coach Hill



Alumni with Coach Hill and players



BALTIMORE

Awarded scholarships in the amount of \$1,375 to four students from the Baltimore area.



Kameran McDuffie
Class of 2024|Sophomore
Pre-Nursing Major, minor in Spanish
2020-2021 Freshmen Class Senator
2021-2022 School Senator
2021-2022 Miss Ragin' Ram
2021-2022 Legacy Leader



Kaya Pyndell
Severn, MD
Nursing major
Class of 2023



Donnell Dorsey
Senior
Music - Voice Major from Baltimore, Maryland



Joshlen Purnell
Major: Social Work
Class of 2025



CHAPTER NEWS

CHARLOTTE

On December 11, we celebrated Ram family style. This celebration was a part of our membership drive. We are also ready to kick off our scholarship drive in January. If you play golf contact the chapter president, Cassandra Black Cassandra.lblack3@gmail.com.



HAVE YOU JOINED YET?



Amazon Smile

Support Winston-Salem State
University National Alumni
Association

Shop at smile.amazon.com and we'll donate to your favorite charitable organization, at **no cost to you**.

RICHMOND METRO

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

- Mrs. Delores "Clyde" Williams Jackson '67 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.

CIAA 2022



CIAA Room Block February 20 – 27
Baltimore Marriott Inner Harbor at
Camden Yards

Reservation Link: <https://book.passkey.com/go/CIAA22WSSUA>

**LOOKING FOR SCHOLARSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES?**

See our website:

wssunaa.org

For application details





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Visit: www.wssunaa.org

A. 2022 MISS AND MR. ALUMNI CONTEST

Application materials due from interested contestants by January 15
Email to Specialevents@wssunaa.org

B. 2022 NAA OFFICERS / REGIONAL COORDINATORS ELECTION

(Please review NAA Bylaws)

nominating.committee@wssunaa.org

C. 2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

<https://wssunaa.org/scholarship-2/>

D. WINTER BOARD MEETING (Virtual)

*Please note this is a quarterly NAA Board meeting
January 29, 2022

E. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please note this is an Alumni Annual Meeting
April 23, 2022

F. NAA LEADERSHIP TRAINING

June 25, 2022

Alumni Hall of Distinction Nomination Form Due July 1

https://wssunaa.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/hall_of_distinction_criteria.pdf

HALL OF DISTINCTION CEREMONY—OCTOBER 22, 2021



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Initiated in 2007, the Hall of Distinction recognizes alumni for their professional accomplishments, outstanding character, community service, and commitment to WSSU.



MISS AND MR. ALUMNI CROWNING - OCTOBER 22, 2021



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In Memoriam



LAVERNE GRAHAM GAITHER

Class of 1967



**MARGIE BERNICE
CRAWFORD**

Class of 1966



**JOYCE ANN WINSTEAD
JONES**

Class of 1961.



**CASSANDRA THOMAS
SMITH**

Received BSN degree



**CLARA JEAN McCLINTON
HAUSER**

Class of 1963



**PENCY MILLS
YARBOROUGH**

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:

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Charlotte, NC 28289-0670

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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

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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](#)

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