

The BATTERING RAM



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

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Remembering Our Past President, Gordon G. Everett, Sr.

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- WSSU Class of 1978
- Served as President of the WSSUNAA from 2010 to 2014
- Life Member of the WSSU National Alumni Association, Inc.
- Inducted into the WSSU Alumni Hall of Distinction in 2016
 - Served on various NAA committees
- Served as President of the Washington, DC Metro Chapter
- Served as a WSSU Alumni Ambassador for several key projects
- Established the Gordon and Sharon Everett Scholarship fund in 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

• April 23, 2022
Annual Membership Meeting

• May 13, 2022
Spring Commencement

• June 25, 2022
WSSUNAA Leadership Training
(Virtual) 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon
(Details to follow)

• July 1, 2022
Hall of Distinction Nominee
form deadline

• September 10, 2022
WSSUNAA Fall Board Meeting
*Durham, NC tentative location

• October 1, 2022
WSSU Homecoming

A RAM IN THE BUSH!

We're familiar with that term in the Bible, but we literally have a WSSU Ram in the bush! Last month a Ram by the name of NATASHA YOUNG (Class of 2009) voluntarily contacted me offering her assistance with creating the Battering Ram newsletter. What an unexpected surprise and a wonderful blessing!

This newly designed issue of the Battering Ram was created solely by Ms. Natasha Young. I can't wait to meet this angel in person. Here is a little bit of information about Natasha. She has been a middle school visual arts teacher in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System for nine years. She has or has had several current and former students receive numerous awards for their art including one receiving a National Gold Medal in the Scholastics Art and Writing competition as well as having artwork on display in the General Assembly in Raleigh, North Carolina. Some of her honors include being awarded the 2021 Teacher of the Year for Northwest Middle School, being nominated for the North Carolina Art Educators Association Middle School Art Teacher of the Year, being nominated and voted in as the North Carolina Art Educators Association Middle Division Chairperson, receiving Staff Member of the Month awards.

Her design work has led to her being invited as a special guest speaker at her alma mater to speak to students about working as a freelance graphic designer. While attending WSSU, she was honored to work on several projects used by the university, the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, Camp Carefree, and other businesses.

My sincerest THANKS to Natasha Young for truly departing to serve her alma mater. Please join me in congratulating her on such an outstanding publication.

Catherine Pettie Hart '74
Editor

Scholarship Available Now!!!
Winston-Salem State University
 NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Deadline EXTENDED!!!
April 30, 2022
WSSUNAA.ORG
APPLY NOW!!!

Questions Contact:
 Denise Hutchinson, Chairperson
 973-699-1724 or
 WSSUNAAScholarship@gmail.com



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

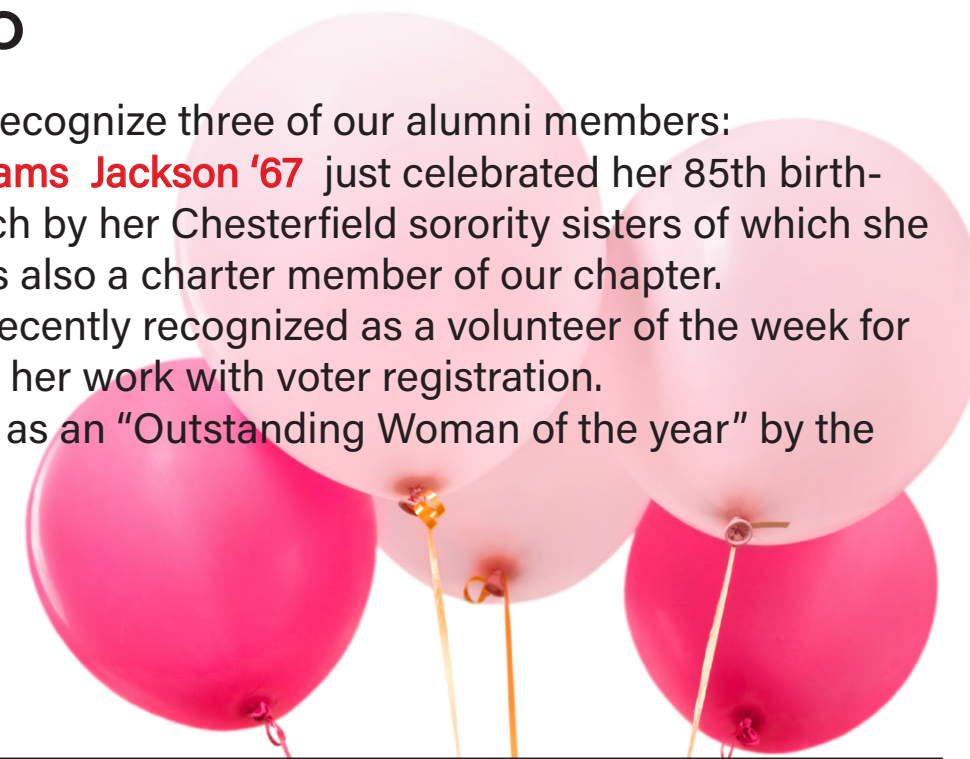
RICHMOND METRO

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.



BLACK COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME
CLASSIC 2022

CENTRAL STATE UNIVERSITY VS. WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

TICKETS START AT JUST **\$30**

SEPT. 4, 2022 | CANTON, OH
 TOM BENSON HOF STADIUM

The Racing Rams

The Racing Rams of Concord/Stanly counties continues to build their presence in the community by providing service to the area, connecting alumni and recruiting students to the organization. On membership drive and CIAA watch party at Dave and Buster's in Concord, NC. The event connected alumni over 5 decades and about SU and the advancement of WSSU. The chapter is currently hosting a membership drive and the Ram who recruits 5 members will be entered in a drawing for \$100.00. Please join for our next Ram Mixer at Dave and Buster's in Concord Mills on Friday, April 22, 2022, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Please email wssucabrams@gmail.com for additional information on joining our chapter. Please follow us on FB at Rams! WSSU NAA - Cabarrus/Stanly Chapter. Chapter Officer's - President Wilma King Means, Joe Briscoe, VP, Tammy Broadaway, Secretary, Jonathan Tillery – Treasurer, John McKinney, Treasurer.



CHAPTER OFFICERS President WILMA KING MEANS, Joe Briscoe, TVP, Tammy Broadaway, Secretary, Jonathan Tillery - Treasurer

DUUPLIN-SAMPSON

Duplin-Sampson Initiates a Mentoring Program

The Duplin-Sampson Chapter has initiated a high school mentoring program, the Duplin-Sampson Scholars. Its mission is to prepare high school seniors with college ready and goal-oriented skills. Through this program, the chapter will be able to establish rapport with the seniors to monitor their status as they prepare for college, seek financial assistance or future employment endeavors. They will also provide engaging activities to motivate student interests.

Chapter members Jackial Swinson and Takiyah Warren coordinated the first session and presented at Wallace-Rose Hill High School on October 18, 2021. During the session the team involved the students in discussions and preparedness activities. Takiyah Warren presented a virtual tour of the WSSU campus and shared some personal notes from her college experience with the students.

During this session, chapter members had the opportunity to interact through one-on-one conversations with students who expressed an interest in attending WSSU. Students received WSSU goodie-bag treats. Moving forward, the chapter will schedule sessions at each high school in the Duplin and Sampson County areas.

Valerie Merritt
Duplin-Sampson Chapter
Secretary & Journalist



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Meet the Candidates

My name is Reshika Barfield, a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, where I currently reside. I am a proud Mass Communication major, Class of 2003, and a member of the Charlotte QC Rams Chapter.

I take pride in the fact that I can work a full-time job, take care of my family, enjoy time with my friends, along with giving time to my church, university, and volunteering. However, while I’ve had the opportunity to travel, build a career, contribute to my community and create a family, there was always one thing missing: a direct connection to my alma mater.

As alums, we are all ambassadors. It is our duty to “Enter to learn Depart to serve.” When I think back on my WSSU experience, I HAVE NOTHING BUT GOOD MEMORIES. WSSU gave me a new start, many forever friends, life lessons, and a better understanding of life. I owe much more to my university than I’ll ever be

able to repay. So that’s why I am giving back freely. My goal is to provide the highest quality education by supporting our students and university. With your support, I know we can do it.

You can support by check or PayPal. Mail checks to WSSU National Alumni Association, Post Office Box 890670, Charlotte, NC 28289-0670 PayPal @missalumni2022



Reshika Barfield

Meet the Candidates

I am Katrina S. Grant, a native of Kannapolis, NC. I am a first generation graduate of the illustrious Winston-Salem State University. I completed and obtained my Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology and a Minor in History degree in 1994. Since my graduation from Winston-Salem State University, I have completed my Master’s Degree in Business Administration with a Concentration in Human Resources from Strayer University. I am currently employed by National General Insurance Company where I have worked for more than 25 years.

Our University’s motto, “Enter to Learn and Depart to Serve” along with #TogetherWeWin, embodies our qualities to serve in the community. One of the many reasons I chose to run for Miss WSSU Alumni 2022 is to remind us that Winston-Salem State University students and alumni are family. Whether you came because of an inner goal or desire to do better for yourself, or whether you had family and friends prodding you does not matter because once you get to the campus you are not alone. My vision is to inspire you to assist me, through hard work and dedication, to help keep our students in school. One of my main focuses is to help build WSSU Scholarships. These efforts will help bring promising youth to our great university so they can also “Enter to Learn and Depart to Serve!”

We have WSSU Alums living throughout the United States, so your sponsored Advertisement in our Mr./ Miss Alumni Souvenir Booklet will have the potential to reach the masses across the country. Please consider donating to the Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association (WSSUNAA). Support me, a proud WSSU alumna, with your generous donations. Add your name to our Patron List, purchase a sizable advertisement or become one of our Corporate Sponsors.

Advertisement	
Full Page	\$225
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Quarter Page	\$75
Patron	\$74 or less

Corporate Sponsors	
Platinum Level	\$10,000
Gold Level	\$7,500
Silver Level	\$5,000
Bronze Level	\$2,500
Reception	\$2,000

Please make all checks payable to WSSUNAA (in the memo line please add my name, (Katrina S. Grant). Any Contributions and Advertisements must be received by August 15, 2022. ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. You may mail your checks to: WSSUNAA C/O Katrina S. Grant 235 Azalea Drive Winston-Salem, NC 27105 Mail checks to WSSU National Alumni Association, Post Office Box 890670, Charlotte, NC 28289-0670 PayPal @missalumni2022



Katrina S. Grant

Meet the Candidates

I am a 1965 graduate of Winston-Salem State University, where I earned my Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education. In 1974, I received my Master of Education from Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond, VA. I am a member of Martinsville Henry County Alumni Chapter, Eastern Region, where I serve as Treasurer.

My work experience includes: 4 years – Instructor at W. L. Bonner College in Columbia, SC; 21 years teaching 2nd – 8th grades; 7 years Elementary Assistant Principal; 6 years Elementary School Principal. After 34 years of service, I retired from Richmond Public Schools, and moved back home to Martinsville / Collinsville, VA.

Along with the WSSU National Alumni Association, my professional affiliations include: United Way Board Member, Piedmont Arts Association Board Member, Piedmont Community Services (Recovery Program) Board Member, NAACP Member, reading tutor in local schools, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, charter member of Pi Lambda Honor Society, Phi Delta Kappa, National Association for Elementary Principals, and Religious Conference Management Association (RCMA).

I have been honored to receive various awards and recognition, such as certificates and plaques of appreciation from religious affiliations and services, sorority and community involvement; 1982 – Teacher of the Year Nominee, 1989 – Certificate of Christian Perseverance and Endurance, 2002 – Outstanding Woman of the Year Award, and several awards through the Apostle Church of Christ In God for years of service, music ministry and youth ministry.

My volunteerism includes Administrative Assistant at home church – Mt Sinai Apostle Church of Christ In God, served 19 years as president of the Sisters Auxiliary Ladies' Ministry, serving as Secretary Member of the Praise Team Ministers / Deacons / Missionaries Ministry, serving as Secretary, Trustee, and the organizer and chair of the Bishop J. C. Richardson, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund.

I entered this contest so I could continue to encourage more young people to attend the greatest HBCU in the country! WSSU has a strong and effective track record, and this message needs to be told. Therefore, I invite you to join me in this effort with your financial support.

Please make checks payable to WSSUNAA. In memo line add: Mary Ann Mason Contributions and ads must be received by August 1, 2022.

Mail to: Mary Ann Mason or paypal.me/MM4Queen2022
1673 Plantation Drive
Collinsville, VA 24078



*Mary Ann Richardson
Mason*

Meet the Candidates

I was eager and honored to enter the contest for Mr. WSSU Alumni because I will be able to engage not only alumni, family and friends but also individuals that I may not know to donate money towards the efforts of increasing scholarships for prospective students. Another reason I decided to participate is because it's another way of being able to further deepen my connection to my illustrious alma mater by marketing the university and increasing its exposure. Also being a participant has enabled me to be pushed outside of my comfort zone and encapsulate the potentiality of holding this distinct privilege and honor just like my predecessors.

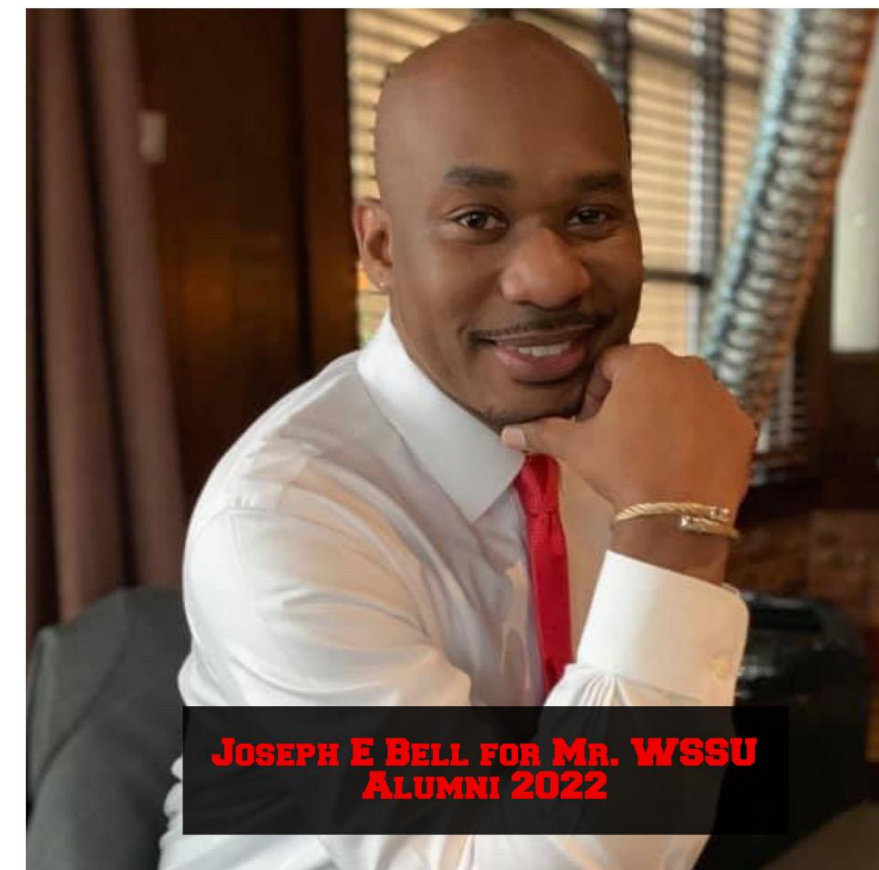
Education: Master of Healthcare Administration from Pfeiffer University December 2012

Employment: Clinic Administrator with Novant Health

Professional Affiliations: The National Association of Health Services Executives (NAHSE)

Awards/Recognition: Volunteer Service or Organizations: N.A.A.C.P., Guardian ad litem volunteer & Ebenezer Baptist Church of Atlanta COVID 19 Task Force

Ways to support:
PayPal.Me/mrwssualumni2022
Zelle: 3365777053
Checks: send to: 2302 Sandcove Court SW, Atlanta, GA 30331



**JOSEPH E BELL FOR MR. WSSU
ALUMNI 2022**

Joseph Bell



WSSUNAA
All Alumni Weekend
April 22-23, 2022

Friday

Saturday

5:00pm – 7:00pm
Student Alumni Networking Event
*Meet our current scholarship recipients

7:00pm – 10:00pm
Evening Alumni Reception - Let's celebrate!

*We look to share an evening with alums & Queen Donna Montgomery and King Jimmy Hester with food, entertainment & fellowship!

Annual Meeting
9:00am – 10:am
University Hour

10:00am – 1:00pm
Annual Meeting

2:00pm
WSSU Spring Game
Carver High School

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- A. 2022 NAA OFFICERS / REGIONAL COORDINATORS ELECTION
(Please review NAA Bylaws)
nominating.committee@wssunaa.org
- B. 2022 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS
<https://wssunaa.org/scholarship-2/>
- C. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
Please note this is an Alumni Annual Meeting
April 23, 2022
- D. 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



IN MEMORIAM



SYLVIA SPRINKLE-HAMLIN
CLASS OF 1967
Co-founded North Carolina Black
Repertory Company



PEGGY L. DULIN
CLASS OF 1969

DONALD SCALES
CLASS OF 1966



WILLIAM "SONNY" BUTLER
CLASS OF 1970



PENSY MILLS
YARBOROUGH



GORDON "BUTCH"
EVERETT
CLASS OF 1978



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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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](#)

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