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Serving together with purpose."*

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FROM THE DESK OF THE *President*



Alumni & Friends,

Your support and dedication for our beloved WSSU and the WSSUNAA has allowed our administration a second term of serving this Association. I greet you with sincere gratitude and thanks for allowing me to serve as your 2022 – 2024 National Alumni President. I dedicate this

term to my mentor and friend Mr. Gordon G. Everett, Sr. who gave unselfishly of himself to make sure that the foundation of the NAA remains strong through the generations. Our first term gave us the opportunity to support university programs and foster partnerships with the University Advancement, Office of Alumni Engagement, Young Alumni Council (YAC), Nurse Alumni Organization (NAO), the 1892 Crew, and other university auxiliaries. The growth of the Association depends on solid leadership and the alumni's commitment to serve within this organization. I request your support and encourage all innovative ideas as we forge ahead to strengthen the NAA and address the needs of the organization. Our administration focuses on operating on the core values of:

Leadership/Develop Leadership
Operational Excellence
Value Added Membership
Engagement of all Alumni

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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

In review, I’ve been able to participate in an ex-officio capacity on the Board of Trustees and Foundation Board meetings while our very own Vice President, Mo Wright, also serves on the Foundation Board. We’ve participated with Provost Graham and team in the new Strategic Plan initiative to be released this fall as well as participated in a university focus group looking at our institutional values. We’ve been a part of five graduation ceremonies, all in 2021, and have had NAA representation on the search committees for the Director of Alumni Engagement and the WSSU football coach’s position.

Yes! We’ve been extremely busy and “Each One Reach One” has been our theme to expand the NAA brand and tell “Our” story of the progressive impact that the NAA has made. Impacts that were made possible by our alumni and partnerships with the University have resulted in the following:

- Increased life memberships
- The NAA Endowed Scholarship fund reached fully funding status of over \$600K
- NAA student scholarships have increased from 20 to 25 annually
- Supported university departments/funds (Athletics, Choir, Red Sea of Sound, Almost home gap scholarship fund & Cheerleaders) with contributions or direct donations for scholarships

We remain committed to be **“Linked Together in Unity. Serving Together with Purpose.”**

Best Regards,
C. Regina Cason
WSSUNAA President



2022

WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
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10/29 VS
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11/05 VS
FAYETTEVILLE STATE

11/12
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Chapter News

Gold-Wayne

Yvonne Stovall was awarded the Caregiver of the Year Award presented by the Association of Home and Hospice Care of N.C. The award was presented during their annual H.O.M.E luncheon during their conference in Raleigh N.C. She was nominated by 3HC of Goldsboro, N.C. Yvonne is a 1975 graduate of WSSU with a BS degree in nursing. She cared for her father at home with the assistance of 3HC and sitters for over 13 years while continuing to work outside of the home ensuring all his needs were met. He lived to be 99.

The chapter initiated a scholarship in the name of Donald Faison, Class of 1962. The funds collected afforded two \$1,000 scholarships for the incoming Fall 2022 freshman class. In addition, \$1,000 was given to the Phi Alpha Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. to give a scholarship in honor of Donald Faison.



E.B. Frink Middle School in LaGrange, N.C. hosted an HBCU Black History Celebration on Monday, February 28, 2022. Ms. Beverly Kee and Dr. Damesha Smith, Gold-Wayne Chapter members attended to represent WSSU. The students were provided with information about the university.



Dr. Damesha Smith, principal at Brogden Middle School, became the new Southeast Regional ESSER Administrator for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction effective November 2021. Dr. Smith has served Brogden Middle School as principal for 6 years and has served Wayne County Public Schools for the past 19 years. Dr. Smith was the 2021-22 WCPS Principal of the Year.

Charlotte QC Rams



The Charlotte QC Rams celebrated another successful chapter year with a cookout event.

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Duplin-Sampson

The chapter is delighted to announce its 2022 scholarship award recipients. Each will enter Winston-Salem State University in the fall 2022 freshman class. Ahmad Lisane, a graduate of Wallace-Rose Hill High School, plans to major in middle grades education; Myanna Lassiter, a graduate of Lakewood High School, plans to major in nursing, and Tamia Jacobs, a graduate of Union High School, has plans of majoring in biology.

The Duplin-Sampson Chapter is proud of these students and wishes only the best for them as they further their studies at WSSU.



Ahmad Lisane



Tamia Jacobs



Myanna Lassiter

QUICK GRAMMAR LESSON

Alumna – a female graduate
Plural: alumnae (pronounced alum-knee)
Example: Karen is an alumna of WSSU.
Graduates of Spelman College are alumnae.

Alumnus – a male graduate
Example: James is an alumnus of WSSU.

Alumni – Plural form of alumnus; also used as a collective form of men and women graduates
Example: Karen and James are alumni of WSSU.

NOTE: An individual is never an alumni of an institution.
Incorrect: I am an alumni of WSSU.

It's
HOMECOMING Y'ALL!



EVENTS


What's happening on campus for alumni?
Alumni are welcome to return to campus throughout the homecoming week. Please review the calendar for full details of all the on-campus events. Here are just a few events, please look at entire calendar and/or download the Homecoming or WSSU Alumni app.

WEDNESDAY:
Happy 130th Birthday WSSU!

THURSDAY:
Alumni Return to Serve and Return to Serve Panel
Vendor Fair
Alumni Nurses Organization Gala

FRIDAY:
Founder's Day Convocation
Alumni Check-in Thompson Center 207
ABC 11:00 am—3:00 pm
Vendor Fair

SATURDAY:
Homecoming Parade
Football Game vs. Lincoln University begins at 1: 30pm at Bowman Gray Stadium
Return to the Yard following the game



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE WSSUNAA

Night of Elegance

7:00 PM ~ Hall of Distinction Induction

8:00 PM ~ Crowning Ceremony with 2022 Miss & Mr. Alumni and Court


9:00 PM ~ Night of Elegance Gala

Join us at The Anderson Center
(McNeil Ball Room)

on September 30, 2022, Nine O'clock in the evening

TICKETS ~ \$50 | RESERVED TABLES ~ \$400

EVENTBRITE INFO:
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wssunaa-presents-a-night-of-elegance-tickets-407434867657>



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28TH**





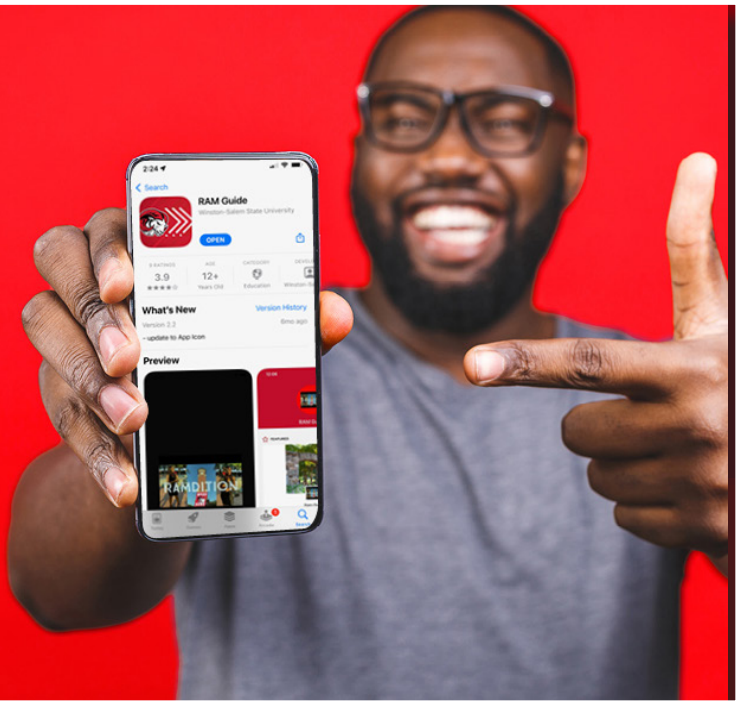
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HOMECOMING INFORMATION

What about parking on campus?

Alumni and guests can park on campus Friday-Sunday during the week of Homecoming without the need to visit the parking office for a temporary permit. Please do not park in reserved faculty and staff spots or handicap spots without a permit.

Where can I purchase tickets?

Tickets to the football game can be purchased online or visit the ticket office, Monday-Friday from 9 am- 4 pm. The ticket office is in the Anderson Center on the Ground floor in G14A.

How much are game tickets?

Homecoming game tickets prices:

\$40 Adults

\$20 Visiting Students with college Id

\$10 Youth 6-12

Free Children 5 & Under

Will there be any vendors on campus?

Yes, our vendor fair will return this year on Thursday and Friday and Saturday. The bookstore will be a vendor at the football stadium.

When will the bookstore be open?

The bookstore will be open Monday – Friday from 9 am – 5 pm, Saturday they will be at the stadium.

Will there be a parade this year?

Yes, we are excited for the return of the parade. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at the Corner of 4th and Poplar. It will proceed down 4th Street and turn right onto MLK, and then end on campus at Cromartie Street.

Will there be tailgating?

Yes, tailgating is allowed at Bowman Gray Stadium. If you are interested in purchasing your tailgate parking spot, the line begins at 6am at the stadium. Reserved tailgating spots are \$40 in the South lot and \$30 in the East/West lot. Cash Payments only. For additional information contact the WSSU Ticket Office at (336) 750-3220.





My class is celebrating a reunion this year. Do you have any event details?

Class of 1971 – 50th Class Reunion – Pre-registration Required

Class of 1972- 50th Class Reunion – Pre- registration required

Class of 1982- 40th Class Reunion - The host hotel is The Double Tree by Hilton, 5790 University Pkwy (336) 767-9595.

Friday, September 30

5:00-5:30 PM - registration Double Tree Hotel Lobby

6:00 PM Class Dinner, The Carolina Ale House, 150 Hanes Mall Circle

9:00 PM Hospitality Suite - Double Tree Hotel

Saturday, October 1

12:00-1:00 PM Tailgate Luncheon - Bowman Gray Stadium

1:30 PM Homecoming Game

7:00 PM Hospitality Suite

Class of 1987 – 35th Class Reunion

[Here is the link to our class website](#)

All-Class Day Party

Class of 1997 – 25th Class Reunion

Contact Deneen Clarke

Class of 2007 – 15th Class Reunion

Class of 2012 – 10th Year Reunion



THE OFFICIAL HOMECOMING CELEBRATION
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum | Purchase tickets @TicketMaster.com



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Atlanta Chapter

A Ramily Bowling Event....

The chapter hosted a Bowl-a-Thon in conjunction with the monthly meeting on May 22 at the Main Event Bowling Center in Atlanta, GA. The event was a part of the chapter's membership outreach program focused on membership renewal and new recruitment. Although the initial hour of the event was dedicated to the monthly chapter meeting (via Zoom for those unable to attend), the remaining hours shifted to bowling and socializing with fellow RAMs!

With fierce competition in play, Catherine Hart (aka Mother Ram), showed off her skills by outscoring everyone with her smooth stroke--taking first place with a score of 135. Benetta Horton came in second place with 125 points, and Ida Jones closed out third place with 118.

Bowling challenge to all surrounding chapters: Bring your skills and join us in Atlanta for our future Bowling Membership initiative in the new fiscal year. Check the chapter website for updates and schedules. <http://wssuatlalumni.weebly.com/about-us.html>





A CELEBRATED RAM

A living legend, Charles E. Tennant is a transformational educator and visionary. He is the founder of the Africentric Early College Pre-K through 12, an award-winning educational success model in Columbus City Schools (CCS). His exceptional teaching and genuine care for generations of students compelled him to go the extra mile in CCS for more than 40 years. He tutored high school students for the Ohio Graduation Tests (OGT) with a one hundred percent success rate. Tennant received national acclaim for his work with “at-risk” 14 and 15-year-old potential dropouts in an Occupational Work Adjustment (OWA) program at Beery Junior High School. Charles earned a degree in education with a minor in art from Winston-Salem State University.



In 2019, Who’s Who in Black Columbus honored him as a legend. He also received “The Alumni Achiever’s Award” from his alma mater, Winston Salem State University during the same year. The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) honored him in May 2020 for his exemplary contributions and service. In August of 2022, The Greater Columbus Basketball League Association (GCBLA) honored Tennant as “The Professional Educator of the Century.”

RACING RAMS



The Racing Rams supported Racing Rams Night at Charlotte Motors Speedway. President Wilma Means presented a proclamation and gifts to Chancellor Robinson on behalf of the City of Concord in support of the event and recognition of the Motorsports program WSSU. The proclamation also recognized WSSU student and NASCAR driver Rajah Carruth. The chapter also assisted with coordinating the 2nd Annual Concord Juneteenth Parade. The parade route started at Barber-Scotia College and ended with a celebration at Caldwell Park. The event was supported by local elected officials and a diverse group of community members. Participants received trophies and certificates for their floats, cars support of the event.

The chapter invites local alumni to participate in the first meeting for the 2022-2023 year on August 6th, 2022 at Logan Multipurpose Center Park at 1 pm. This event will be held in conjunction with a Back to School event with free backpacks and shoes to areas students before the meeting. Volunteers are needed for this event. For additional information please call President Wilma King Means at 704-777-1911.

IN MEMORIAM



Dr. Sammy Elaasar
Economics and
Statistics Professor
for 30+ years



Eugene "Jake" Jacobs
Class of 1982



**Mildred Roseboro
Griffin**
Class of 1967



Vivian McLaurin Williams



**Emma Lee Rucker
Dismuke**
Class of 1964



Fannie Thompson Brown
Class of 1965



Bobby Gwyn
Class of 1961



Kevin Smith
Class of 1996

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
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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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