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Serving together with purpose."*

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FROM THE DESK OF THE *President*



Alumni & Friends,

Happy New Year Alumni!

As we welcome the 2023 new year, I hope that you and your family continue to remain in good health and wellbeing. We stand on our faith and believe in the spoken word "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,

plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." The WSSUNAA's sole purpose shall be to support WSSU and conduct activities that are in furtherance of the mission of WSSU. Relationships are fostered with the Office of University Advancement, the University Provost, Young Alumni Council (YAC), Nurse Alumni Organization (NAO), 1892 Crew, and many other university auxiliaries. Your support and service are solicited so that the Association continues to move forward. As shared at the Annual Meeting by our Vice President, Mo Wright, our focus for this second term is to "Move From Surviving to Thriving". We look to further our communication efforts, Public Relations endeavors, and introduce the "Alumni Institute" serving as a catalyst for alumni engagement and

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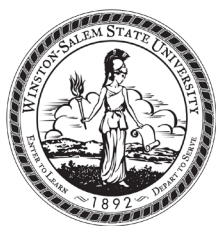
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2023 UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 15th - Deadline for Miss and Mr. Alumni applications
 - Jan. 27th - Jan. 29th - Winter Board Meeting, Atlanta, GA
 - Feb. 11th - NBA - HBCU Night, Charlotte, NC
 - Feb. 21st - Feb. 26th: CIAA, Baltimore, MD
 - Apr. 22nd - Annual Meeting
 - Apr. 29th - HBCU Gala, Wallace, NC
 - May 12th - Spring Commencement
- Stay in the know! Visit www.wssunaa.org.



developing our alumni both personally and professionally. We congratulate our 2022-2023

Miss Alumni Katrina Grant and her court 1 st Attendant Mary A. Mason and 2 nd Attendant Reshika Barfield and Mr. Alumni Joseph Bell. Through your vigorous efforts of fundraising, deserving students at WSSU will be afforded financial assistance through scholarships. After the crowning ceremony, the Alumni Court along with our 2022 Hall of Distinction Honorees enjoyed a “Night of Elegance” gala. We remain committed to be “Linked Together in Unity. Serving Together with Purpose.”

Be Blessed & Prosperous,
C. Regina Cason, 1990 Alumnae.”

Best Regards,

C. Regina Cason

WSSUNAA President

WSSU NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:

“RAMS IN THE A”

2023 WINTER BOARD MEETING

ATLANTA , GA

JANUARY 27-28, 2023

ALL BLACK PARTY
SATURDAY NIGHT
8 PM - 12 AM
FREE FOR
NAA MEMBERS

BOOK BY 12/31/2022

ATLANTA MARRIOTT SUITES MIDTOWN
35 1 4TH STREET NE ATLANTA, GA 30309
MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: EWSSUNAA@GMAIL.COM



JOIN US ON A BUS TRIP TO ATLANTA!!

Friday Jan 27- Sunday Jan 29, 2023

The chapter would like for Ramily to join us
in Atlanta for the WSSU National
Association Winter Board Meeting.
This will be a weekend of fun & fellowship
for all of us!!



DETAILS

\$120 per person. Due by Jan 15

**This amount does not include
the hotel room.**

Cash App: \$winstonsalemchapter

Mail: P.O. Box 741, WS, NC 27102

Bus Route: Winston- Salem
Salisbury, Concord, Atlanta

ZOOM ACCOUNT AVAILABLE



If you need to book a meeting via
Zoom, please contact our NAA
Secretary Cassandra Black @
ewssunaa@gmail.com

Chapter News

Baltimore

Hello Ramily, time is marching on to CIAA 2023 in the Charm City of Baltimore, MD.

As the Ram’s Men & Lady Ram’s prepare to take on worthy opponents in the CIAA Basketball Tournament and entertain the many Alumni and Friends of the University, it is only fitting that we do our part to support our students through our scholarship efforts.

In support of this effort, the Baltimore (Charm City) Alumni Chapter in conjunction with the WSSUNAA and the W.S.S.U. Office of Alumni Engagement will be hosting a scholarship fundraiser.. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO MAKE THIS EVENT A SUCCESS!!!

Only 100 seats are available, so sign up early by opening your camera and pointing it to the QR Code on the flier or by contacting Walter Gaddy at 410-375-5769. You may also purchase your tickets by sending your payments via CashApp (\$CharmCityRams). Please include your cell number and email.

Your order will be confirmed to you via email or text.

Please note: Save \$5.00 per ticket if you purchase your ticket(s) prior to 02/04/2023.

HIGHLIGHTS:

- Provides scholarship funds to students attending W.S.S.U.
- Three course dinner.
- Includes Coffee/Tea/Soda/Gratuity.
- Plenty of room for a safe dining experience.
- Cash Bar
- Within 5 min walking distance of our host hotel(Renaissance Hotel).
- Tax deductible contribution.
- Reconnect w/Friends and Ramily.

Walter Gaddy, Chapter President
WSSUNAA Charm City
Alumni Chapter

WSSU N.A.A. Charm City Rams
Baltimore Alumni Chapter

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2023 CIAA Scholarship Fundraiser
Phillips Seafood
Baltimore Inner Harbor
601 E. Pratt Street
Baltimore, MD 21202

February 25, 2023
8PM - 11PM
3 Course Meal
\$80 if purchased by 02/04/2023
\$85.00 if purchased after 02/04/2023



Walter Gaddy
Scan to pay \$CharmCityRams

Chapter News

Charlotte QC Rams



The Charlotte/ QC Rams celebrated holiday cheer on Saturday December 10. We were able to join with classmates and fellowship. We invite you to attend the HBCU Night at the Hornets Basketball Game on February 11, 2023. More details are in this communication.

Chapter News

Richmond Metro

The Richmond Metro Alumni Chapter acknowledged the passing of our member, Carolyne Brown Hairston, class of 1969. The family requested that in lieu of flowers to make donations to her grandchildren's college fund. Members and friends were generous by giving donations.

The chapter recently gave a \$500.00 book scholarship to Shaniyah Alexander, a sophomore from Richmond, VA. The chapter is now in the process of planning projects to enhance our "Robert Trent Curry" scholarship fund. Trent was a life member of the National Alumni Association and president of this chapter. Therefore, we are accepting donations for our scholarship fund in his memory. He was also loyal to his fraternity, Omega Psi Phi.

Chesterfield County (VA) recently paid tribute to Delores Jackson Williams, class of 1957, a teacher who was considered a brilliant educator and positive role model during the segregated school years. She is a charter member and still participates in special activities of this chapter.

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2023

January

1/27 – 1/29 Winter Board Meeting, Atlanta, GA

February

2/11 NBA - HBCU Night, Charlotte, NC

2/21 – 2/26 CIAA, Baltimore, MD

April

4/22 Annual Meeting

4/29 HBCU Gala Wallace, NC

May

5/12 Spring Commencement

OPEN LETTER TO WSSU ALUMNI

Excerpt of comments by Prince Jernigan '73 during presentation of Simon Green Atkins Distinguished Alumni Award to him and his wife Nancy '73 at Founder's Day 2022

GRATITUDE THROUGH GIVING—TIME, TALENTS, AND RESOURCES WE MUST DO BETTER

...Let me share just a few thoughts today to honor Simon Green Atkins and his vision, as well as our responsibility to maintain and advance his mission here at WSSU. To do so, I wish to share...two short stories that happen to come from...the Bible. The first is a story of gratitude...of the 10 lepers. ...the story is of the man we know as Jesus, who...came upon 10 men who were sick with leprosy. They spent their lives being shunned by the local villagers. The 10 lepers begged Jesus for help and...he healed them...and they went rejoicing on their way. However, only one leper came back and told Jesus thank you, and Jesus inquired "Where are the other nine?" The other nine didn't lose their healing but the Bible indicates that the one who showed gratitude was indeed blessed more.

That brings us to LESSON ONE: According to WSSU Foundation statistics, we presently have approximately 30,000 alumni to date. Of that number, roughly 6.4% (1,920) felt enough gratitude in 2021 to give back monetarily to WSSU, which we say we truly love. The question, therefore is, "Where are the other 28,000 alums?"

LESSON TWO: The second story is a story of giving what you have. It is the story of the widow's mite. Jesus tells of a poor widow that gave just two coins (called mites) in the collection plate. Jesus instructed the disciples that ...the wealthy ...could afford to give more. It is the widow who is more noteworthy because she gave all she had. LESSON TWO is about giving what you have.

When Simon Green Atkins founded this institution, he scoured this community and other resources to get anything he could to keep these doors opened. We must ask ourselves where we would be if these doors were not opened to us.

Let's be honest. On this day of celebration of 130 years, we, as alumni, have not collectively given a real thank you to WSSU. A few of the beneficiaries of this institution have like the one leper, made a conscious effort to show their gratitude through alumni work and alumni giving. The question is, "Where are the other 90%?"

Yes, the university has so many needs, and no, we can't expect the State of North Carolina to do for us if we won't do for ourselves. There is no reason we should have so few scholarships for athletics, and we wonder why our teams aren't winning. It shouldn't take 130 years to get two traveling busses when we should have had a fleet of 10! There is no reason that our choir ambassadors must beg to travel and showcase our university. There is no reason the Marching Band can't travel to all away games. There is no reason we should have an athletic facility below seating capacity and lacking climate control. These are only a few in a long list of needs.

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OPEN LETTER TO WSSU ALUMNI (Cont.)

We always celebrate Homecoming with big checks paraded before the crowd. These are good but we need 10-20 of these large amounts each week to address our enhancement needs at WSSU.

In conclusion, what should we do?

FIRST, be grateful for all WSSU did for you to start you on your way in life.

SECONDLY, seriously commit your time, talent, and treasure to help our alma mater. We need all hands on deck, particularly the youngest of our alumni. We need more than 40 under 40; we need 10,000 under 40. We need the next generation of chapter workers. The average age of our Baltimore Chapter members is over 60. There is NO excuse with Zoom and other means of communications that you can't get involved. You don't even have to leave your house.

LASTLY, start a legacy of giving. If you can't afford \$18.92 for that campaign, send in the loose \$2 change you may have. The head of the Foundation says no amount is too small. Encourage other alumni and friends to commit to WSSU.

If you really love this place as you say you do, **RESOLVE THIS HOMECOMING THAT WE, ALUMNI, MUST DO BETTER.** I'll repeat, **RESOLVE THIS DAY WE WILL DO BETTER.**

Note: Capitalized words and underlined sentences added by editor for emphasis.

Have YOU Joined Yet?



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.



2022 HALL OF DISTINCTION INDUCTEES

October 29

Pictured above from left to right: NAA President Regina Cason '90, Tim Watkins '10, Kimberly Sherrill '82, Debra Stewart Hart '76, Nancy C. Patterson Jernigan '73, William S. Horton, Jr. '96, Valonda Brinton Calloway '94, Joyce Dove Leak '94, Myra Brower Waddell '83, and Chancellor Elwood Robinson

Pictured below: Mister Alumni, Joseph Bell and Miss Alumni, Katrina Grant





WSSU National Alumni Association

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scholarship opportunities for current & future
students.

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40TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON

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JOHN RUTTER, CBE, CONDUCTOR LAUREATE

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2023 2:00PM

NEW ENGLAND SYMPHONIC ENSEMBLE

PRESTON HAWES, ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

ROSEPHANYE POWELL
THE CRY OF JEREMIAH
D'WALLA SIMMONS-BURKE, CONDUCTOR

PARTICIPATING AMERICAN CHORUSES:

APPLE VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL, **APPLE VALLEY, MN**
(JOEL BEYER & REID LARSEN, DIRECTORS)

FAITH WEBBER WSSU ALUMNI CHOIR AND FRIENDS/
WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY CHOIR,
WINSTON SALEM, NC
(D'WALLA SIMMONS-BURKE, DIRECTOR)

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY, **FAYETTEVILLE, NC**
(DENISE M. PAYTON, DIRECTOR)

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(GLORIA QUINLAN, DIRECTOR)

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RACING RAMS



Pictured above: President Wilma Means and VP Joe Briscoe with West Cabarrus High School staff

The Racing Rams of Cabarrus/Stanny Counties participated in CFNC's Free College Application Week by encouraging students to apply for HBCU's and a college fair at West Cabarrus High School.

The chapter is pleased to announce the adoption of West Cabarrus High School in Concord, NC. The adoption of the school will impact all levels of school life as directed by administration. We will support staff and students by volunteering and mentoring students. We will also proctor exams.

We invite all area alumni to join our chapter and monthly meetings on the 3rd Sunday. If you would like to join our chapter, please email us at wsscabrams@gmail.com.

We currently drive for Rams and fiends. Membership is \$50.00 and the first 33 people who join will receive a free shirt.

Please follow us on Facebook at Rams! WSSU NAA – Cabarrus/Stanny Counties.

Class of '72 50 YEAR REFLECTION

Fifty-four years ago, a group of young men and women began a journey on the campus of Winston-Salem State College for the first time. Each student was beginning a journey with the bright-eyed enthusiasm and wonderment of what the next four or five years at this college held in store for us. What dreams could this journey provide? This was the freshmen class of 1972.

This class was unique in that it was a time of undeniable change in American society. Young men and women were being sent off to an unjust war. School desegregation was a constant topic in the South and many of us were first generation products of the 1965 Civil Rights Act to “integrate” the schools. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. had recently been assassinated, and social unrest and injustice abounded. “Black Power,” “Black is Beautiful,” and “Love Not War,” just to name a few, were slogans of the day!

We came from all walks of life, from all parts of the country. Extremely diversified, we were comprised of Vietnam vets, members of the Black Panthers, SNCC, NAACP, Nation of Islam, etc. Some of our heroes were the likes of Rap Brown, Huey P Newton, Angela Davis, Eldridge Cleaver, Stokely Carmichael, and Malcolm X. This could only mean one thing. We were “radical.” And so, we were dubbed by the administration.

We were determined that we were not going to accept the status quo of Winston-Salem State College. We were going to make changes. And we did. We immediately sought and were elected to positions of student leadership and rallied the student body to take control of the campus. Class boycotts, sit-outs, marches, demonstrations, fires, and a few unmentionables resulted in such changes as non-compulsory class attendance, no curfew for female students, better food, SGA representation on the Board, and no more mandatory religious assemblies.

During our tenure, Winston-Salem State College transitioned into Winston-Salem State University. We were extremely proud of that! Now, we have come full circle. Many of the places we knew are no longer there, such as Momma Lou’s chicken plates, collards, and crackling cornbread, Nasty Anne’s and the College Grill’s burgers and beer.

Dr. Kenneth Williams, Dr. Joseph Patterson, Dr. Manderline Scales, and so many other mentors are all gone. They taught us well. We will not see another 50th but the memories still prevail.

Over the years, Winston-Salem State University has evolved into the 21st Century as one of the top HBCUs in the country with continued growth and expansion to come. We “DEPARTED TO SERVE,” and as we look back we are indeed PROUD!

RAM PRIDE FOREVER!

The Class of 1972

IN MEMORIAM



Celebrating the Life of Ruby Mae Kornegay

WSSUNAA's Longest Living Member

Ms. Ruby May Kornegay, 106, of 514 E. Blount Street, Kinston, NC peacefully closed her eyes into the joys of the Lord on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 in the quietness of her home. Funeral services for Ms. Kornegay were held at 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at St. Augustus A.M.E. Zion Church (318 E. North Street) Kinston, NC. Interment was held at Oak Hill Memorial Gardens, Kinston, NC. Ms. Kornegay is survived by a host of cousins and friends.

514 East Blount St.
Kinston, NC 28501
9/27/2022

Dearest Regina and Fellow Alumni,

Mere words cannot adequately express my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the treasures you sent last week. The lovely and exquisite Life Membership Plaque was truly a momentum I'll forever cherish. I can't wait for my caregivers to hang it in my room right where I can see it each and every day. I'm sure it will draw unswerving attention to all who visit me and view it. The snugly soft and colorful Ram throw was equally as breathtaking. Its warmth will keep me reminded of the glow and contentment I feel when reminiscing of my dear ole alma mater.

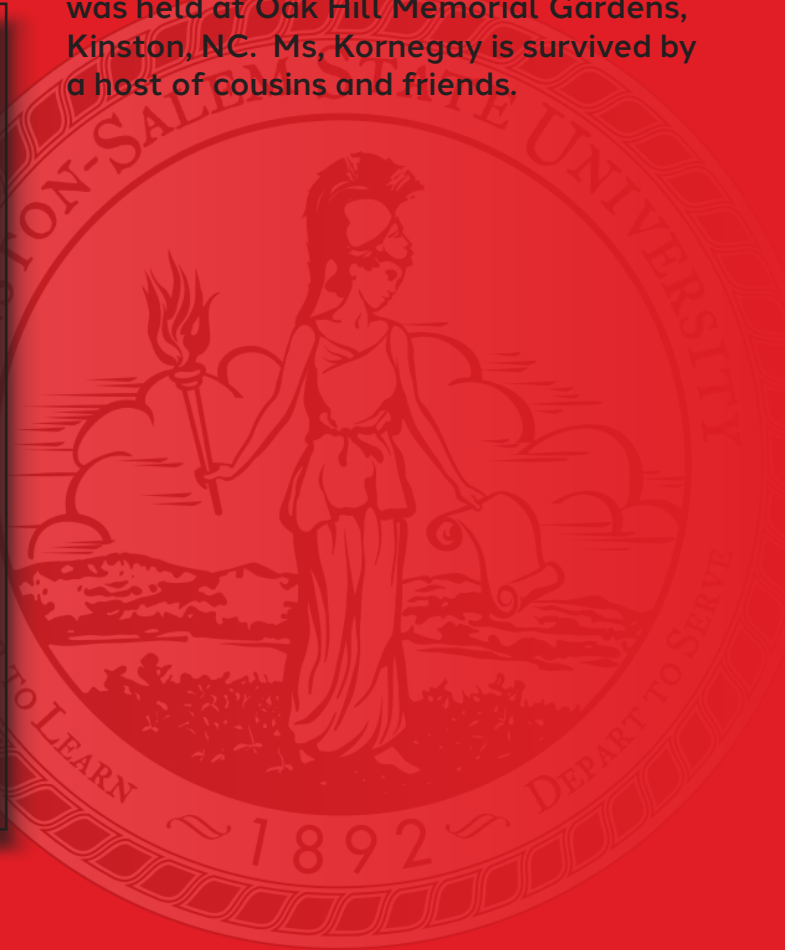
Again, my heartfelt thanks for the memoirs and courtesies extended. It makes me feel so proud to be a Lifetime Ram.

Sincerely,

Ruby M. Kornegay

Ruby M. Kornegay

Note: It's the best thing that has happened to me in all of my 106 years. 😊



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

Membership Cards

Existing NAA Members,
If you would like to order a replacement membership card, please complete your contact information to order your membership card for \$10 + fee. Visit: <https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/22NAAJOIN>
** Due to rising printing costs, we’re looking to go to digital cards after this fiscal year.



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DUE DATES FOR THE BATTERING RAM

Issue	Due Date
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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