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Serving together with purpose."*

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FROM THE DESK OF THE *President*



Alumni & Friends,

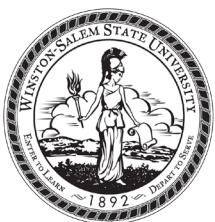
I would like to take this time to say THANK YOU for your participation and your giving. Without you, we would not be where we are, and without you, we cannot be the best we can be. Your support for our university is not in vain and please know that your efforts are going

to support our future leaders. Whether you give a little or a lot, it all counts!

As graduation approaches, we will have a new set of alumni who will continue to carry the torch of looking back and helping others. We encourage them to carry the motto of "enter to learn, depart to serve" in their hearts! Stay safe, take care of yourself, and each other.

Best Regards,
C. Regina Cason
WSSUNAA President

UPCOMING EVENTS



- Apr. 22nd - Annual Meeting
- Apr. 29th - HBCU Gala, Wallace, NC
- May 5 - 6th - Young Alumni Council 40 Under 40 Weekend
- May 11th - WSSU Alumni Admissions Training
- May 12th - Spring Commencement
- May 27th - Racing Ram Day at Charlotte Motor Speedway
- July 1st - Hall of Distinction Nominee form deadline
- July 15th - Rams in the Vineyard



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WSSU ALUMNI ADMISSIONS TRAINING

Meet with Associate Director, Brian Wynn and learn about student recruitment practices to prepare you to recruit future Rams in your community.

**THURSDAY | 11 MAY 2023 | 6:30 PM
VIA ZOOM**

REGISTER NOW

Hosted by the Office of Alumni Engagement
in partnership with the
WSSU National Alumni Association Inc. and the Admissions
department.

Fundraisers to Support (APR is 4.5%)

- 40 Under 40 – Young Alumni Council Scholarship
Text 2340U40 to 71777
- Pride Lives Here – Housing and Residence life campaign to support enhancing the student experience living on campus.
Text 23PRIDE to 71777
- Inspirational Voices is celebrating 50 years!
Text 50Voices to 71777
- Spring Mailer to support Athletics Operations
Text 22GENIUS to 7177

WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY



WSSU

Class of 1970

*Celebrating 50/53
Years*

Homecoming Weekend

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US.

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Chapter News

Richmond Metro

Greetings

The Richmond Metro Alumni Chapter always attempts to follow the school motto by “departing to serve”. For National Read across America week, two of our members, Mrs. Lynda Webster and Ms. Clara Russell read stories/books to preschoolers at Maymont Preschool located in Richmond City. Each preschool classroom received two books to help build their classroom library. Mrs. Lynda Webster also gave funds to Harvie Elementary School located in Henrico County to support their library program.

We want to pay tribute to the 10 founding members of this chapter in 1962. They were gathered together in 1970 for the official photo, and their names are included below. If you recognize someone and know the correct dates of graduation, please inform us! The first young lady on the front row is Delores Williams Jackson, class of 1957, who just celebrated her 87th birthday. Included in this picture is Nina Christian, class of '64 who was not a charter member.



1st Row: Delores Jackson, '57, Pernella Davis, '44, Margretti Petti, '42, and Hazel Arrington, '44.

2nd Row: Cora Byrd, '46, Dorothy Joyner, '56, Irene Morton, '42, Lucy Jones, '42, Callie Roberts, '43, Aldean Melton, '54, and Nina Christian, '64 (not a charter member).



Mrs. Lynda Webster and Ms. Clara Russell who read stories/books to preschoolers at Maymont Preschool



Mrs. Lynda Webster presenting a check to Harvie Elementary School to support their library.

Chapter News

Salisbury-Rowan



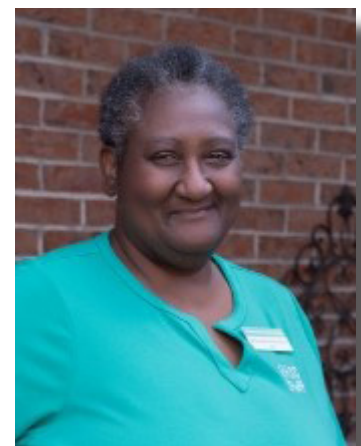
Salisbury-Rowan Chapter members provided Care packages for 13 students from our area who are currently attending WSSU. Inside were items for both male and female personal hygiene, snacks, tissue, hand sanitizer, juice and water. Herman Floyd Peterson (on the right corner) is currently running for Mr. Alumni.

Pictured below (right) is Jennifer Kennedy (sitting with head down next to the cane). This was our March chapter meeting. She passed away unexpectedly two weeks later.

Jennifer was our Recording Secretary. In the picture below, she is writing the receipts.



Her funeral was held on April 2, 2023 at Southern City AME Zion Church East Spencer, NC. She will truly be missed.





WSSU National Alumni Association

JOIN OR RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP TODAY

By joining the WSSUNAA, your membership provides
scholarship opportunities for current & future
students.

DONATE TODAY!

<https://fundraise.givesmart.com/vf/22NAAJOIN>





WSSU RUN & WELLNESS

Promoting health and wellness in our community

**SATURDAY
MAY 6TH**



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Winston-Salem State University

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ASSOCIATION

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April 30, 2023

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Questions Contact:

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

ZOOM ACCOUNT AVAILABLE



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

RACING RAMS



USVI Wine Company Wine Mixer

The Racing Rams of Concord/Stanly counties continues to build their presence in the community by providing service to the area, connecting alumni and participating in college fairs. The chapter hosted a Ram Mixer in December at USVI Wine Company which is black owned and located in downtown Concord, NC. The event was well attended and connected alumni from over 5 decades. Every month the chapter supports local black owned businesses for fellowship and support.

The chapter participated in the MLK Parade in Concord, NC and gave out fresh produce to a local community at Logan Community Center as a service activity.

We invite all area alumni to join our meeting, that will be held on April 12, 2023 at USVI Wine Company in Concord. We are hosting a Spring Colors HBCU Round-Up and invite all to join us fellowship.

If you would like to join our chapter, please email us at wssucabrams@gmail.com. The membership is \$50.00 for alumni and friends. Please follow us on Facebook at Rams! WSSU NAA – Cabarrus/Stanly Counties.



Sticks and Beans OPP/Taco Tuesday Jan. 27, 2023

Please follow us on FB at Rams! WSSU NAA - Cabarrus/Stanly Chapter. Chapter Officer's - President Wilma King Means, Joe Briscoe, Vice-President, Tammy Broadway, Treasurer, Shondale Clark, Secretary and Eddie Boger, Parliamentarian.



Congratulations, to our very own Wilma Kings Means on her recent community service award for the Peggy Freeman-Fleming Luncheon, the presented by the Concord Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Wilma King Means 2023 Peggy Fleming Freeman Service Award Recipient

College Fair March 11, 2023



Congratulations to Eddie Boger on being appointed as Parliamentarian of the chapter. Eddie is responsible for connecting the chapter to local business for events.

Congratulations & Welcome 



**Eddie Boger -Parliamentarian
Racing Rams
Welcome To The Team!!!**



WSSU *Miss and Mister Alumni* 2023 CANDIDATES



Yolanda Lonnie Blackwell

As a constant supporter, advocate, and ambassador for Winston Salem State University for the past thirty years, I have embodied our mission “Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve.” I am entering the Miss Alumni Contest to take my commitment to giving back to our students, my drive to support through giving, and my desire to recruit more students to WSSU to a higher level.

Through the mediums of paying dues to the National Alumni Association, D.C. Metro Chapter, and the Cheer Alumni Chapter, I stay active in supporting our university. I also participate through giving in our collective HORN\$ donation, donations towards the financial needs of the current cheerleading teams yearly, Giving Tuesday and other campus-wide fundraisers. I have taken an active leadership role in giving through the D.C. Metro Chapter by leading the charge as an annual Rainbow Tea Captain and donating classroom space to conduct Chapter meetings for four years.

I continue to serve as an ambassador for the university by recruiting and sending talented students to WSSU yearly. When I was the TRIO Upward Bound program director at Clark Atlanta University, I took students in the program to WSSU college fairs in Atlanta to speak with Admissions staff. I also helped coordinate students to attend one of the biggest WSSU music program recruitments by taking high school band students to the Honda Battle of the Bands and encouraging them to attend the college fair, where some students received on-the-spot acceptance.

Being of service to others is one of my core values, and I have continued to give back no matter if anyone was watching. I have a heart for youth and service, both personally and professionally. Every day in my professional life working for Montgomery County Recreation, I give back to the community and families across the county through time, resources, and service. When our university students come into the D.C. Metro area, I support through our alumni chapter, but I also go a step further and support them personally by giving handcrafted game day fanny packs to our cheerleaders with important supplies and snacks they may need.

Though this is a challenging time in our world financially, as Miss Alumni, I will give my all to raise money for our current students through our global alumni network and will tap into outside sources who may not have gone to our HBCU but support our mission and what we are doing for our students. I also want to explore having more initiatives for prospective students and current students that help them become knowledgeable, aware, and tenacious in applying for funding to help support their tuition and college journey, not just the funding offered at Winston Salem State University, but across all educational arenas. Our youth need more guidance and financial literacy skills to help them pay for and attend the university without creating financial burdens on themselves that will follow them well into adulthood. As Miss Alumni, I want to be a part of their village as they “Enter to Learn” so that they too can “Depart to Serve.”

Thank you in advance for your support and your gracious donations.

Donations are tax-deductible and available through the following platforms:

Checks: Payable to WSSUNAA (Memo line: Yolanda Lonnie Blackwell)

Mail to: 4705 Crest View Drive, Hyattsville, MD 20782

Cash App: \$lonnie4missalumni Pay \$lonnie4missalumni on Cash App

PayPal: paypal.me/lonnie4msalumniwssu

Website: Welcome to Lonnie’s Ram Garden! - Lonnie’s Ram Garden (lonniesramgarden.org)



Evette J. Darden



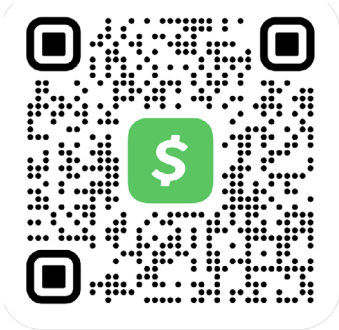
Assisting others is my life's joy! Please donate scholarship monies to my campaign and let's keep deserving students in school at Winston Salem State University!

Below is a little information about me:
1984 Winston-Salem State University, BS Business Administration, concentration in Information Systems
1998 Pfeiffer University Misenheimer, NC, Master of Business Administration; concentration marketing and sales
03/02/1983 - 10/22/2001 US Postal Service Greensboro, NC
Description: Processing and Customer Service
10/22/2001 – 10/01/2017 Century Products LLC
Assistant Vice President of Sales, Greensboro, North Carolina
10/31/2017 – Present US Postal Service,
Greensboro, North Carolina
Contract Specialist

Your tax deductible contributions help us provide scholarships for students at Winston-Salem State University.

Corporate Sponsorships:
Please submit ads in camera ready format.
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Reception \$ 2,000.00
Please make checks payable to WSSUNAA. (In the memo line add Evette Darden)
Contributions and ads must be received by August 15, 2023. You may send checks to:
WSSUNAA | PO BOX 890670 | Charlotte, NC 28289-0670
Additional Payment Methods PayPal:
@evette4missalumni |Cash App:
\$evette4missalumni



Evette Darden

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LTC Herman Floyd Peterson (Retired)

EDUCATION

- BS Biology, minor chemistry – Winston-Salem State University, 1982
- BS Medical Technology – Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 1986
- MS Health Science Administration – Central Michigan University, 1992
- MS Biology and Applied Science – Bowling Green State University, 1993

EMPLOYMENT

- Owner of Kiddie Land Kindergarten, Inc. since 1996
- Medical technologist, Novant Medical Center, Rowan, Salisbury, NC
- Supervisor, Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Salisbury, NC
- Senior Army Instructor, Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC), West
- Rowan High School, Mount Ulla, NC

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.
- Life member, WSSU National Alumni Association
- Charter member of the Salisbury Rowan County Chapter, Winston-Salem State
- Alumni Chapter – 2017

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- Commissioned in the Army Active Duty as 2 nd Lieutenant - 1982 and retired
- Lieutenant Colonel - 2002. Received numerous awards, top positions and
- deployments and a combat tour. Earned several awards and completed over
- 1,000 hours of community service as a licensed teacher and during civilian life -
- 1982 – 2002
- Received scholarship assistance and an assignment from the Armor National
- Guard Unit, Fayetteville, NC – 1981 - 1982
- Distinguished Military Graduate from ROTC, WSSU – 1982
- Who's Who Among Colleges and Universities at WSSU – 1981
- Junior Class Vice President, 1981

HOW TO SUPPORT MY CAMPAIGN

Donate via: Cash App - \$HFPeterson

PayPal - @HermanFloydPeterson

Herman Peterson Zelle®

Make Out Checks to: WSSUNAA (Memo: Herman Peterson)

Email: donate2wssumr.alumni2023@gmail.com

petershf37@gmail.com

Facebook www.facebook.com/herman.f.peterson

Instagram @peterson_herman

Cell #: 980-371-3957



Willie “Cat” Conner, Jr.



Dear Ramily,

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Willie “Cat” Conner Jr., affectionately known as the “Ticket Office Man.” I am a proud alum and staff member of Winston-Salem State University, Class of 1997. I credit my beloved alma mater in helping to shape me into the man I am today. WSSU has done so much for me it is only right that I pay it forward and give back to help young Rams in their endeavors to pursue higher education.

One of the ways that I am trying to make a difference in the lives of students is by running for Mr. Alumni 2023 through the Winston-Salem Chapter of WSSU National Alumni Association. This contest is the major fundraiser for the National Alumni Association and all candidates are required to fundraise for the Association. All contributions are tax deductible. Our primary goal is to provide scholarships to undergraduate students who qualify based on academic criteria and financial assistance needs.

Through my time as a student and now my work at the university I have had the pleasure of getting to know many alumni and I hope to get to know many more through my campaign for Mr. Alumni as well as giving you the opportunity to know me. In that spirit let me tell you a couple of things about myself. I am a faithful, dedicated and hardworking man and give my all to whatever endeavors I am pursuing. I am from Winston-Salem and have been a faithful member of St. Stephens Missionary Baptist Church since before I can remember. I am married and have beautiful twins (who keep me VERY busy). I am an active and faithful member of the Delta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc. through which I am the advisor for the Delta Alpha Chapter (WSSU) and coordinator for Sigma Beta Club (male mentoring organization of Phi Beta Sigma).

I am not new to fundraising, I frequently raise money for the March of Dimes, the Samaritan Ministries, and many other worthy causes. However, what is more worthy than the Mighty Rams of WSSU. As an ambassador I hope to make a difference by continuing to serve my community and school and setting an example to others that it's bigger than any individual and we must be the change we would like to see.

WSSU alumni live all over the United States, so an ad in our souvenir booklet has the potential to be far reaching.

Please consider donating to the WSSUNAA in my name to support academic and financial aid scholarships for future students.

CASHAPP DONATIONS: \$Cat1914

ZELLE DONATIONS: Cat1914@hotmail.com

PAYPAL DONATIONS: Cat1914@hotmail.com

Checks should be made payable to the WSSU NAA.

Please insert Willie Conner Jr. on the memo line.

CAMPAIGN STATEMENT

I am seeking the crown of Mr. Alumni 2023. It is the largest fundraiser for our students. Along with upholding WSSUNAA, my platform is to “Promote the culture of prestige at WSSU!” Currently, 60% of our current students are Pell Grant eligible, meaning they qualify for federal and state assistance. My campaign “Dollars for Scholars”, is to ease the financial burden on our current and future students.

EDUCATION

Winston-Salem State University, 1981

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Life member, WSSU National Alumni Association President, Gaston, Lincoln and Cleveland Chapter (founder, charter member also)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

WSSU NAA Hall of Distinction 2020

HOW TO SUPPORT MY CAMPAIGN

Ways to support “Dollars for Scholars”

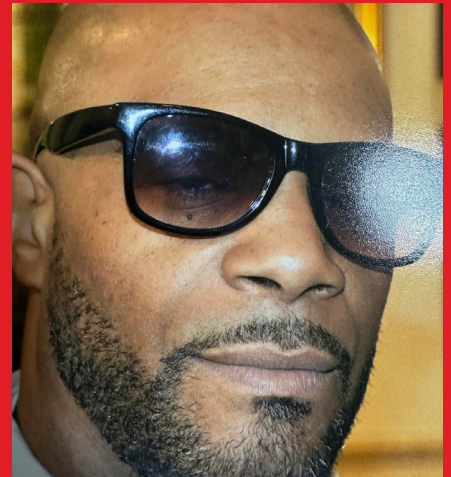
- **CashApp: mralumni2023**
- **Venmo: @George-JagersIII**
- **PayPal: @GHJwssu1981**
- **Make checks and money orders payable to WSSUNAA; include George Jagers name on the memo line.**
- **Mail to George H. Jagers III**
PO Box 868
Dallas NC, 28034



IN MEMORIAM



**Ms. Darlene Paylor Lea Class of 1983,
Passed on April 9, 2023**



**Mr. Michael Anton Allen,
Passed on March 19, 2023**

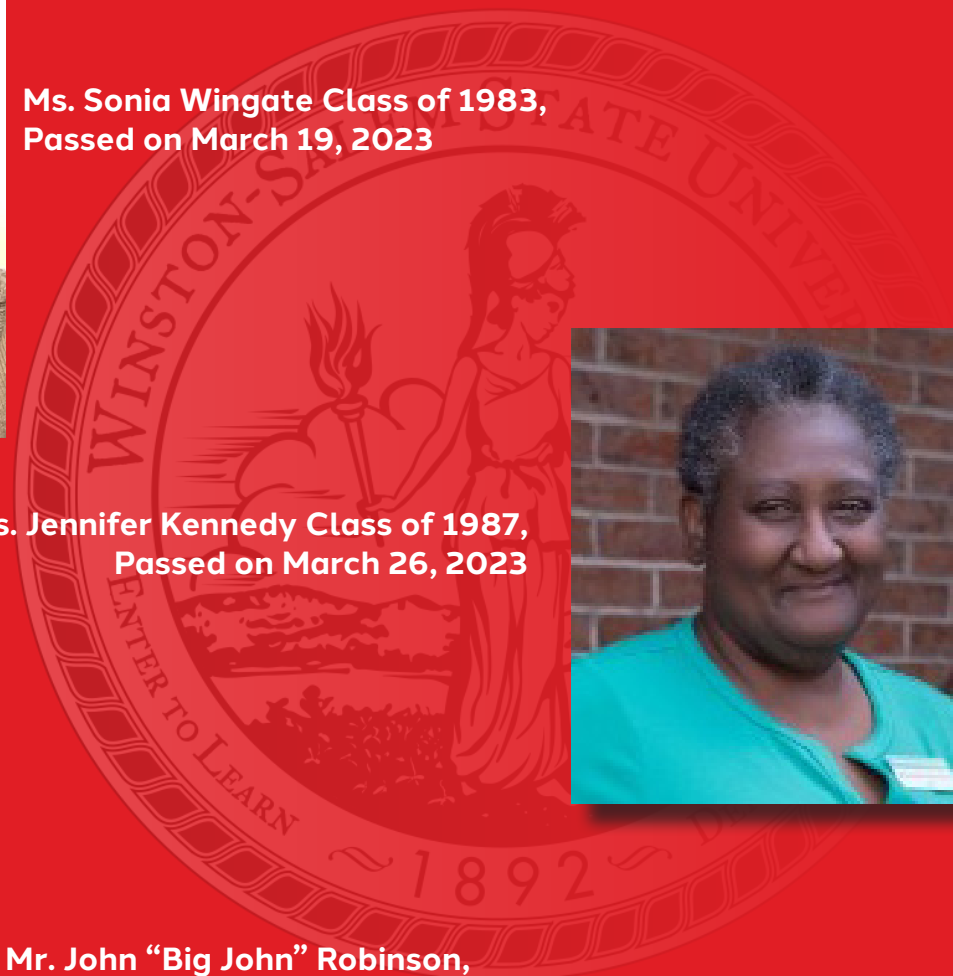


**Ms. Sonia Wingate Class of 1983,
Passed on March 19, 2023**

**Ms. Jennifer Kennedy Class of 1987,
Passed on March 26, 2023**



**Mr. John "Big John" Robinson,
Passed on March 26, 2023**



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.



HOW TO CONTACT US



Please submit articles, suggestions, or comments to:

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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

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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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