

# THE AGGIE SPIRIT

2018 Fall Newsletter

WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association, Inc.

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**The National Board meetings are scheduled for the 2nd Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. In the school cafeteria.**

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### A Good Reputation

The way we are viewed by others is critically important. Some people refer to this as "reputation" and others refer to it as "name". Proverbs 22:1 reads thusly, "A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver and gold."

A good reputation is vital to a business, especially a non-profit such as our WCTS-NWHS Alumni and Friends Association, Inc. It determines how others relate and interact with us. It is a crucial factor in our growth and sustainability. It opens doors for us when seeking to engage with other businesses and organizations within the community.

We should be proud of the reputation our Alumni Association enjoys within the county. We all know that whereas one misguided step can do irreparable harm to one's standing within the community; it takes years to earn respect and status. Past leaders such as Jasper Jones, Rev. Willie T. Ramey, III, Martina Goode Williams, Arnetra Johnson, Frank Hendrick, and Thomas Harris set a high standard for this organization. Thanks to your support, prayers, and hard work, they were able to establish a foundation that is solid and respected by all.

The name WCTS-NWHS Alumni and Friends Association, Inc. is highly thought of throughout Warren County. Members of our organization have represented us well in the areas of education, government, healthcare, religion, and business. We are living up to our Mission Statement, which is "To make a difference in the life of the individuals within our community as we preserve the heritage and legacy of our school."

It could be easy for us to become complacent and take for granted what has been built up here since our founding in 1983. We must be ever vigilant to ensure that we present our best to the WCTS-NWHS Alumni and Friends Association, Inc; and that the WCTS-NWHS Alumni and Friends Association, Inc. presents its best to the surrounding community. It all starts with you being engaged in the activities and programs of our organization.

**We need your thoughts and ideas regarding our future direction. We need  
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your presence and participation in functions and events sponsored by our organization. We need your financial support via donations and fundraising efforts. Take this opportunity to recommit and rededicate yourself to making our “beloved school” the shining example of excellence within the Warren County community that it has been since its birth in 1922. Every single one of you is key to the continued permeation of our positive reputation.

Yours in unity,

Ben H. Stewart, Jr.  
National President

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**50<sup>th</sup> Year Class Reunion**

Special greetings to all members of the Class of '69. Can you believe that it has been almost a half century since we walked down the aisle of the auditorium in our caps and gowns at North Warren? My, my, how time does fly when you are having fun or growing old. In honor of that grand event, we are reassembling to commemorate that occasion at the 2019 School Reunion Weekend.

The class of 1969 excitedly joins the WCTS-NWHS Alumni and Friends Association, Incorporated, in welcoming you, your family, and friends to partake in the festivities and activities that will be taking place during the weekend of May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. As we, enthusiastically, return for our 50<sup>th</sup> year class reunion on that Friday and serve as co-hosts for the 2019 Alumni Gala on that Saturday, we hold true to, and reclaim the legacy of our alma mater, which was instrumental in inspiring each of us to be the best we can be.

After our graduation, the doors of the high school program literally closed. Due to school integration, North Warren became a middle school. In many respects, it is fair to think of this as “the beginning of the end” for our “beloved school”. As we reunite in 2019, we look forward to beginning new friendships and renewing old ones.

In an effort to reach our classmates and extend to them an invitation to be a part of this occasion, we have formed a 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Planning Committee. The current committee consists of the following six individuals:

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We welcome any others who would like to join us in helping to plan and implement this event.

Your assistance in helping us collect contact information and locate other classmates would be greatly appreciated. Please contact any of the above individuals and provide them your updated contact information, i.e. address, email and phone, as well as the same for 1969 classmates that you may know.

**Class of 1969 50th Reunion Planning Committee**

**George Haywood Washington, Sr.**

I was looking through some papers Rick Henderson, son of Theodice and Charles Cheek, left with me. Among those papers was the bulletin from the retirement program that was held on May 28, 1972 honoring Mr. George Haywood Washington. 1972 was the year Mr. Washington retired as Principal of North Warren School. Here is some information from that bulletin.

George Haywood Washington was born in Anderson County, Belton, South Carolina. He received his elementary training in the public schools of Seneca and his high school training from Seneca Institute, Seneca, South Carolina. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, NC and a Master of Arts degree from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Washington has done further study at North Carolina Central University, Durham, NC, The Agricultural and Technical State University, Greensboro, NC, The Agricultural and Technical College, Orangeburg, SC, and Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

His first nine years' work was done in the Walhalla High School, Walhalla, South Carolina where he served one year as a social studies teacher and eight years as Principal. In 1940, he was elected to teach social studies in the Warren County Training School, Wise, NC. He served in this capacity for four years. Since 1944, he has been Principal of the North Warren High School (formerly Warren County Training School), until the current school year where he is now Principal of the North Warren School (middle school).

He is an ordained Baptist Minister and is a member of the following organizations and fraternities: Eastern Star, Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, The Mystic Shrine of North and South America, a Thirty-third degree Mason, the Local and State Teachers' Association, and a Life Member of the National Teachers' Association. Mr. Washington is active in local and state civic and religious activities.

He is married to the former Miss. Mollie Effulah Jones. They have one son, George Haywood Washington, Jr.



**GEORGE H. WASHINGTON** (1931 Johnson C. Smith University yearbook)

A.B. - Major in History

**SENECA, S.C.**

“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting, get understanding.”

- 1927 - '28      Matoon Literary Society
- 1928 - '29      Matoon Literary Society; Palmetto State Club
- 1929 - '30      Crescent Club; Treasurer of Crescent Club
- 1930 - '31      YMCA; Crescent Club; Social and Literary Advancement Club

**Happy Birthday, Mr. President!**

Thomas Harris, the sixth National President and a member of the Class of '56, celebrated his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Godspeed and Happy Birthday, Thomas!

**CENTURY CLUB 2018**

Support the "Blue and Gold" by becoming a member of the 2018 Century Club. The cost for doing this is \$100.00. The funds are used for general operating expenses and the contribution is tax deductible. In recognition for your support, your name will be listed on the Alumni Association's website, in the newsletters, and in the program produced for the Gala Dinner. In addition, members receive a personal Christmas card.

To become a member, please make your check payable to: WCTS-NWHS Alumni and Friends Association and mail to: P. O. Box 122, Wise, NC 27594. Below is a list of 2018 members as of 9/30/2018.

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|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1. Charles Alexander – Class of '52             | 44. Helen Mayfield – Class of '60           |
| 2. Joyce Alexander – Class of '57               | 45. Gloria W. Mizelle – Class of '65        |
| 3. Charles Anderson – Class of '68              | 46. Barbara Palmer – Class of '66           |
| 4. Jesse M. Banks – Class of '53                | 47. John C. Palmer – Class of '66           |
| 5. Elizabeth Dunston Baskerville – Class of '36 | 48. Lindell Palmer – Class of '67           |
| 6. Eugene Baskerville – Class of '57            | 49. Mattie Bell Palmer – Class of '62       |
| 7. Jerry Bell – Class of '65                    | 50. Murrell Palmer – Class of '62           |
| 8. Emma Lea Dunston Beshir – Class of '52       | 51. Vera J. Palmer – Class of '69           |
| 9. Freddie Brown – Class of '63                 | 52. Samuel Parham – Class of '48            |
| 10. Juanita H. Russell Brown – Class of '49     | 53. Maxine Patillo – Class of '65           |
| 11. Evelyn Alexander Bullock – Class of '65     | 54. Hattie Plummer Perry -Class of '62      |
| 12. Sallie Durham Claibourn – Class of '65      | 55. Mildred Juanita Person -Class of '59    |
| 13. Carolyn Mayfield Davis – Class of '66       | 56. Paul Plummer, Jr. – Norlina HS          |
| 14. Marinda Thrower Davis – Class of '60        | 57. Vergie Clanton Pope – Class of '50      |
| 15. Robert Dortch – Class of '63                | 58. Willie T. Ramey, III – Class of '63     |
| 16. Phillip Downey – Class of '67               | 59. Mildred Russell – Class of '54          |
| 17. Henry Durham, Jr. – Class of '67            | 60. Willie G. Russell – Class of '56        |
| 18. Ocerine Boyd Fields – Class of '58          | 61. Gracie Dortch Scott – Class of '67      |
| 19. Mamie Lucas Greene – Class of '55           | 62. John U. Seward – Class of '57           |
| 20. Frank J. Hargrove – Class of '67            | 63. Wandra Seward – Friend                  |
| 21. Geraldine Thrower Hargrove – Class of '56   | 64. Eva Hall Shaw – Class of '50            |
| 22. John Hargrove – Class of '56                | 65. Jeanette H. Somerville – Class of '68   |
| 23. Thomas Harris – Class of '56                | 66. Larry Somerville – Class of '69         |
| 24. Daniel E. Hawkins – Class of '59            | 67. Inez Harrison Spruill – Class of '50    |
| 25. Charles Henderson – Class of                | 68. Juanita Turner Spruill – Class of '66   |
| 26. Clara Boyd Henderson – Class of '54         | 69. Zandra Goode Spruill – John Graham HS   |
| 27. Richard "Melvin" Henderson – Class of '54   | 70. Alice Jordan Stewart – Class of '67     |
| 28. John H. Henderson – Class of '67            | 71. Ben Stewart, Jr. – Class of '65         |
| 29. Carrie Hendrick Hill – Class of '64         | 72. Norval Stewart – Class of '54           |
| 30. John Honor – Class of '60                   | 73. Vicellus Stewart – Class of '65         |
| 31. Vivian J. Honor – Class of '60              | 74. Rev. Mary Stinnett – Norlina HS         |
| 32. Bobby A. Howard – Class of '57              | 75. Mary L. Talley – Class of '50           |
| 33. Sallie Green Howell – Class of '53          | 76. Melvin Talley – Class of '60            |
| 34. Charlie Jefferson – Class of '55            | 77. Eva Johnson Taylor – Class of '65       |
| 35. H. Kenneth Johnson – Class of '66           | 78. Joseph Taylor – Class of '63            |
| 36. Jamesanna Shearin Johnson – Class of '46    | 79. Esther Alexander Terry – Class of '57   |
| 37. Dock E. Jones – Class of '53                | 80. Emmitt Thomas – Class of '63            |
| 38. Faulkner P. Jones – Class of '52            | 81. Onia Mae Talley Vaughan – Class of '63  |
| 39. Ann Long Kersey – Class of '67              | 82. Walter Turner – Class of '65            |
| 40. James A. Kersey – Class of '67              | 83. Goldie Burnette Walker – Class of '68   |
| 41. Vivian Davis Lynch – Class of '55           | 84. Mildred Johnson Wiggins – Class of '68  |
| 42. Laura Plummer Marshall – Class of '57       | 85. Martina Goode Williams – John Graham HS |
| 43. Esther Mayfield – Class of '63              | 86. Cynthia Hawkins Woods – Class of '66    |
|                                                 | 87. Alice Holloway Young – Class of '40 (2) |

**2018 Reunion Yearbooks Available**

If you do not have your copy of the 2018 Reunion Yearbook, now is the time to order one. They are perfect for the coffee table in your family room or living room and they make unique Christmas or birthday gifts.

Featured in this year's edition is the Class of 1968. This was their 50<sup>th</sup> graduation anniversary and they had a grand celebration. Two members of the class were in more than their fair share of photographs. They were County Commissioner Walter Powell (This must be an election year.) and George Russell. (He must have paid the photographer.)

There are class pictures of those who graduated in 1936 - 1969. (Next year we would like for a picture of you to be seen in these class pictures.) There are also photos of many of the attendees sitting at their tables with expressions of relief on their faces as I finally conclude my comments. (Not that I'm long-winded or anything.) See it all here in this once in a lifetime production of the 2018 Reunion Weekend Yearbook.

The cost to own the book of the millennium is a mere pittance. \$35.00 will get you your very own copy. There is no shipping and handling fee, no taxes, and no tipping required. (Where else can you get such a deal?) However, just like it is with all good things, this deal won't last forever. Order yours today!

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**Reunion Weekend 2019**

Start making plans now for Reunion Weekend 2019. The date is May 24-25. The business session and the fish fry will take place on the campus in Wise and the Gala Dinner will be at the Vance Granville Community College Civic Center.

The Class of 1969 will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> and will be serving as host of the Gala Dinner. They are already making plans to ensure this is a memorable event. You will definitely want to be present. Until you have experienced the exhilaration that comes with renewing acquaintances and sharing recollections from bygone days, you have not lived. Reunion Weekend 2019 will have you saying, "Mamma Mia!"

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**Class of 1970, You Are on Deck!**

The class of 1969 will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> school anniversary at the 2019 WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association's Annual Reunion Weekend on Memorial Day weekend. Every Memorial Day Weekend alumni, family and friends get together for a fish fry on Friday afternoon, and Gala dinner and dance Saturday evening. On Sunday many alumni cap the weekend off with a visit to one of the local churches in the area. If you are interested in the activities of the Alumni Association or would like to become more involved, you may attend the meetings on each second Saturday morning at 11:30.

After 1969 those of us that were still attending high school were bused to Norlina High School, John Graham High School or left Warren County altogether, as I did. Although, we were sent to other schools, I believe we carried fond memories of our time at North Warren High School. I further believe that most of us still felt (and still feel) a certain amount of love and loyalty to the school since most of our early education years were spent at North Warren High School. We should be proud of the fact that the Alumni Association has been able to acquire a majority of the school's property.

The graduates and friends of WCTS-NWHS have done a great job bringing this organization to where it is today, but the organization needs your membership, participation, ideas, and financial support to maintain its community activities and sustain the legacy of the WCTS-NWHS campus. Please consider celebrating your 50<sup>th</sup> high school reunion during the Alumni Association's Reunion Weekend Memorial Day weekend 2020. "Class of 1970, You Are on Deck!"

Reginald Hinton, Executive Director

### Class of 1969 Fundraiser

Memories live forever. Rather than diminishing as time passes, they tend to grow and become more precious. Memories are a factor in why we return for church homecoming. Memories are a component in why we attend family gatherings. Memories are an element in why we journey back for our school reunions.

In a fundraising effort that will benefit our Alumni Association, the Class of 1969 is providing an opportunity to add words and photographs to your memories. They are offering you the chance to place an advertisement in their souvenir booklet stating your feelings regarding a person, place or thing. It could be your family, your business, your church, your civic organization, or some award or accomplishment.

Here is the price structure for submitting a full color ad:

- Back, inside front or back cover - \$150.00
- Whole page - \$100.00
- Half page - \$ 60.00
- Fourth of a page - \$ 35.00
- Business card size - \$ 20.00

Ads should be photo ready and submitted as a PDF, Word, or JPEG file. The deadline for submitting an ad is TBD. If you would prefer Deloris Jerman, Class of 1969, to construct your ad, she will do this for a fee that is TBD. You simply send her your photos and any words you would like to be used.

Here is the price structure if you don't want an ad but would like to be listed as a patron:

- Platinum Friend - \$100.00
- Gold Friend - \$ 50.00
- Silver Friend - \$ 25.00
- Two Names (Couple) - \$ 10.00
- One Name - \$ 5.00

A patron or advertiser spending \$100.00 or more is entitled to a free booklet. Booklets will be available for all others to purchase for the price of \$25.00 per booklet.

For more information, contact Deloris Jerman (email: [jermanco@yahoo.com](mailto:jermanco@yahoo.com) or Phone: 919-606-0987).

### Sustainability

The last high school graduating class for North Warren was in 1969. That was almost 50 years ago. Approximately 95% of the members of our Alumni Association are high school graduates of our school. The question then becomes, if there are no more high school graduates from our school and if 95% of our organization is made up of high school graduates of our school, where do we turn for new members? How do we keep our organization alive and vibrant as we grow older?

This is a question we have been wrestling with since Frank Hendrick, our fifth National Alumni Association President, was a little boy. We have tried recruiting persons from within the community who share our values (we call them "Friends") and we have tried recruiting persons who attended our school after it ceased to be a high school. These efforts have produced limited success.

At our annual business session last spring, Henry Durham, Chairperson of the Board of Directors, proposed a new idea regarding sustainability. His thought was that maybe we should consider establishing a Warren County Alumni Association. This group would serve as an "umbrella" organization that would have underneath it the alumni associations for all of the high schools and former high schools of the county. This would include our Alumni Association as well as the alumni associations for John R. Hawkins High, John Graham High, Norlina High, Warren County High, Warren Early College High, and Warren New Tech High. Even though we would each maintain our autonomy, we would work together in support of each other's programs and activities. This

**SUSTAINABILITY CONTINUED**

Has the potential to increase our impact within the community and enhance the likelihood of others picking up and running with our agenda. This idea is currently in its infancy and Henry has been tasked with investigating the feasibility of such an approach. He would appreciate your thoughts on the matter.

**2018 Scholarship Recipients**

**Jordan Goode**

Jordan Goode is a senior at Warren New Tech High School and received a \$1,000 Washington/Cheek scholarship that is funded by the Rodney M. Downey Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund. She graduated number one in a class of 33 students. Jordan plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is the Vice President of her class, Captain of the cheerleading squad, and Secretary of the Student Government Association. Jordan has also served as a Page in the NC House of Representatives.

Within the community, Jordan has served as a Team Captain for Relay for Life, is a 4-H Club member, and tutors younger students.

According to her Chemistry teacher, she is “a mature, talented, responsible, and diligent student with a very good work ethic”.

**De’Andreya Attaway**

De’Andreya is a senior at Warren County High, attends Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church in Paschall, and is the daughter of Latasha Attaway. She received a \$500.00 general scholarship. De’Andreya is the Vice President of her senior class and is in the top 10% of her class academically. She has been accepted and plans to continue her education at the University of North Carolina – Greensboro. There she plans to obtain a degree in nursing with the hope of becoming a neonatal nurse.

She is active within her community, having spent more than two hundred volunteer hours working on the school beautification project. She is also a Special Olympics volunteer; does peer mentoring; and is a middle school tour guide. One of the things her guidance counselor said about her was that she is determine to leave no stone unturned in obtaining a college education. De’Andreya completed more college applications and applied to more colleges than any other senior.

**Ron Christopher Davls, II**

Ron is a senior at Warren County High, attends Cooks Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, and is the son of Shena Royster. He received a \$500.00 general scholarship. He loves helping others succeed. Ron does a lot of peer mentoring and tutoring. He has been accepted and plans to continue his education at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. While attending UNC-CH, he wants to major in biology with the intent of becoming an orthodontist. He and his mother are acquaintances of Dr. Henderson and his daughter, both of whom have dental practices in Warrenton.

He was a member of the Warren County Town Hall panel which conducted an open dialogue on “Preventing Gun Violence”. Ron has also served as a Senate Page for State Senator Angela Bryant.

**Brianna Brooks**

Brianna is a senior at Warren County High, attends Cooks Chapel Missionary Baptist Church, and is the daughter of Burke and Iva Brooks. She is the recipient of a \$1,000.00 Washington/Cheek scholarship that is funded by the Rodney M. Downey Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund. Brianna is a natural leader. She is the captain of the dance team; former junior class president; and President of the Student Government Association. She is a member of the National Honor Society and valedictorian of her senior class. Brianna is weighing her option between the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill and East Carolina University for continuing her education. She wants to become a nurse and serve the citizens of Warren County.

Brianna is a volunteer at the local nursing home. She also has done some volunteering for the American Red Cross blood drives in Warren County. Briana worked as a part-time cashier at the “Just Save” store in Warrenton.

Thank to all of you for enabling the WCTS-NWHS Alumni and Friends Association, Inc. to be able to contribute to the continuing education of these well deserving students. Special thanks go to Phillip and Marie Downey for the contribution they made on behalf of the Rodney M. Downey Memorial Youth Scholarship Fund and to Larry and Jeanette Somerville for their donations.

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## ADMINISTRATION

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**Don't forget to check-out our website: [www.wcts-nwhs.org](http://www.wcts-nwhs.org) to see what new information our Executive Director has made available.**