

Central/Eastern Wayne Alumni & Friends, Inc.

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"A New Beginning"

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Get Ready! Get Ready! Get Ready!

May 26-30, 2022

Theme: "Stronger United"



I am delighted to welcome you back home for the 2022 Homecoming Weekend Celebrations. As we celebrate our 50th Anniversary, it offers a wonderful opportunity for us to reconnect with your classmates, family and friends and explore the ways in which Central/Eastern Alumni continues to shape our community. The theme of this year's celebration "Stronger United". It encompasses the vision, mission and call to action for our organization.

Thank you for your support and we will see you soon.

Milas Kelly
National President



In the words of Albert Einstein, *"Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance, you must keep moving"*. As we continue to move forward to a brighter future, don't reject new beginnings. As it is stated in our 2022 Homecoming theme, "Stronger United", let's continue to work together, live together, pray together, and by all means, pull together. While attending the Memorial Day Weekend of events let's all create some wonderful moments and share some beautiful memories. Life is what you make it, and life is short. Let's celebrate and make it GREAT!

Warmest regards,
Sheila Durham Bowens, Class of '75
1st Vice President

CONGRATULATIONS

Sheila Durham Bowens

The first female to hold the office of
1st Vice President of CEWAF Organization.

Mollissie Peterson

For her first public showing and in celebration of Black History Month, Goldsboro native Mollissie Peterson brought a sampling of her vast collection of art and artifacts to share with residents of her hometown.

Rosepot Collection: African American Culture Arts was on exhibit at the Arts Council of Wayne County, 102 N. John Street in Goldsboro, from Feb. 4 – March 5. Be on the lookout for future exhibits.



ALABAMA ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, INC

Dr. Matthew Edwards

Professor of Physics

Former Dean, School of Arts and Sciences

Alabama A & M University, Normal,

Alabama 35762

February 18, 2022

Dear Dr. Edwards,

It's my privilege and pleasures to announce the names of successful candidates for the Fellow of Alabama Academy of Science (FAAS) for the year 2022. The AAS Fellow Awards Committee finds you the most suitable candidate for the prestigious Fellow award for the year 2022. Hearty Congratulations!! This is the award conferred upon an individual for the noteworthy contributions to the State Academy. You have brought name and fame to the academy by keeping the highest academic and professional standards. The previous winners of this award were former Presidents of the academy, renowned Professors, famous Academicians and distinguished members of the academy. I invite you to join us to receive the coveted award – the Fellow of Alabama Academy of Science (FAAS)- in the Ninety-ninth Joint Senior and Junior Alabama Academy of Science Banquet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday March 17, 2022, at Athens State University, Athens, Alabama. We will be happy to invite your family members witness the ceremony.

Sincerely,

P. C. Sharma, Ph. D., FAAS, FIPA

Chair, Gardner Award Committee

Member, Board of Trustees

& Former President, Alabama Academy of Science

Andre Altice

Although a natural shortstop, Altice starred on the baseball field at Shaw University as a pitcher from 1992-95 where he was a four-time All-CIAA first team selection (1992-95). He was unanimously voted CIAA Player of the Year as well as Shaw Athlete of the Year in 1993 after registering a career-best 1.2 earned run average (ERA) with a 10-0 record.

As a freshman, Altice finished nationally-ranked (25th) with a 2.13 ERA. In 1993, Altice contributed to 1-0 shutout win over Norfolk State University to help the Bears capture the CIAA championship and was named the CIAA Baseball Tournament Most Valuable Player.

Altice graduated from Shaw University in 1995 was inducted into their Athletic Hall of Fame in 2014. In his down time, Altice is dedicated to mentoring and teaching the youth in his community the correct fundamentals in playing sports while being a volunteer basketball and baseball coach for the youth advanced program. Andre is the son of Erlene Coley Altice and the late Sheffield Altice.

THE HAPPENINGS

May 26-30, 2022



Honoring the Classes

Central High: 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967

Eastern Wayne: 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, 2012, 2017, 2022

Thursday – May 26, 2022 - Lane Tree Country Club

5-6:00 pm.... Pre-meeting Dinner (Dutch-Ribeye or Grilled Chicken-\$20.00)

6:00 pm...Business Meeting

Friday – May 27, 2022 – Lane Tree

5-6:00 pm – Meet and Greet

6-8:30 pm – Hall of Fame Banquet (\$50.00 per person)

8:45-11:45 pm – Banquet Social (\$25.00 per person)

Colors: Royal Blue & White

Saturday – May 28, 2022 – Central Heights

12:00 noon – Annual Parade (Line-up 11:00 am)

1:00-4:00 pm – Annual Picnic (Meal Ticket - \$20.00-optional)

Saturday – May 28, 2022 – Walnut Creek Country Club

8 pm-12:00 am – Scholarship Dance (Tickets-\$35.00 per person)

Colors: Navy Blue, Gold & White

Sunday – May 29, 2022 – Woods Chapel FWB Church

3:00 pm – Awards Ceremony

Monday – May 30, 2022 – Old Mill Cemetery

10:00 am – Memorial Day Flag Placements

Ads & Sponsorships due: April 1st Scholarship Applications due: April 15th

If you have retired since June 20, 2021, please contact Shirley Perry @ 919-344-3983

Make Your Plans Now

Towne Place Suites	Quality Inn	Hampton Inn	Country Inns
2603 N. Park Dr.	1408 S. Harding Dr.	905 N. Spence Ave	2302 Norwood Ave.
Holiday Inn Express	Home 2 Suites	Stay Apts	Jameson Inn
1003 Sunburst Dr.	2613 N. Park Dr.	2302 Norwood Ave.	1408 S. Harding Dr.

Close proximity to Bojangles, Wal-Mart, Chili's, Logan's, Outback, Berkeley Mall, Sheetz and Applebee's



Some known and unknown Black History Facts about Goldsboro, NC.

- ❖ Alfonzo “Al” King was the first black Mayor of Goldsboro.
- ❖ Chester Hill was the first black Chief of Police for the City of Goldsboro in 1992.
- ❖ Bobby Greenfield was the first black Fire Chief for the City of Goldsboro in June 1999.
- ❖ Amaziah Howard and Jake Musgrave were the first black Police Officers for the City of Goldsboro.
- ❖ Attorney Earl Whitted was the first black person to serve on the Goldsboro Board of Alderman (now City Council).
- ❖ Clarence Hodges, a native of Goldsboro, served under President Ronald Reagan’s Administration
- ❖ The facility now known as Cherry Hospital was established in 1880 as an Asylum for Colored Insane. The hospital served the entire black population in the state for its first 85 years. In 1961, the name was changed to Cherry Hospital in honor of Governor Gregg Cherry. In 1965, it desegregated.
- ❖ Wilbert Greenfield, a native of Wayne County, served as president of two Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) — Johnson C. Smith University and Virginia State University.
- ❖ Lula Sims, Ms. Little, and Ms. Flowers were some of the first African American mid-wives in Goldsboro.
- ❖ On October 18, 1867, the first meeting of the General Baptist Convention was founded at the First African Baptist Church on Pine Street in Goldsboro.
- ❖ In the 1950s, Gertrude Weil funded a park and swimming pool for African Americans (now Mina Weil Park) and founded the Bi-Racial Council in 1963 (now Community Affairs Department).
- ❖ In the 1950s, the first black public library, named for Alice H. Brown, was located on Pine Street and Virginia Watson was the first librarian.
- ❖ Walter Fennell, Mr. Robert Hatcher and Mr. William Aldridge were some of the first black postmen in Goldsboro.
- ❖ The Goldsboro Colored Florist (owned by the Shealy family) was the first black Florist in Goldsboro.
- ❖ Dr. Wright was the first black dentist in Goldsboro.
- ❖ The Guess Family owned the first black funeral home in Goldsboro.
- ❖ Prince Albert Best was the first black to serve on the Goldsboro City School Board of Education
- ❖ Dr. Gordon was the first black doctor in Goldsboro.
- ❖ Attorney White was the first black lawyer in Goldsboro.
- ❖ Sherman Best was the first black County Commissioner in Wayne County.
- ❖ John Henry Wooten was the first black Chairman of the Wayne County Commissioners.
- ❖ Ernestine Wooten was the first black female to serve as Chairman of the Wayne County Democratic Party.
- ❖ A.C. Crowder was the first black Assistant Superintendent of the Goldsboro City School System.
- ❖ Dillard High School Choir was the first black Choir to be invited to sing at the White House from the eastern area under the direction of Mr. George V. Collins.
- ❖ The first black Kindergarten was held at First African Baptist Church with Ms. Sarah Best and Hortence Lewis as the Teachers.
- ❖ Dr. Osceola Jackson owned the first black Pharmacy on James Street.
- ❖ North Carolina Mutual was the first black Life Insurance Company in Goldsboro.
- ❖ Hugh V. Brown is credited with developing a program that assisted black high school students for over 20 years with traveling to Connecticut each summer to work and receive salaries to help with their school clothing and supplies.
- ❖ William Jones was the owner of the first black Cleaners in Goldsboro on West Pine Street.
- ❖ Dr. Lonnie Hayes was the first black Surgeon at Wayne Memorial Hospital in Goldsboro.
- ❖ The Dillard/Goldsboro High School Alumni Association is the largest black High School Reunion in the country.
- ❖ Shirley Middleton was the first black female Clerk in the Wayne County Court House.
- ❖ Judge Paul Jones was the first black appointed and elected Judge in Wayne County in 1996.
- ❖ LaTerrie Ward was the first person hired as a department head to retire with 30 years of service (Director of Community Affairs) with the City of Goldsboro.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE COVID FUNERAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

FEMA is now accepting applications for funeral expenses paid after January 20, 2020 for deaths caused by COVID-19. We are only accepting applications by phone. Online applications are not accepted.

You may visit [COVID-19 Funeral Assistance](#) for information about the program. **After you read this information and gather the necessary documents, call 1-844-684-6333 to apply for this assistance.** Call this number also for help with **ALL** other questions or concerns about COVID-19 Funeral Assistance. The phone line is open Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET.

If you use a video relay service, captioned phone, or other communication services, give FEMA the number for that service.

Please **do not** call the normal FEMA Helpline for help with COVID-19 Funeral Assistance. They will ask you to call the direct funeral assistance number.

At this time, there is no deadline to apply for COVID-19 Funeral Assistance.

What to do if you are sick

Wear a mask, wash your hands, clean and disinfect and stay away from others.

Wayne County

Cases have decreased recently but are still very high.

The number of hospitalized Covid patients has also fallen in the Wayne County area. Deaths have remained at about the same level.

The test positivity rate in Wayne County is still high, suggesting that cases may be undercounted. An average of 15 cases per day were reported in Wayne County, a 73 percent decrease from the average two weeks ago.

A Golden Chain

**Friendship is a Golden Chain, the links are friends so dear,
And like a rare and precious jewel, it's treasured more each year...**

**It's clasped together firmly, with a love that's deep and true,
And it's rich with happy memories, and fond recollections, too...**

**Time can't destroy its beauty, for, as long as memory lives,
Years can't erase the pleasure, that the joy of friendship gives...**

**For friendship is a priceless gift, that can't be bought or sold,
But to have an understanding friend, is worth far more than gold...
And the Golden Chain of Friendship, is a strong and blessed tie.**

Binding kindred hearts together, as the years go passing by.

..... Helen Steiner Rice