

**34<sup>TH</sup>**

**ANNUAL REUNION  
CELEBRATION**



**FRIDAY, SATURDAY & SUNDAY  
JULY 3 – 5, 2015**

**TARBORO, NORTH CAROLINA  
27886**

# Our Sincere Thanks

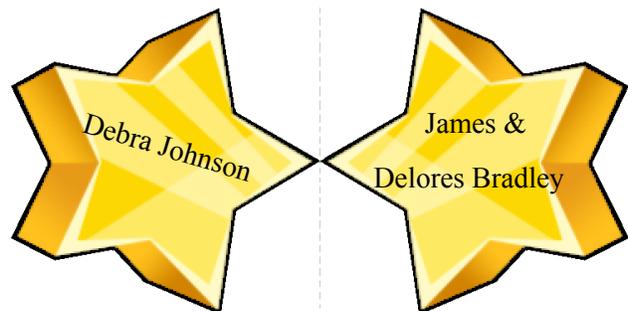
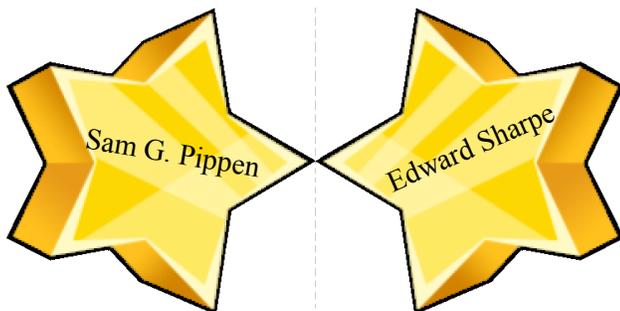
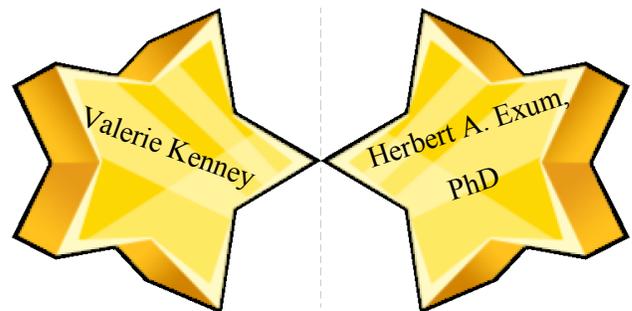
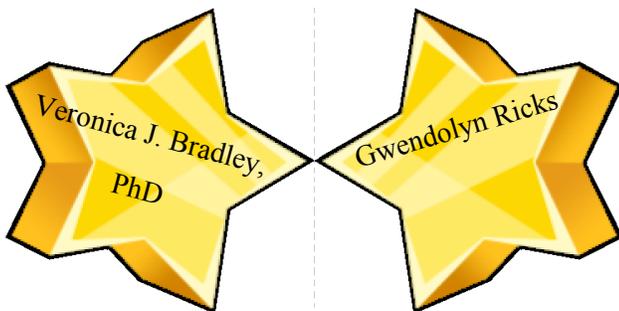
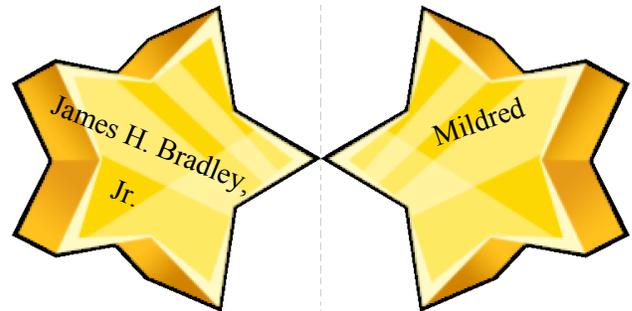
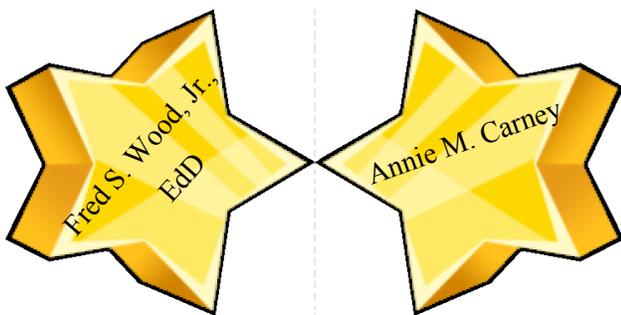
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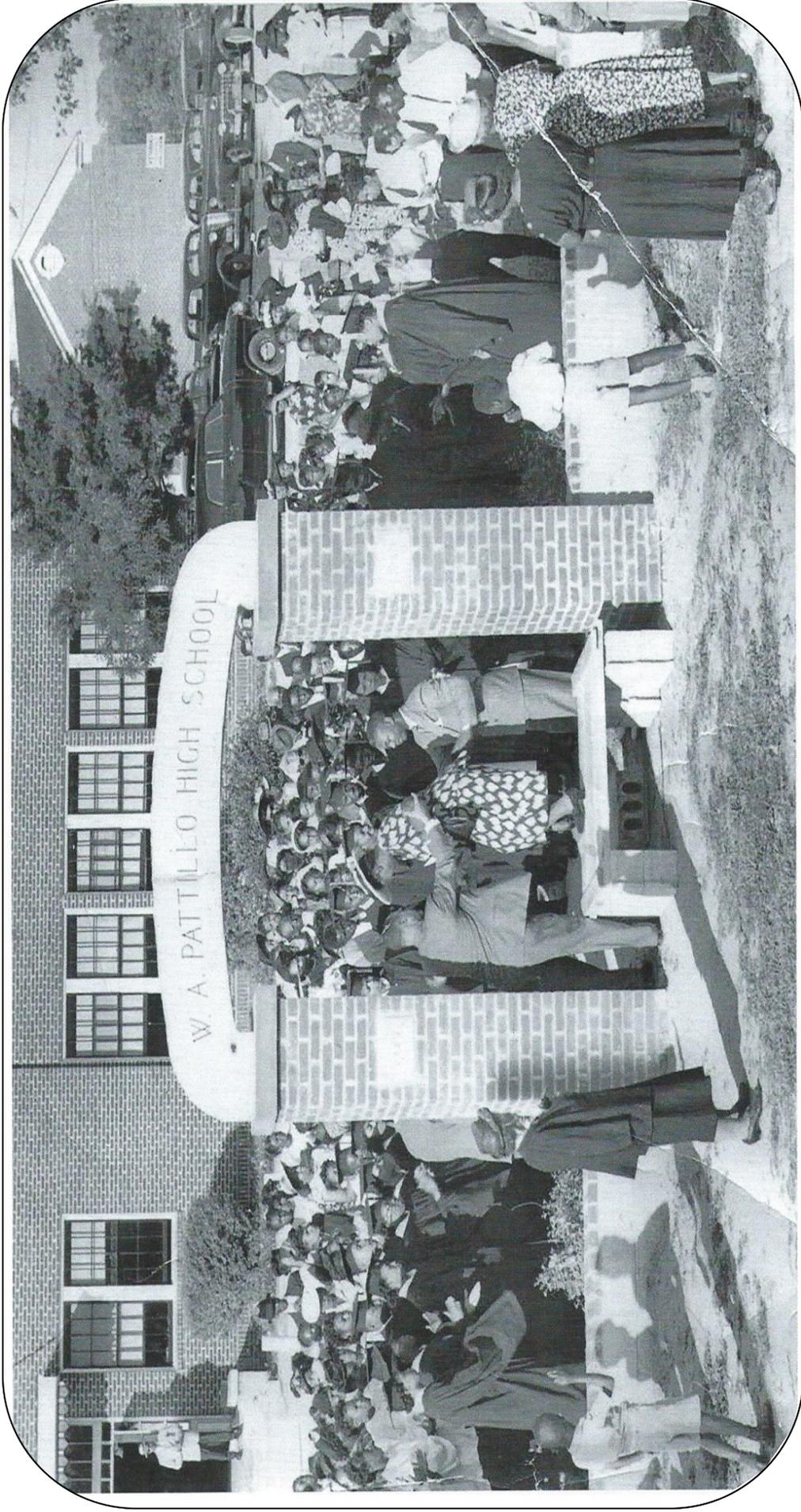
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## *Star Campaign Donors*

You are our *stars* because it was your individual donations of \$100 that enabled us to print this publication in **COLOR**. We offer you our genuine thanks for responding to the association's request with your kind and generous support in assisting us to provide priceless history and information in such a vivid manner.

**AGAIN . . . THANK YOU!**





Dedication of the arch to the school in honor of Principal W. A. Pattillo by the Class of 1949

**“Let’s Stay Together”**  
Remembering the Past — Recognizing the Future

# *Celebrating Together*

## *At our 33rd Reunion*



\*Photos Courtesy of George Knight, Class of 1969

# **Dedicated**

## **To Our**

# **Founders**

It was out of your love for the administration, faculty, staff and students of Pattillo High School that you created our alumni association.

Your forethought and motivation have been an inspiration to us. We applaud your interest and thoughtfulness. We are appreciative that you created an avenue for us to become a catalyst to improve the lives of students and their families and to help contribute to society in general.

Your joint efforts have produced an organization that is today keeping alumni connected, preserving our legacy, and contributing to the economy and well-being of the citizens in Tarboro/Princeville, surrounding communities, and beyond.

We are humbled to have inherited such a remarkable mechanism to keep the spirit of Pattillo alive.

We appreciate you for thinking of our potential . . .

We  
*Commend You, Honor You, and Salute You!*

With profound gratitude,

The W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc.

# W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association

## FOUNDER



**NATHAN LEWIS**

Born on September 23, 1934, Nathan Lewis was raised by his grandmother, Mary Eliza Lewis. He loved Tarboro and his football playing days at Pattillo High School passionately. After graduating from Pattillo in 1955, he accepted a full scholarship at Shaw University where he also played football. His teammates nicknamed him “Mule Train” because he hit hard, protected the ball and ran with great speed. Nathan was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Shaw University for his exceptional football skills, determination and ultimate love of the game. He graduated from Shaw University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. Later, he got a Master’s Degree in Special Education from Antioch University.

After leaving Shaw, he married the former Peggy Bailey while they were employed as teachers at an elementary school in Georgetown, SC. Later they moved to Philadelphia, PA where he had an interesting and productive career to include the following: a teacher at Daniel Boone Public School for students with behavioral and emotional challenges; in the evenings he worked at Western Community House with juvenile boys; Director of Education for the Pennsylvania Department of Justice at Grateford Prison; simultaneously he taught Criminal Justice classes in the evenings at West Chester University. After his retirement from Grateford Prison, he accepted a position in special education at Camden High School in Camden, NJ where he was given the opportunity to assist the football coaching staff – for him, a dream come true.

He belonged to the NAACP and The Chapel of Four Chaplains. He was a member of J. C. Price Lodge #82, Prince Hall affiliation; The United Supreme Council (Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry), Prince Hall Affiliation, North Jurisdiction, USA, Inc.; and the Shrines Pyramid Temple #1. He also served as a faithful member of Bright Hope Baptist Church.

Nathan returned home often to visit and enjoyed sharing stories about growing up with his friends and telling jokes. He was especially proud of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He expired September 10, 2010.

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**WILLIAM HENRY BOYD**

Fondly known as “Henny Penny,” William H. Boyd was born in 1938. He was raised in an area of Tarboro, known as the “Depot.” It was an African American residential and commercial area which was the last section of Tarboro to be developed. From 1938 until 1955, his family’s residence was located at 1717 Main Street. After his father died in 1955, the family relocated to Princeville. His parents were John Henry Boyd (affectionately known as “Pee Wee”) and Jessie Perkins Boyd. He has four siblings – Roland, Ruth, Elizabeth and Curtis.

William was a graduate of the Pattillo High School Class of 1959. He participated in varsity football as a guard and defensive tackle. He was also an avid baseball player. He played as an outfielder and catcher. His athletic career spanned from 1954-1957.

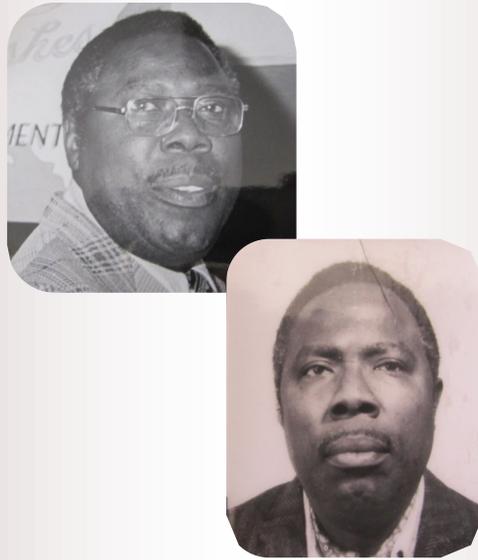
In 1967, he married the former Nannie Lyons who is now deceased. They were blessed with two sons from their union: Lovell, born in 1969 and Douglas, born in 1973. Henny Penny also fathered a son born in 1960, Marvin Tyson. He is a proud grandfather of several grandchildren.

Henny Penny enjoys fishing, hunting, woodworking, and watching western movies. He is a former member of the Planning Board for the Town of Princeville, North Carolina.

In 1961, William went to work at the Carolina Telephone & Telegraph Company in Tarboro, North Carolina. After thirty (30) years of dedication and commitment to the telephone company, he retired in 1991. He is still a resident of Princeville.

# W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association

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**GEORGE E. WORSLEY, SR.**

The only child born to George Worsley and Carey Pettaway, George Edward Worsley, Sr. was born in Tarboro, North Carolina on July 14, 1922.

George was a 1940 graduate of W. A. Pattillo High School. He joined the U.S. Marines on May 26, 1943. He served his country in World War II and he was honorably discharged on December 29, 1945. He furthered his education at Howard University where he received a BA Degree in Liberal Arts in 1952.

His initial marriage was to the late Amanda Ward. They had three children: George E. Worsley, Jr. (deceased), Richard Worsley and Bessie Worsley-Cross. This marriage ended in divorce. George then married the late Willie M. Johnson. They had a daughter, Sharon Worsley-Tarpley. He also had a step-daughter as a result of this marriage, Karen Williams. Willie died and George married Maggie Trotter. They had no children.

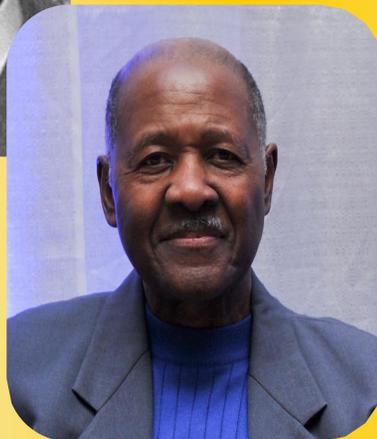
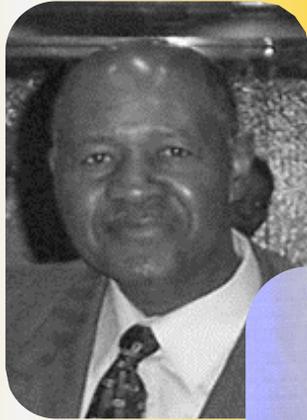
On April 16, 1947, George was hired as a letter carrier with the United States Post Office. After several promotions and 36 ½ years of service, he retired on January 3, 1984 from the Main Post Office in Washington, DC as Chief of the Security Force. He also worked as a cab driver in Washington, DC for ten (10) years.

George became a dedicated member of Mount Carmel Baptist Church, Washington, DC in 1952. He served as a deacon, a board member, chairman of the budget committee and a senior usher. He was a Mason and a member of Mecca Temple #10 for over ten (10) years; a member of St. John Chapter #7; and he served as Worshipful Master of Victory Lodge #23.

George loved Pattillo High School, Tarboro, his family and friends. He died April 4, 1997 in Washington, District of Columbia.

## W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association

### FOUNDER



**RAYFIELD PERKINS**

Rayfield Perkins is a native of Princeville, N. C. He is the son of the late Maggie Perkins and Lesie Eason. He is the youngest of eight children. He is the only surviving sibling.

He is a graduate of the W. A. Pattillo High School Class of 1955. He played on the Trojan football team and was also a member of the band. After graduation Rayfield worked at the Davenport Oil Company for three years and then for Carolina Telephone Company as a Driver. He retired from Carolina Telephone Company in 1995 with 35 years of service. He received several Safe Driving Awards while at Carolina Telephone Company.

Rayfield is a very active and faithful member of the Saint Luke Church of Christ in Princeville N. C. As an Ordained Deacon he has served as an elder of the church for ten (10) years. Rayfield enjoys working in his yard and especially joining his church members for a morning breakfast at Saint Luke Church.

He is married to the former Delia J. Wood of Tarboro. They have celebrated 52 years of matrimony. Five of their six children survive the 2013 passing of the eldest child, James E. Wood. They are Sylvia Davenport, Anthony Perkins, Kermit Perkins, Jeffery Perkins and Ruby Perkins. Their children have blessed them with eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

**W. A. Pattillo High School**  
**National Alumni Association, Inc.**



**Alumni, Family and Friends**

The Board of Directors takes pleasure in extending a warm and hearty welcome to each of you to our annual high school reunion celebration. Time seems to have passed so quickly. It is amazing that we are celebrating the *34<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion of the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc.*

The Reunion Committee has worked diligently together and put forth a genuine effort to make this occasion memorable and enjoyable for everyone. We have always worked successfully together, and we are expecting many more fruitful years of collaboration. So,

***“Let’s Stay Together”***

**Remembering the Past – Recognizing the Future**

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your continued attendance, participation, cooperation and support. The legacy and the spirit of Pattillo will continue to live with your help.

Again, welcome...

***Have fun and enjoy the festivities!***

The Reunion Committee



Office of the Mayor

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July 2, 2015

*W.A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc.  
Post Office Box 601  
Tarboro, North Carolina 27886*

*Dear Alumnus:*

*On behalf of the Tarboro Town Council and the citizens of Tarboro, it gives me great pleasure to welcome the W.A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association to Tarboro, North Carolina as you convene to host your 34<sup>th</sup> Scholarship Banquet and school reunion.*

*We are elated that you chose to return to Tarboro for your annual event. Tarboro is one of Eastern North Carolina's historic jewels and is a center of family-friendly activities and active adult living. Tarboro makes a bold, but subtle statement that characterizes its relaxed outlook on life. We are confident you will enjoy your visit.*

*Your association is to be commended for diligently enhancing the lives of students in Tarboro and Edgecombe County by providing scholarships to assist in furthering their education. I commend each of you for encouraging and empowering our youth and challenging them to be the best they can be. Due to your generous scholarships, our county has reaped the benefits of having remarkable and outstanding college graduates and their future is sure to be filled with hope and promise.*

*Although I am unable to be with you to share in this spectacular event, I sincerely hope your time spent in Tarboro will be exciting. I invite you to discover the vibrant blend of history and hospitality that forms the centerpiece of our community.*

*Sincerely,*

*Ricky C. Page  
Mayor*



Town of Princeville  
PO Box 1527  
Princeville, NC 27886



July 3, 2015

W.A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc.  
C/O Fred S. Wood, Jr., Ed.D.  
National President  
Post Office Box 601  
Tarboro, NC 27886

Dear Dr. Wood:

Greetings to you and the W.A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc.!

It is my pleasure to greet you and your organization on behalf of our Board of Commissioners and our Town's 2,200 citizens. Please let us know if we can assist with your visit to our area. We certainly hope that during your stay you all will visit The Oldest Town Chartered by Blacks in America – The Town of Princeville, NC.

We are excited about your planned visits, and please understand we solicit your ideas as we move forward in making Princeville Great Again! This journey requires all who love Princeville to contribute their gifts and talents. We cannot accomplish this mission alone. We need each one of you!

Again, thanks for your visit, and enjoy your Reunion.

Sincerely,

***Bobbie D. Jones***

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Mayor

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W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc.



Office of the President



Post Office Box 601  
Tarboro, NC 27886  
July 3, 2015

Greetings Alums and Friends,

This year of 2015 is the Chinese year of the Sheep. The **Sheep** is a Yin energy, a symbol of Peace, Harmonious co-existence and Tranquility. Those three characteristics have abound and grown in our association over the past three years and are the primary and fundamental moods for this year. That is why we have chosen the Reunion 34 theme. **"Let's Stay Together," Remembering the Past – Recognizing the Future.**

Correspondingly, the African Nation has declared the year of 2015 as the "International Year of Soils" because soil is one of the most important resources we have. Soil is a crucial aspect of all economies, yet many in the world over are forgetting this.

In reverence to those who have gone before, we will not forget, instead we will remember and honor our resources – those who have brought us this far by faith. Further, when we harbor a belief that there are those who are our hope for things to come, we know that there will be bright and sunshiny days ahead. When we band together in faith and in belief that good will prevail, how can we not **"Stay Together."**

As an Alumni Family, this is our year to unite and instill more loyalty and fellowship. Anything that will disrupt our family harmony will fall to Trojan Pride – the **"Balm of Gilead."** Enter into this "Reunion 34" with vigor and vitality – knowing that we can clearly see our future because we have fortunes of our past in tow. During this weekend and while among family and friends, "remember and reflect;" "promise and project." The aura of the Sheep now radiates its way into each and every one of us. In Peace, Harmonious co-existence and Tranquility: **"Let Us Stay Together."**

Let me thank each and every one of you for the support that you have given to the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association over its thirty-four years of existence. So many have given so much to its stability and longevity over these years. Yes, we have **"sung her praise and showed her love!"**

It has been written that "a man's most innate need is his need to be significant, to make a difference, to find purpose and meaning." Reminiscing over this tenure of president, I pray that I have been a significant element in the existence of the association. I pray that the time and energy invested have made a difference in the accomplishment of our stated purposes and given continued meaning to our existence.

As I move into my final year of this tenure, I will do so with a continued commitment. Then we will look to see what "calls" are on the horizon. Never will I forget these years – the joys and friendships that they have brought.

Thank you for the opportunity!

Sincerely,

*Fred*

Fred S. Wood, Jr.  
**National President**  
Class of 1962

# W. A. PATTILLO HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

## HISTORY

The W. A. Pattillo High School Alumni Association was the brain child of four of its graduates – Nathan Lewis (Class of 1955), William Boyd (Class of 1959), Rayfield Perkins (Class of 1955), and George Worsley (Class of 1940). Members of the Class of 1955 consented to contribute proceeds from their class reunion held in 1978 to organize the Pattillo alumni association. Nathan, Rayfield, William and George made several contacts, encouraging and recruiting other graduates and former students to participate and attend meetings. As a result, chapters were formed in various cities since many of the participants resided out-of-state, predominately in Washington, DC and Philadelphia, PA.

More supporters were attracted following the first reunion. They included: Iris Braswell, Charlie Brown, Lois Cobb, Myrna Deloatch, Evelyn Faulk, Eunice Parker, Hubert Simmons, Grace Swinson, and Rev. James Wooten. During that time, the Interim National President was Nathan Lewis and Iris Braswell served as the Tarboro Chapter President. Alfred Norfleet became the Washington, DC Chapter President and Grady Ashe was elected as the Baltimore, MD Chapter President.

Under the tenure of National President Earlene W. Lawrence, in 1983, the alumni association secured a state charter and become incorporated. Pattillo graduates, Attorneys Jessie Baker and Glennie Matthewson provided assistance. Initially the organization was chartered as the Tarboro Black Education Alumni Association but was later amended to be the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc. Charter members included: Grady Ashe, Iris Braswell, Cora Boddie, Jimmie Bullock, Helen Knight, Lorna Lloyd, George Matthewson, and Thomas Perry. The Tidewater chapter was later formed in 1983.

Several Pattillo attendees have served as the National President. They are Nathan Lewis, Jimmie Bullock, Barbara Bratcher Anderson, Earlene Knight Womack, Eva Norfleet, Thomas Newton, and Varnell Vines Kinnin. Fred E. Wood, Jr., Ed. D., was elected in July 2011 and is currently serving in the capacity as National President.

The association has a 501c (3) status with a Board of Directors and a standard slate of officers. It continues to carry out the purpose according to the articles of incorporation which is: to provide scholarships and grants to students deemed worthy by the organization for assistance to further their education; and to provide financial and other assistance to educational institutions at all levels. The association has donated over \$100,000 in scholarships, incentive awards and contributions which have been given to area students and schools in the Edgecombe County Public Schools and beyond since its inception. In 2014, the first Nathan Lewis Member Scholarship was awarded to a senior who graduated from high school in Erial, New Jersey.

The association sponsors a variety of programs and supports local businesses; however, contributions to education are the core of its success. The alumni association will continue its endeavors to improve mankind's quality of life by supporting education at all levels.

# W. A. Pattillo High School

Tarboro, North Carolina



*Mrs. Thelma Quigless Foster*  
*Composer*

## Alma Mater

Pattillo High! Pattillo High!  
To your Ideals, we will aspire.  
Maroon and Gold – our emblems bold,  
Beckon us on, as knights of old.

Thy noble sons, thy daughters fair,  
Lift standards high with bugles blare.  
Long as thy God is God above,  
We'll sing thy praise and show thee love!

**W. A. Pattillo High School  
National Alumni Association, Inc.**

***Alumni Officers and Committee Chairpersons  
2014 – 2015***

National Officers

President	Dr. Fred S. Wood, Jr.
Vice President	Mr. Ezzard Pollard
Secretary	Mrs. Lois Cobb Hinton
Asst. Secretary	Mrs. Mary S. Lloyd
Financial Secretary	Mrs. Janette W. Pettaway
Treasurer	Ms. Joycelyn Bryant
Asst. Treasurer	Mr. Bernard Dunn
Parliamentarian	Dr. Conferlete Carney
Sergeant-at-Arms	Mr. Charles Lyons
Chaplain of the North	Vacant
Chaplain of the South	Rev. George Cromwell

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Archives	Mrs. Ann C. Adams
Benevolence	Mrs. Minnie Pitt-Pierce
By-Laws/Policy	Mr. Jack Mathewson
Finance	Dr. Florence Armstrong
Hall of Fame	Mrs. Myrna S. DeLoatch
Membership	Mrs. Ruby W. Williams
Nominating	Mrs. JoAnne Jefferson
Program	Mrs. Lovie Bullock Rooks
Program	Mrs. Dazzerine Pitt
Publications	Dr. Veronica J. Bradley
Reunion	Ad Hoc
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Technology	Mrs. Cynthia K. Dockery

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Dr. Veronica J. Bradley  
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Mrs. Linda G. Worsley

# ***Alumni Officers and Committee Chairpersons***

## ***2014 – 2015***



Mrs. Linda G. Worsley  
Southeast Regional Director  
Class of 1968



Dr. Fred S. Wood, Jr.  
National President  
Class of 1962



Mrs. Earlene K. Womack  
Director-At-Large  
Class of 1965 (Honorary)



Mrs. Ruby W. Williams  
Chair, Membership Committee  
Class of 1965



Mr. James V. Spencer  
Northwest Regional Director  
Class of 1963



Mrs. Charlotte S. Privott  
Chair, Scholarship Committee  
Class of 1966



Mr. Ezzard Pollard  
Vice President  
Class of 1970



# ***Alumni Officers and Committee Chairpersons***

## ***2014 – 2015***



Mrs. Minnie Pitt-Pierce  
Chair, Benevolence Committee  
Class of 1967



Mrs. Janette Williams-Pettaway  
Financial Secretary  
Class of 1966



Mrs. Delia W. Perkins  
Director-At-Large  
Class of 1960



Mr. Jack Matthewson  
Chair, By-Laws/Policy Committee  
Class of 1962



Mr. Richard Lyons  
Northeast Regional Director  
Class of 1968



Mr. Charles Lyons  
Sergeant-At-Arms  
Class of 1969



Mrs. Mary S. Lloyd  
Assistant Secretary  
Class of 1968



Mr. Bryant Eugene Lloyd  
Southwest Regional Director  
Class of 1966

### **Not Pictured:**

- Dr. Florence Armstrong, Chair, Finance Committee
- Ms. Joycelyn Bryant, Treasurer
- Mr. Bernard Dunn, Assistant Treasurer
- Mrs. JoAnn Jefferson, Chair, Nominating Committee
- Mrs. Dazzerine Pitt, Co-Chair, Program Committee
- Mrs. Lovie B. Rooks, Co-Chair, Program Committee

# ***Alumni Officers and Committee Chairpersons***

## ***2014 – 2015***



Mrs. Lois C. Hinton  
Secretary  
Class of 1968



Mrs. Cynthia K. Dockery  
Chair, Technology Committee  
Class of 1973 (Honorary)



Mrs. Myrna S. Deloatch  
Chair, Hal of Fame Committee  
Class of 1956



Mr. George Cromwell  
Chaplain of the South  
Class of 1961



Dr. Conferlete Carney  
Parliamentarian  
Class of 1966



Dr. Veronica J. Bradley  
Director-At-Large  
Class of 1967



Mrs. Ann C. Adams  
Chair, Archives Committee  
Class of 1969





**W. A. Pattillo High School  
National Alumni Association, Inc.**

**34<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion**

**Schedule of Events**

**Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Annual Meeting**

2:30 pm until 4:30 pm

Conference Room – Comfort Inn

Tarboro, North Carolina

*(Open to all alumni)*

**Registration/Meet & Greet**

6:30 pm until 11:30 pm

Mobley Atrium – Thomas S. Fleming Center

Edgecombe Community College

Tarboro, North Carolina

*(Featuring DJ Bronco)*

**Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Trojan GALA**

7:00 pm until 11:30 pm

Gateway Convention Center

651 N. Winstead Avenue

Rocky Mount, North Carolina

*(Featuring the Monitors Band)*

**Sunday, July 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Memorial & Scholarship Breakfast**

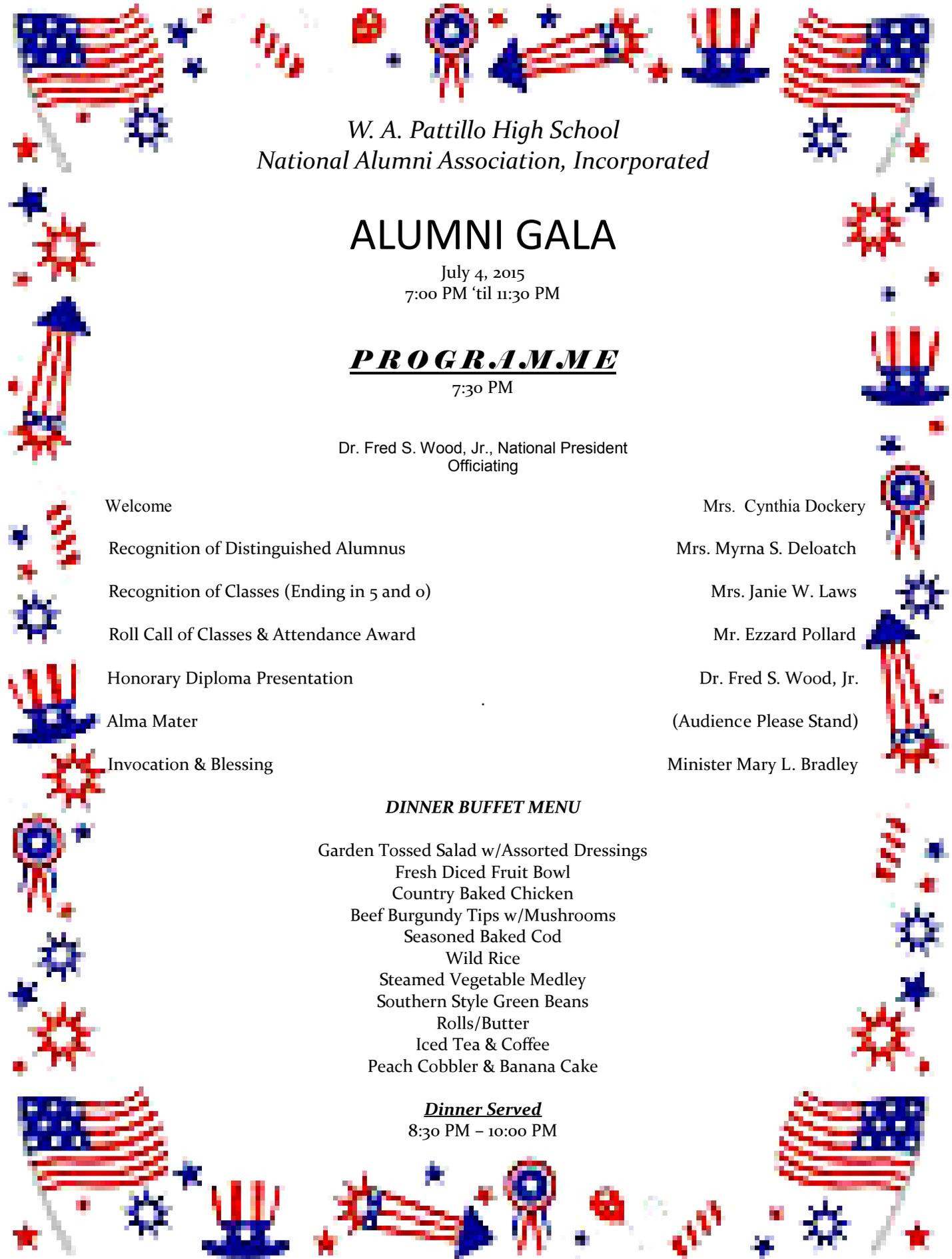
8:30 am until 10:30 am

Mobley Atrium – Thomas S. Fleming Center

Edgecombe Community College

Tarboro, North Carolina

*(Presenting the 2015 Hall of Famers)*



*W. A. Pattillo High School  
National Alumni Association, Incorporated*

## ALUMNI GALA

July 4, 2015  
7:00 PM 'til 11:30 PM

### **PROGRAMME**

7:30 PM

Dr. Fred S. Wood, Jr., National President  
Officiating

Welcome

Recognition of Distinguished Alumnus

Recognition of Classes (Ending in 5 and 0)

Roll Call of Classes & Attendance Award

Honorary Diploma Presentation

Alma Mater

Invocation & Blessing

Mrs. Cynthia Dockery

Mrs. Myrna S. Deloatch

Mrs. Janie W. Laws

Mr. Ezzard Pollard

Dr. Fred S. Wood, Jr.

(Audience Please Stand)

Minister Mary L. Bradley

### ***DINNER BUFFET MENU***

Garden Tossed Salad w/Assorted Dressings  
Fresh Diced Fruit Bowl  
Country Baked Chicken  
Beef Burgundy Tips w/Mushrooms  
Seasoned Baked Cod  
Wild Rice  
Steamed Vegetable Medley  
Southern Style Green Beans  
Rolls/Butter  
Iced Tea & Coffee  
Peach Cobbler & Banana Cake

### ***Dinner Served***

8:30 PM - 10:00 PM

2015

## Distinguished Alumnus



Herbert A. Exum, Ph.D.

Dr. Herbert A. Exum was born in Tarboro, NC as the first child of Savalius A. Exum, Jr. and May Bell Moten Exum. Herbert, his brother, Savalius Von Exum III (deceased) and his sister, Mary Michelle Exum (deceased) lived at 1114 East Baker Street in Tarboro until 1965 when his parents and siblings relocated to Goldsboro, NC. His parents allowed Herbert to remain in Tarboro with his grandparents Savalius A. Exum, Sr. and Mary Hortense Exum so that he could graduate from W. A. Pattillo High School, which he did in 1967 as the class valedictorian.

He began his undergraduate studies at Duke University in Durham, NC and later transferred to Federal City College (now the University of the District of Columbia) where he graduated with honors with a bachelors degree in Psychology in 1972. He continued his education at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, Minnesota funded by an EPDA Fellowship. He completed both his masters and doctorate degrees at the University of Minnesota where he earned a MA in 1974 and a PhD in 1978 both in Counseling and Student Personnel Psychology. Dr. Exum then went on to accept academic positions at the University of Iowa followed by the University of Wisconsin before returning to North Carolina as Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies in the College of Education and Psychology at North Carolina State University (NCSU).

From 1984 to 1994 he served as Associate Dean at NCSU before returning to work as a full-time faculty member. Dr. Exum served as a Fulbright Professor of Education at the University of Joensuu in Finland in 1998-99. He joined the faculty of the Counselor Education Program at the University of South Florida in Tampa, Florida in 2003. While at the University of South Florida, he was the Chair of the Department of Psychological and Social Foundations from 2005 to 2011. Currently, Dr. Exum is a tenured graduate Professor in the Department of Leadership, Counseling and Adult, Career and Higher Education at the University of South Florida.

Dr. Exum's overall research interests focus on theories and practices of counseling, psychotherapy, and cognitive development. His related interests include counselor education and supervision, community mental health, and psychological trauma. He has taught a variety of graduate courses in counseling and psychotherapy, and served as the major professor and thesis director for 45 PhD students and scores of Master's students. In addition, Dr. Exum has over 35 years of clinical experience in a variety of community-based social service organizations and agencies throughout the United States as well as in private practice. He is currently serving as a Diplomate of the American Psychotherapy Association. He is the author of two books, and numerous book chapters and articles.

Herbert is the husband of Obelia Johnson Exum, Head Graphic Designer at the North Carolina Museum of History located in Raleigh, NC and the father of Kamilah Imani Exum, an attorney now located in Chicago, Illinois; Bakari Akil Exum, a chef currently in Johnson City, Tennessee; and Ahmed Raphael Exum, a rising senior at Southeast Raleigh High School in Raleigh, North Carolina.

# 2015 Hall of Fame Inductees

## *Band & Chorus Hall of Fame*



**Erdye Brown Betrand** is a 1961 honor graduate of W. A. Pattillo High School. She played girls basketball and was a member of the first girls swimming team at Pattillo. Erdye was also a member of Pattillo's choir and band. Her musical talents afforded her to take lead roles in the school choir and band. She was also a member of the youth NAACP. Erdye participated in church functions including Sunday school conference activities as well as singing and playing the piano for the youth choir. When called upon, she often played for other churches in the community. She furthered her education at Howard University in Washington, DC where she participated in the university choir and band. Finally, she became a music educator in the DC/Maryland area. Erdye is known for performing at Black Family Reunions, at area malls and on the Walt Disney Channel. She performed with Stevie Wonder at the JFK Center in Washington, DC. She has worked with other educators preparing young people for DC musical performances. Her resume is filled with performances and workshops throughout the United States. Erdye is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a proud mother of three daughters – Kimberly Betrand, Erdye Johnson and Erica Cureton. She is also the doting grandmother of six grandchildren.

## *Sports Hall of Fame*



**Robert L. "Firework" Harris-White** graduated from W. A. Pattillo High School in 1960. He played football, basketball and baseball while in high school. He was a member of the Varsity Basketball team which played in the State Championship held at North Carolina A&T College in 1959. He was also elected as President of the student body in 1959 at Pattillo. As a youth, Robert was a member of Eastern Star Baptist Church where he attended church and Sunday school. He is a retired U. S. Air Force Master Sargent with 26 years of service including a tour in Vietnam. After his military career, Robert worked 15 years as a Top Clearance Armed Guard for the Boeing Commercial Military Aircraft Company in Seattle, Washington. His career with Boeing included providing security for classified aircrafts to include the Presidential "Air Force One". Robert is a dedicated Mason who has served as Past Master of Cherry Blossom Lodge, No. 42 of the Most Worshipful Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington State. He led several fundraisers in that capacity to help deserving African Americans attend college. In 1991, Robert was elevated to Grand Inspector General, the esteemed level of 33<sup>rd</sup> Degree, after many years of dedicated service to the Masonry. He is the proud grandfather of six and the father of three adult children: Dorothea, Robert, and Chris.

## *Band & Chorus Hall of Fame*



**The late Ronald Hilliard** was a graduate in the W. A. Pattillo High School Class of 1955. During his high school tenure, he played quarterback for the football team his junior and senior years; and baseball as an "ace" left-handed pitcher. Ronald was renowned in choral music. He received several honors as a soloist and tenor. Many Tarboro citizens still remember him as a gifted young singer at a special program that was held at the then Tarboro High School where he received a standing ovation for his musical performance. Ronald was active in the youth NAACP under Mrs. Beatrice Burnett. He was also active in his church Sunday school choir as a gifted vocalist, and he was called upon to participate in numerous community events. He received several awards for his involvement in youth activities. After graduating from Pattillo, Ronald moved to the north where he performed in nightclubs in New York City and New Jersey. He also performed at the Apollo Theater several times. Ronald pursued a career in law enforcement and served as a youth Detention Officer and mentor to young people in New York City and New Jersey.

# W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc.

## The W. A. Pattillo Scholarship



Walter Alexander Pattillo

The W. A. Pattillo scholarship is named in celebration of Principal Walter Alexander Pattillo. It is an annual scholarship awarded to a college-bound graduating senior in the Edgecombe County Public Schools.

Walter A. Pattillo relocated his family to 520 E. St. James Street in Tarboro, NC after he accepted a position as principal at Princeville Graded School in 1912. Mr. Pattillo expanded on an existing educational system by making additions to the curriculum for the students in the black community.

In east Tarboro, the first high school building was built in 1921 and Walter Alexander Pattillo was its principal. Tarboro Colored High School was constructed by financial assistance from the Julius Rosenwald Fund in 1923-24. This was a comprehensive union school including grades one (1) through eleven (11). The Class of 1924 was its first graduates. It was not until school year 1946-47 that grade twelve (12) was added.

In honor of Walter A. Pattillo's dedication, commitment and contributions, Tarboro Colored High School underwent a name change to W. A. Pattillo High School in 1943. The Class of 1944 was the first graduating class from W. A. Pattillo High School. A brick wall and marble arch in front of the school with "W. A. Pattillo High School" etched into the archway was erected overhead to honor Mr. Pattillo by the Class of 1949. This class dedicated their yearbook to him as well.

On May 18, 1876, Walter Alexander Pattillo was born to Reverend W. A. and Mrs. Mary Ida Hart Pattillo in Virgilina, Virginia. Reverend and Mrs. Pattillo were the parents of fourteen children.

Walter A. Pattillo married Sallie Jeannette Watson from Henderson, NC on February 14, 1901. Additionally, he graduated from Shaw University with a degree in Theology in 1901. Walter and Sallie had four (4) children: Walter Hugh Pattillo, William Charles Pattillo, Harold Claudius Pattillo and Anna Mae Pattillo Murdough. All of their children matriculated and graduated from Shaw University as they had.

Mr. Pattillo was an active participant in the community. He was a member of Union Baptist Church for twenty (20) years where he served as a deacon and the church clerk. During his lifetime, some of Mr. Pattillo's other affiliations were: a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, a Mason, a Knight of Pythias, an Oddfellow, president of Edgecombe Credit Union and a member of the City Recreation Committee.

After his retirement in 1946, his son, Walter Hugh Pattillo took up the helm as principal of W. A. Pattillo High School. The Class of 1970 was the last class to graduate from W. A. Pattillo High School due to legally mandated integration of Tarboro City schools. A few years later, the W. A. Pattillo High School structure was demolished.

Mr. Walter Alexander Pattillo died in 1951. His wife, children and two grandchildren were survivors at the time of his passing.

W. A. Pattillo High School  
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**The Pearl Bennett and  
Fannie Bridgers Scholarship**

Pearl Bennett



Fannie Bridgers

From the early 1920's until 1962 when both ladies retired, Pearl Ward Bennett and Fannie Olivia Bridgers were teachers at the old Princeville School.

Born September 10, 1898, Mrs. Bennett grew up in Bertie County, N. C. on the Ward family farm. She was educated at Elizabeth City Normal School (now Elizabeth City State University). She studied further at Shaw University in Raleigh, N. C. On January 12, 1973, she died in Quigless Clinic in Tarboro, N. C. Her resting place is the Ward Cemetery in Bertie County beside Daniel and Mary Mizel Ward, her parents.

Miss Bridgers was born March 22, 1898 in Tarboro. Her parents were Jerry and Francis Bridgers. In 1982, she died. Her burial site is located at Eastlawn Cemetery in Tarboro next to a veteran teacher in the Tarboro School System, her niece, Mrs. Dorothy Bridgers Smoot.

These two women were not only veteran teachers but humanitarians as well. They went above and beyond the call of duty as teachers. According to the late Cary "Karo" Bullock, in the late 1940's, he had the task as a high school bus driver, to pick up "Miss Fannie" and "Miss Pearl" each week day morning with his bus to take them to Princeville School. He didn't just pick them up; he also had to pick up their pots and pans.

These two special ladies would go home in the afternoon and cook soup and other foods to feed their students the next day. They used their own money to buy all the ingredients. There was no school cafeteria at that time. Cary said he would take them and the pots and pans back home every afternoon.

David Smoot, Miss Fannie's nephew, remembers later in the years that neither lady had a car, so they would walk from East Tarboro to Princeville daily in order to teach their students. In 1960, Miss Fannie's niece, Dorothy Smoot, bought a car and she would take them to school and pick them up. After David married Dorothy, he would often pick them up, too.

Both ladies were founding members of the Edgecombe County Chapter of the NAACP. The charter for the Edgecombe County Chapter was approved on October 13, 1942 by the national office. Both women were very active members in this organization.

This scholarship is named each year to honor different educators employed at Pattillo and/or Princeville Schools.

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**The Nathan Lewis  
Member Scholarship**



Nathan Lewis

In an effort to provide more benefits to members of the association who reside outside of the corporate limits of Edgecombe County, the association's Scholarship Committee was requested to consider the merits of a "member scholarship." Consequently, the Scholarship Committee's recommendation was to offer a scholarship to children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren of individuals who have maintained a twenty-four (24) month consecutive membership in the alumni association. Created in 2014, this scholarship was named to commemorate alumnus Nathan Lewis for his initial efforts to start the association and maintain its operation.

Nathan was a 1955 graduate of W. A. Pattillo High School. He received a Bachelor's degree in Education from Shaw University in Raleigh, NC and a Master's degree in Special Education from Antioch University, the Yellow Springs, Ohio campus. He was married to the former Peggy Bailey and they have three children – two sons and a daughter.

Several of his high school classmates remember Nathan as being an extrovert. "He was a very out-going person, funny and jovial; he even served as a substitute school bus driver for me when it was needed," according to his classmate and close friend, Excee Smith. From the female perspective, his classmate Anna Robinson Barnes commented, "He had very good interpersonal skills, he liked to tease in a good way, and he was a strong athlete." Milton Tucker stated, "He really, really liked people. He was a friendly, sociable and kind person."

The very core of Nathan's kind and caring nature for people and his strength as an athlete permeated throughout his entire life. He was a faithful church member and belonged to several community organizations. He experienced a stellar career which demonstrated his devotion to helping mankind -- especially young people. His work history included but was not limited to: an elementary school teacher, a mentor and teacher of juvenile boys, a special education teacher, an assistant to a high school football coaching staff, a teacher of criminal justice classes, and last but not least, a Director of Education in the Pennsylvania State prison system. He had a lifelong passion for sharing and caring.

The first Nathan Lewis member scholarship was awarded in 2014 to his granddaughter, Christina Green, who graduated from Timber Creek High School in Erial, New Jersey. She is currently a Biology major at Rowan University in Glassboro, New Jersey.

W. A. Pattillo High School  
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The  
William Stephens Batchelor  
Memorial Scholarship



William Stephens Batchelor

Mrs. William Stephens Batchelor was born on November 29, 1931 in Edgecombe County to William H. Stephens and Addie H. Stephens. Her siblings included six brothers and two sisters — three of whom are surviving and residing in the area.

In October 1950, she married her high school sweetheart, Asbury C. Batchelor and gave birth to one daughter, Marlon Dianne. Together, they created a loving home in Princeville and later in Tarboro. One of her special bonds was shared with her son-in-law, Dr. EC Land. She was predeceased by her grandson, Ryan.

In her early years, she attended Daniel School (a Rosenwald School in Edgecombe County). Her parents arranged for her to live with a cousin in Tarboro so she could attend W. A. Pattillo High School due to limited educational access in their community. She was able to return home and graduated from Conetoe High School after it was established.

Although she married immediately after graduation, she promised her father that she would pursue a college degree. When her daughter entered first grade, she kept that promise and began studies at Shaw University with the support of her family. After receiving a degree in Education, she was immediately employed at Princeville School where she taught second grade for 30 years. After retirement, she worked periodically on a part-time basis at the same school.

She wore many hats: First lady for 19 years during her husband's pastorate at Phillippi Missionary Baptist Church in Simpson, NC (Pitt County); a Sunday School/Bible Study teacher; Church Day Care Administrator; and presenter for women's studies, mission and other topics. Her love and zeal for teaching, learning and sharing never ceased.

Always an avid reader, she also loved cooking, gardening, and decorating. Shopping with her daughter was always an adventure she enjoyed. Many women loved that she would recycle her clothes by letting them come by and telling them, "see what you can use". Oftentimes homebound and elderly individuals would receive meals which she enjoyed preparing and delivering with a smile and conversation. She had a heart for listening to people and providing specific and random acts of kindness.

Since her demise in November 2005, her family has sought to promote her legacy. She strived to make a difference in the lives of others. This scholarship was initiated in her memory in early 2006 to commemorate her gentle, sharing, loving spirit and commitment to education and humankind. Seven graduates have received this award in eastern North Carolina. This year (2014-2015), her family chose to support a student through the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc. Undoubtedly, she would be smiling with humility and approval to share in this great educational opportunity.

W. A. Pattillo High School  
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**The Jimmie L. Stanley  
Incentive Award**



Jimmie Lee Stanley

Jimmie Lee Stanley (affectionately known as Jimmie Lee) was born in Edgecombe County to the late Rudolph and Lila Bell Stanley. He attended Conetoe High School and left school in 1951 to serve his country in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. Also in 1951, he married the former Carrie Dickens. Jimmie Lee returned to Conetoe High School after his tour of duty in the military and graduated from Conetoe High in 1957.

Jimmie has always enjoyed singing. While he was a student at Conetoe High School, he sang in the choir under the direction of Walter Plemmer. As a member of the 1957 Conetoe High Quartet, he performed on the Ted Mack Original Amateur Hour; Radio City Music Hall; and with the Jimmy Dorsey Band. Jimmie Lee was also a tenor with the Tarboro Jubilee Singers.

His employment afforded him the opportunity to do what he loved best – WORK WITH PEOPLE. Jimmie Lee focused on working with families and young people. His was committed to helping youth and dedicated to making a positive impact on the lives of citizens in the Princeville/Tarboro areas. His employment experience includes: an insurance agent with North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company; a job placement specialist with NEED, Inc.; and a housing specialist with the Town of Tarboro's Urban Renewal Project.

It was an invaluable and rewarding experience for Jimmie to help high school and college students learn job skills in his position as a job placement specialist. They were also taught how to complete job applications, how to create resumes, how to dress appropriately for interviews, and how to practice sound interview skills. With his help, students acquired jobs in school offices, school cafeterias, the recreation department, and fast food restaurants. Students also enjoyed and learned from making field trips to historical sites throughout North Carolina.

Jimmie and his wife Carrie reside in Princeville, NC. They are the parents of two adult children, Felicia A. Stanley and Morris Lee Stanley.

The incentive award is presented to students in each of the middle and elementary schools in Edgecombe County. It is named in honor of a Tarboro or Princeville citizen whose life made a positive impact on his/her community. The

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## The W. A. Pattillo Scholarships

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Bria Battle



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Arieus Hines



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Kahlia Phillips



Southwest Edgecombe  
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Tarboro High School

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Edgecombe Early College  
High School

Chastity Ward



Tarboro High School



Hannah Whitehurst



Tarboro High School

**W. A. Pattillo High School  
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Jimmie L. Stanley Incentive Awards



The Jimmie Lee Stanley Incentive Awards were presented at the May 2015 ECPS Board Meeting held at Edgecombe Community College. Each recipient was presented a certificate and a \$50.00 cash award.

Awardees photographed with Mr. Jimmie L. Stanley (front row, left side), namesake of award; Dr. Fred S. Wood, Jr. (back row, left center), Nat'l Pres., PHS Nat'l Alumni Association and Mrs. Charlotte S. Privott (back row, right center), Chair, Scholarship Committee, PHS Nat'l Alumni Association; Ms. Ann Kent (back row, right side), Board Chair of Edgecombe County Public Schools; and Mr. James Farrelly (back row, far right side), Superintendent of Edgecombe County Public Schools.

Names & Schools of Students

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Qua'Nasia Bryant/Coker-Wimberly Elementary School  
Ashanti L. Cherry/Phillips Middle School  
Jasmine A. Easterling/G. W. Bullock Elementary School  
Alexis Joyner/ W. A. Pattillo Middle School

Jaireek Knight/Martin Millennium Academy  
Annie Lawrence/G.W. Carver Elementary School  
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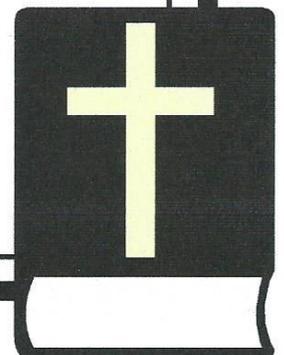
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Jean, Ruby and I shared a bedroom and a bed. Mama would lovingly put us to bed at night and we would jump and play in the bed. Mama would come into the room with the “Stove Shovel” and say “I’m going to spank you.” Jean, being the oldest, convinced us that she was not serious because she had a smile on her face.

On subsequent nights, if one or all did not fall asleep right away, we would play in the bed and wait for mama to come in with the “Stove Shovel.” Surely she would, and with that same smile and gesture. Those little visits of hers to the room made us feel safe and loved.

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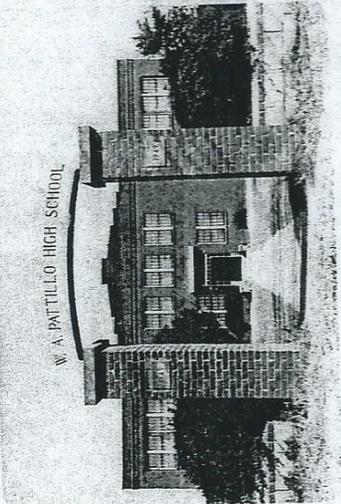


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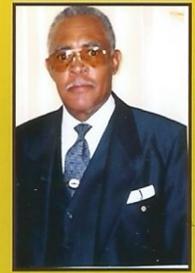
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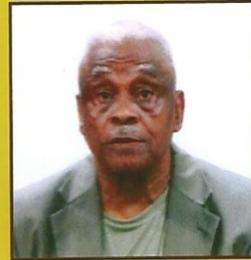
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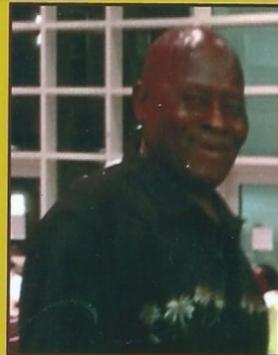
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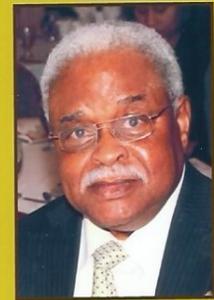
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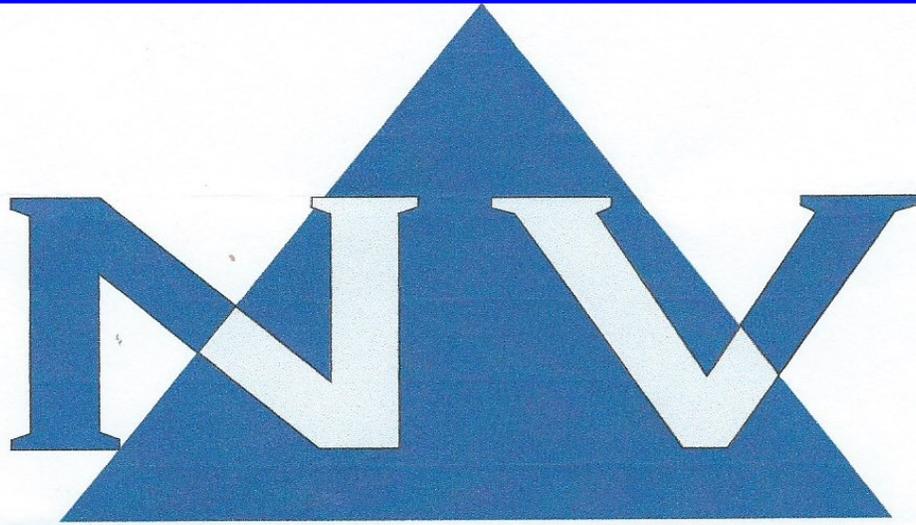
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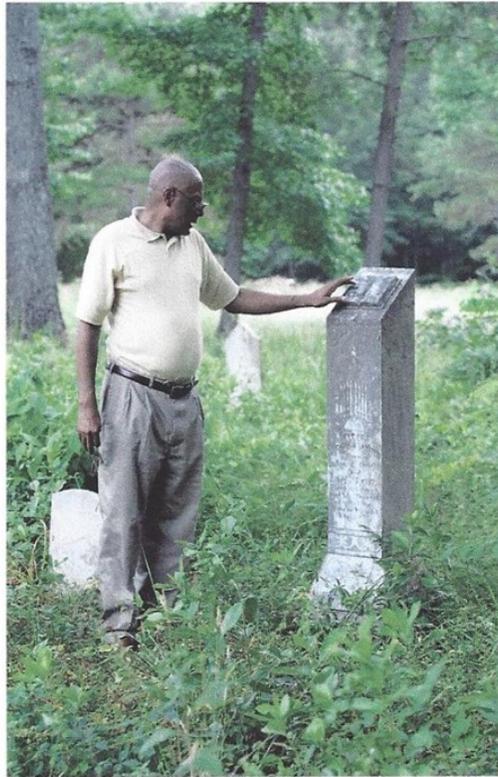
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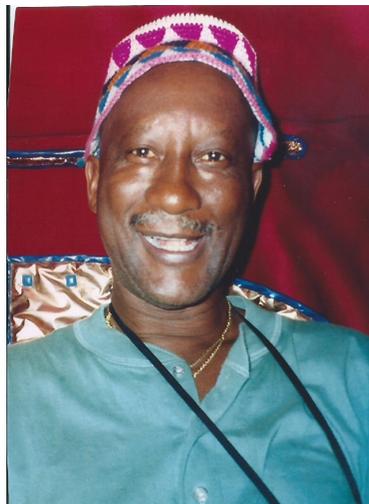
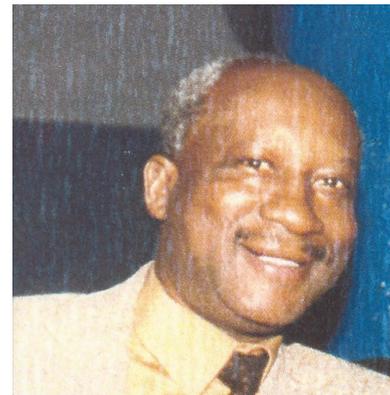
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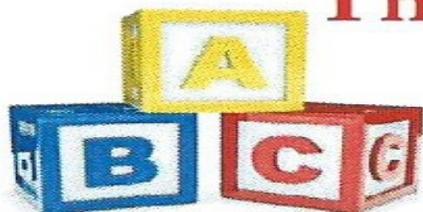
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## In Memoriam

### We Remember Our Fallen Classmates – Class of '62



Minnie Ray Bryant Stevens graduated with honors and received a scholarship to attend North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University and graduated in 1966. She was a registered and licensed dietician and a member of the American Dietetic Association. She was married to Charles G. Stevens. "Minnie Ray" was an avid reader and cook extraordinaire. She passed on March 22, 2008.



Geraldine Johnson moved to Washington, DC following graduation where she lived and worked for the remainder of her life. She was blessed with two sons: Freddie and Winfield. She passed on November 23, 2010.



Glennie Melvin Matthewson, II attended North Carolina College in Durham after graduation where he received his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and the LLB Degree from the NCCU School of Law. He worked as an attorney and was mayor of Princeville from 1989-1993. Glennie passed on October 7, 2004.



Ida V. Lewis Black was an honor graduate and became a member of the United States Women's Army Corp after graduation. After serving her country honorably, she resided in New York City where she was employed at AT&T. Ida was married to the late Curtis Black.. She passed on February 26, 1984.



Lloyd Peter Pitt (Peter Lloyd, as we called him) was united in marriage to Dazzerine Rowsom. He was the father of three children, Brian, Corey, and Terill. After graduation, he attended Fayetteville State Teachers College and later received his Master's Degree at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. He taught in the Tyrrell County School System for two years. He was also employed as a teacher and assistant principal in the Nash County school system. He passed on April 5, 1992.



Curtis Gardner moved to New York following graduation where he lived and worked for the remainder of his life. He passed in 2011.



Charloe Whitehead moved to New York following graduation, where she lived and worked for the remainder of her life. She was blessed with a daughter, Towanda. She passed on January 8, 2008.



Melvin Robertson moved to New York City following graduation. He was employed there until entering the military. After serving his country honorably he returned to life and employment in New York City. Melvin and his wife Marie were blessed with three children, Michael, Kelvin and Melvin. Melvin passed in 1984 from complications of Agent Orange exposure while serving in Vietnam.

***Forge Ahead, Pattillo Alumni and Friends!***  
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# Class of 1966

Why we reunite? Why we belong? Because ...



... good memories linger!

... our youth need and deserve our help!

... we enjoy reflecting on the experiences shared with you  
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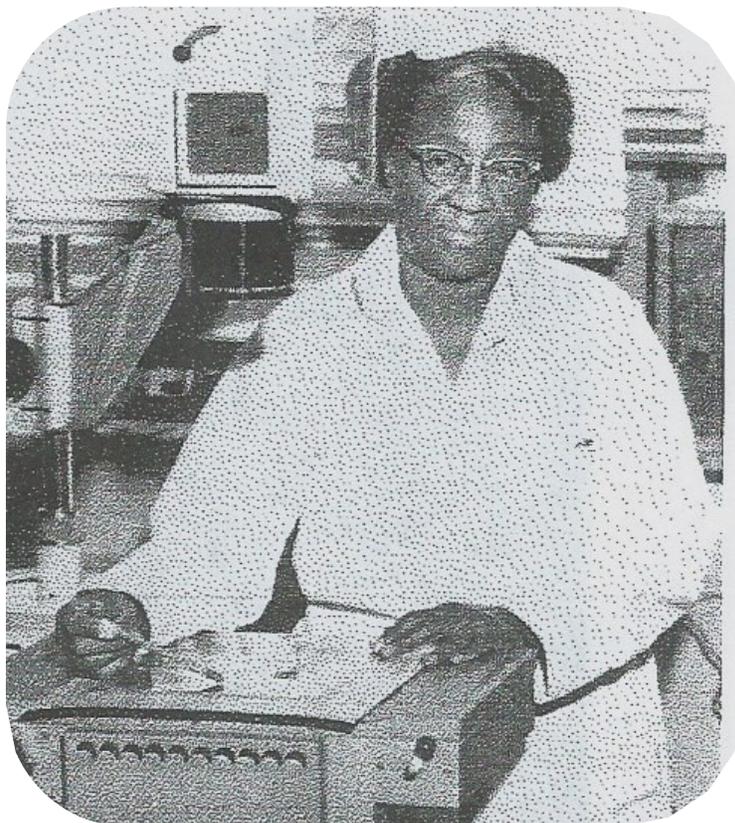
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**Wishing you many years of continuous success  
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*Ella Baker*

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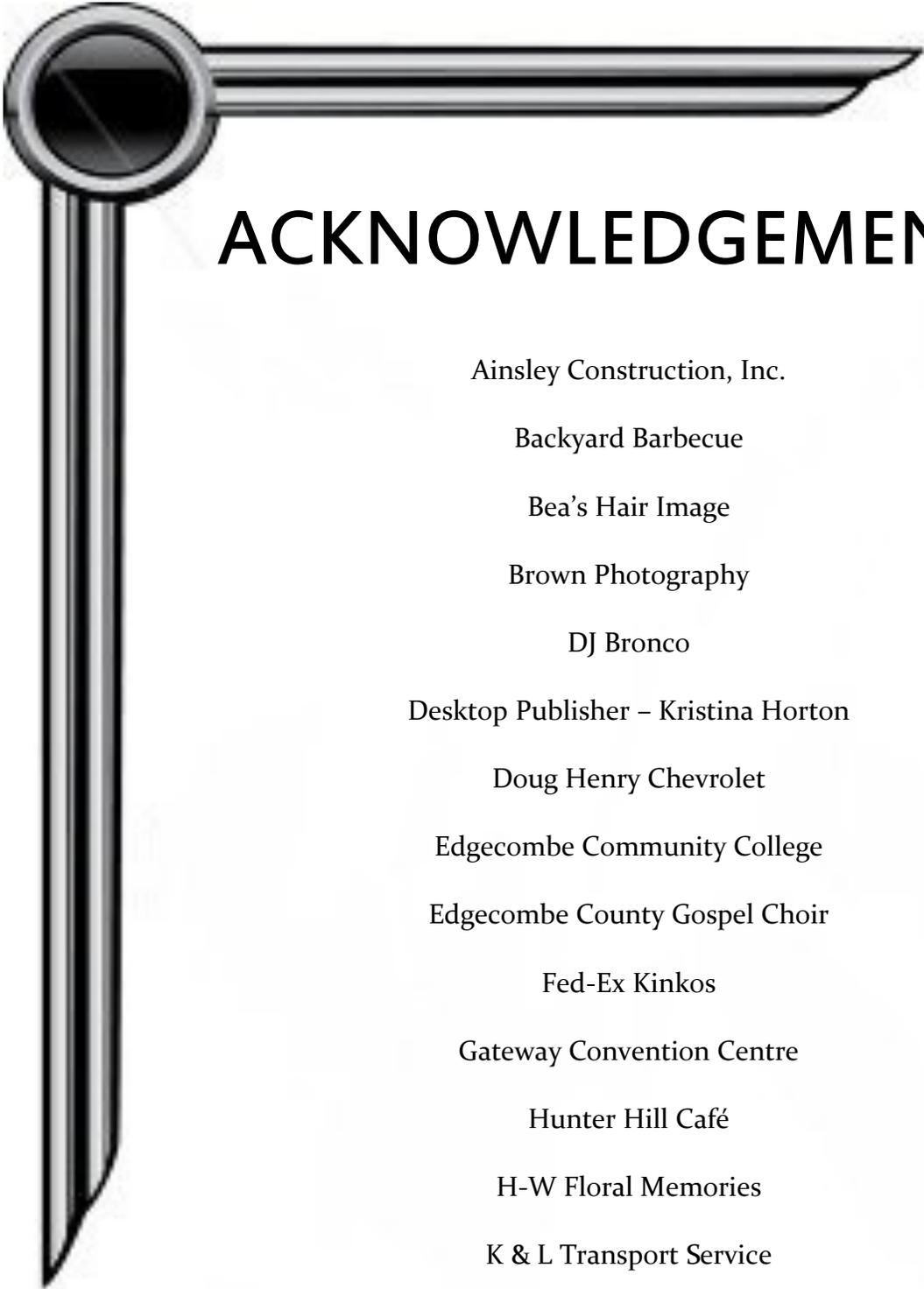
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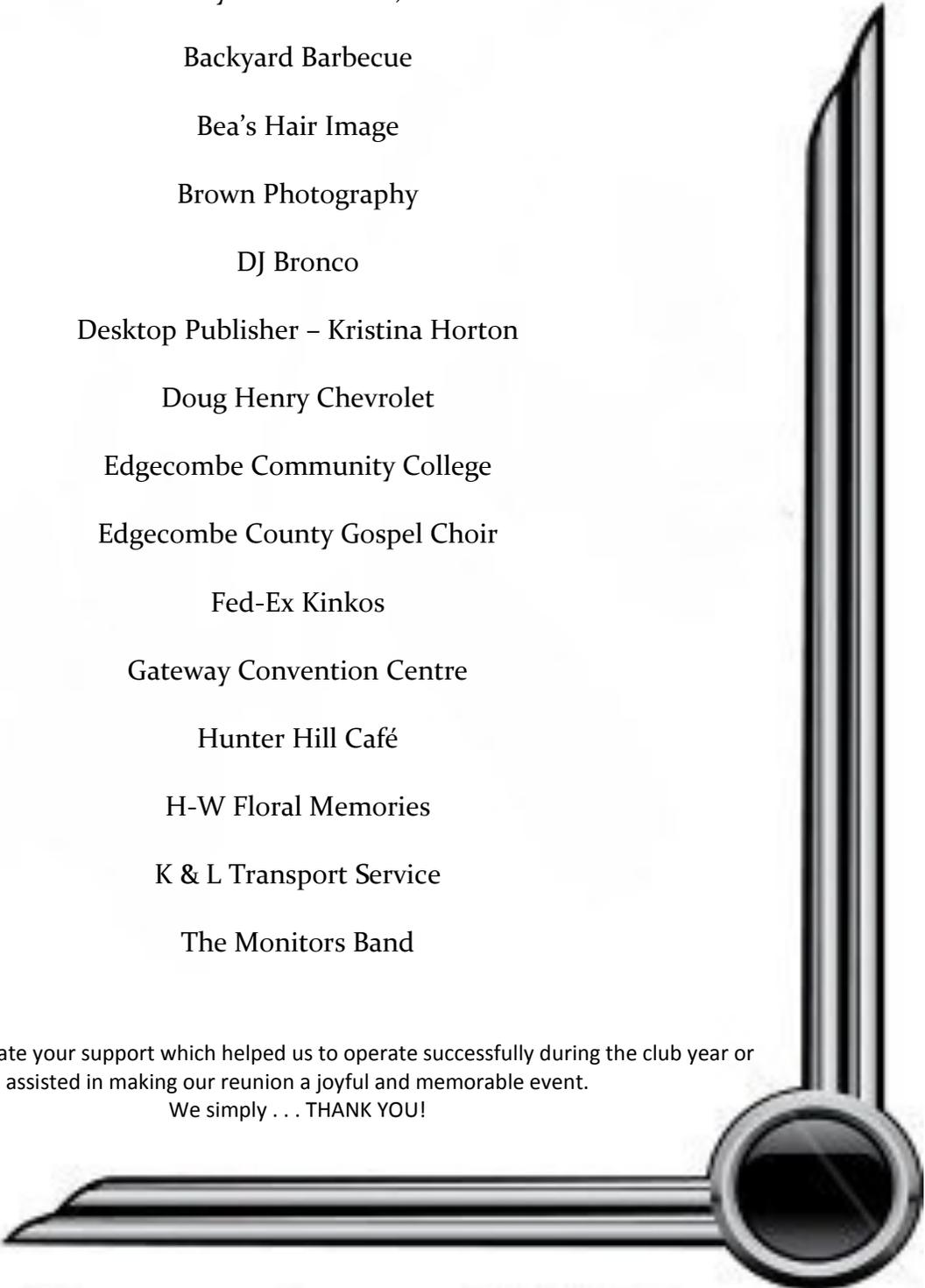
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