

Dear Fellow Trojans,

I am a graduate of the class of 1963. I hope this message finds you and yours doing well. I'd like to take a minute to share with you some thoughts about a place and some ideas very near and dear to our hearts. Even though we, out here in the Western Region, seem to be a great distance from Tarboro and what was once W. A. Pattillo High School, they both hold a special place in our hearts and memories.

Saying that, let me remind you, our alumni, of the great association that we have: the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc. of which I have been a member and participant for a number of years. The experience of participating in the activities of the Association has been very rewarding for me in more ways than I could ever imagine. Even though I live in California, I still look forward to and make it to the reunion celebration every July. I look forward to connecting with old classmates and schoolmates, some of whom I hadn't seen since we were in school at Pattillo. We laugh at some of things we did back then and reminisce about "ole" times. It's exciting to see how we all have changed and dealt with life's challenges. Let me assure you that it's fun and rewarding.

Another aspect of our Association is the opportunity to give back to the youth by awarding scholarships to help defray some of the expenses of attending college and experiencing the rewards of a college education that is vital in today's society. This is very important to us as we are trying to carry on the Trojan spirit.

There will never be another Pattillo as we knew it but we can continue to hold onto the memories that we cherish; memories of how and where we got our starts, and pass some of them on to our children, grandchildren and friends.

I'm reaching out to you, my Pattillo alum, to become a member of the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc. You don't need to have graduated from the school when it was named W.A. Pattillo. If you attended at all, it is a part of your legacy. I urge you to join with some category of membership, starting at \$20.00 a year. The cost is not much compared to the good that it does as well as the fellowship with members of our association. If you are already a member, please encourage other alums in your area or your family and friends that are Pattillo alums.

If you have any questions and/comments, you may contact me at the below listed number in Fairfield, California. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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