

# Message from the President



Greetings to Fellow Alumni and Friends,

First and most importantly, I hope and pray that you and your family are safe and well as we continue to toil through this pandemic. Please continue to practice safety during this crisis.

Secondly, by the way of introduction, I am Lois Cobb Hinton (Class of 1968), the newly elected president to serve the association for the next two years. Thank you for electing me to serve in this capacity. I ask for your prayers and support as I put forth my best effort to lead us in sustaining the alumni association financially as well as historically. Financially in order to continue to meet our mission and goals of providing scholarships and grants to students, sponsor and participate in community activities and of course continue our annual reunion that will provide fellowship and most of all preserving the legacy of Pattillo High School.

Hopefully, when we think of Pattillo's legacy, we marvel at the accomplishments of the school's founders and the productivity of our teachers, who were dedicated in providing an education to the African American community. These teachers were not just educators, they also served as parents, counselors, providers and unaware to many students, their best friend. I invite you to take the time to reflect on how the directions of our faculty are responsible for the accomplishments that many of us have ascertained and still benefit from even today.

We are enduring an unprecedented year, yes, the disappointment of not being able to gather for our annual reunion because of COVID-19, which I am sure that many of you like myself missed significantly. We all look forward to reconnecting and sharing friendships, acknowledging achievements of our fellow classmates and peers, displaying our pride for high school graduates who are on their way to college, and just taking that trip "down memory lane". No, it wasn't the same, but we must congratulate the Class of 1970, the Publication and Technology Committees for being so creative in providing us with a superlative three-day "Virtual Reunion." We couldn't ask for better creativity. For this I say, "thank you".

With that being said, our association is still in need of everyone's support. My goal and vision are that the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc. remain strong in our operations and programs. Because we know that there are "Noble Sons" and "Daughters Fair" still here, we will succeed.

You will be kept informed of future program plans as we will comply with COVID-19 guidelines.

I invite you to become involved with us in our work of fulfilling our vision and goals, meeting our commitments and most of all, continue to share friendships.

Respectfully,

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