

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

## “The Fellowship Brunch”



On February 11, 2023 the W.A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association held its Sixth Annual Fellowship Brunch at Edgecombe Community College in Tarboro. The keynote speaker was Attorney Reginald Anthony (Tony) Moss, II. Tony, as he has always been known, is the firstborn son of Reginald Sr. and Judith Moss, who moved to Tarboro in August 1961, and became longtime fixtures in the W.A. Pattillo community, as a teacher/coach and a librarian, respectively. Tony only attended Pattillo for first grade (1964-65), before transferring to Bridgers Elementary as one of the initial cohort of Black students to integrate that school via the Tarboro City Schools’ “freedom of choice” program. He graduated from Tarboro Senior High in 1976.

Tony, who resides in Miami, Florida, for the past 35 years has maintained an active solo law practice focusing strictly on defending the criminally accused, particularly indigent court-appointed clients, at the trial, appeal, and post-conviction levels. In that time, he has earned statewide and national recognition in the criminal defense community, particularly in the area of death penalty defense.

His presentation is on the W.A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association’s website.



## The 2023 Annual Report to the Membership

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*“Reunion 39—The Return”*

## Financial Summary

### Opening Balances 7/1/2022

0000 Reunion:	\$11.77
1000 General Fund:	\$10,211.29
2100 Scholarship:	\$8,732.75
9000 Transitory/Holding:	\$125.21

**Total \$19,081.02**

### Revenue

MEMBERSHIP: (Annual/Senior, Octogenarian, Non-Oct'gn, Sustained)	\$3,506.50
SCHOLARSHIP: (Transitory, Level Giving)	\$12,480.00
REUNION: (Donations, Bus, Breakfast, M&G, Gala, Package, Library Sales, Ad, Calendar)	\$24,170.00
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME: (Benev, DG Donations, Fred's Project, Gen Donations)	\$1,336.00
FUNDRAISERS: (Brunch, Class Fundraiser, Raffles, Double Good Fundraiser)	\$5,170.50
INTEREST INC	\$0000.84
NC SALES TAX	\$123.32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$46,786.82</b>

### Disbursements

0000 Reunion:	\$25,831.33
1000 General Fund:	\$9,106.80
2100 Scholarship:	\$ 00.00
9000 Transitory/Holding:	\$ 60.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,998.13</b>

#### (Account Transfers)

	TO	From	Net
0000 Reunion:	\$28048	\$3100	\$24948
1000 General:	\$ 9250	\$28286	(\$20036)
2100 Scholarship:	\$14435	\$12350	(\$ 2085)
9000 Trans/Hold	\$6228	\$ 80	(\$ 6173)

### PNC Bank Balances as of June 30, 2023

Reunion:	\$3,303.44
General Fund:	\$4,618.71
Scholarship:	\$10,818.59
Trans/Hold :	\$ 6,519.51
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,260.25</b>

Submitted by:  
Janette Williams-Pettaway, Financial Secretary  
Fred S. Wood, Jr., Acting Treasurer

## Our Achievements and Highlights

This alumni association stands as a beacon, that preverbal shining light on the hill that is a testament to the legacy of persons who gave so much to so many. It is a testament to the souls of thousands of Fallen Trojans who gave their all to the welfare and the preservation of W. A. Pattillo High School during some of the most difficult times in our history.

In the association there are 12 Standing Committees that were created by the By-Laws of the Association. They function on a permanent basis and this structure is considered the best way to ensure that the people with the right skills, interests and commitment to the tasks are involved in the detailed work of the organization. The structure makes the work of the organization more efficient. Following are highlights from the works of some of the committees over the past year.

### Public Relations Committee

The committee continued to develop and implement oversight programs for all official publications. It served as the approving authority for all posts to Facebook and the Webpage. The committee assured that we departed ourselves in a proper and profession manner for all media in the public domain. This committee also coordinates the function of Technology. It is the vessel to disseminate the wealth of



information about all aspects of the association to a world-wide audience vis state of the arts social media platforms. It also served as a receptacle for information that was transmitted to the association. Other vital functions such as: Developing & publishing "The Trojan Newsletter," this year a Souvenir Calendar and sending letters of condolence to the families of Fallen Trojans.

### Scholarship Committee

The committee engaged a Selection Committee to complete its selection and ranking of candidates. Selected eight seniors to receive the W. A. Pattillo Alumni Scholarship, Nathan Lewis Member Scholarship, Sylvester Brown Secondary Scholarship, Horace B. Hussey Education Scholarship, Harrison Family Scholarship and W. A. Pattillo Alumni Grant-in-Aid. The committee is scheduled to make the presentation of scholarships at the Reunion Breakfast. It also granted financial awards to Pattillo and Princeville Schools and awarded eleven "Incentive Award" to ECPS elementary and middle school students. The committee served as a constant interface with the ECPS.



### Hall of Fame Committee:

The committee has published a revised Hall of Fame, Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Awards Program. The revised program was patterned after programs at the military service academies, major universities to include HBCUs. The award program allows any member of the association to nominate a person for an award. The committee has presented to the board and the board has approved nominations for seven awards – two Trojan, three Founders and two Distinguished Graduates. The Award Ceremony will be held at the Alumni Gala. The committee is developing an Awards Booklet with BIO information and pictures of nominees.



## “Giving From the Heart”

A long-term entity in the Edgecombe County community, Talk Mentoring Eastern Shores, was dissolved recently. Talk Mentoring Eastern Shores provided mentoring that paralleled what we as students received at W. A. Pattillo High School from teachers and staff be it in the classroom, in the gym, on the field or simply at the lunch table. Its former CEO, Mr. Bernard Dunn, will be recognized and acknowledged as a Trojan of Trojans for all eyes and all times to come. With the dissolution of his organization Bernard donated \$5000 to the Scholarship Fund of the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association. We are extremely grateful for his gratitude.

### Officers, Directors & Chairpersons

#### Officers

President:	Dr. Fred S. Wood, Jr., '62
Vice-President:	Deaconess Cynthia K. Dockery, 73
Secretary:	Mrs. Barbara G. Carter, '68
Assistant Secretary:	Mrs. Jackie Watson, '73
Acting Treasurer:	Dr. Fred S. Wood, Jr., '62
Assistant Treasurer:	Mrs. Ann C. Adams, '69
Financial Secretary:	Mrs. Janette Williams-Pettaway, '66,
Sergeant at Arms:	Mr. Charles Lyons, '69
Parliamentarian:	Vacant
Chaplain of the South:	Elder Clinton Stephens, '66
Chaplain of the North:	Rev. Johnny Bryant, '58

#### Directors

At-Large:	Mrs. Carolyn Baker-Pritchette, '73, ,
At-Large:	Dr. Veronica J. Bradley, '67
At-Large:	Mrs. Delia W. Perkins, '60
At-Large:	Rev. George Cromwell, '61
At-Large:	Vacant
NE Regional:	Mr. Richard Lyons, '68
NW/SW Regional:	Mr. James Victor Spencer, '63
SE Regional:	Mrs. Gladys H. Dunn, '63

#### Committee Chairpersons

Finance:	Vacant
Public Relations:	Deaconess Cynthia K. Dockery, 73
Archive:	Dr. Florence A. Armstrong, '63
Scholarship:	Mrs. Charlotte S. Privott, '66
Hall of Fame:	Vacant
Membership:	Mrs. Ruby W. Williams, '65
Benevolence:	Mrs. Minnie Pitt-Pierce, '67
Nominating:	Mrs. JoAnne R. Jefferson, '66
By-Laws/Policy:	Mr. Jack Mathewson, '62
Program:	Mrs. Lois Cobb Hinton, '68,
Logistics:	Mr. Charles Lyons, '69
2023 Reunion:	Deaconess Cynthia K. Dockery, 73



#### Benevolence Committee

The committee continues to be a keystone in the association with its acknowledgments of kindness at times of death, extended/serious illnesses and on other occasions. Its continues to sends quarterly greetings to all Sick and Shut-In members and a Christmas Greeting to all Sick and Shut-in, Life Members and members over eighty years of age.



The committee in conjunction with the Secretary has sent letters to 86 families of Fallen Trojans informing them of the type of acknowledgement that we will do at the Alumni Memorials and Scholarship Breakfast and informing each family that a courtesy pass is available for one family member to attend the event.



#### Program Committee

The committee coordinated the production of the Sixth Annual Fellowship Brunch. A well designed and executed event. The committee also facilitated a Class Fundraising event and a Double Good Popcorn Fundraising. The Committee is slated to conduct the 50/50 Raffle and the Roll Call activity at the Reunion. Roll Call is still important because there are some people who simply like to be acknowledged as a class. There will be no retirement of classes to the Omega Chapter this year as we have not vetted for that purpose.

#### MEMBERSHIP Committee

Mounted its annual Membership Drive. The committee continued to restructure and revise its databases as it responded to natural attrition and relocations. It continues to send a Christmas Card to each paid member. The committee continued to serve as the unit to direct mailings to the population of the database. The committee received approximately \$1000 over this year's anticipated income in the General Fund Budget.





In 1978, following a very financially successful reunion of the Class of 1955, class members agreed to donate the financial proceeds to organize the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association. Nathan Lewis, William Boyd, Rayfield Perkins, and George Worsley and others involved in the 1978 reunion encouraged other attendees to attend a planning meeting on organization. The visionary movements of these four graduates hailed them as FOUNDERS of the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association. They set a plan in motion.

In the intervals leading up to the 1981, first reunion of former students of Tarboro Colored High School, W. A. Pattillo High School, and Princeville Elementary Schools and the infancy days thereafter, many hands and hearts contributed to the lighting of this flame. They were Helen Knight, Eunice Parker, Grace Swinson, Iris Braswell, Rev. James Wooten, Myrna Deloatch, Hubert Simmons, Charlie Brown, Elizabeth McMillan, George Matthewson, and Lois Cobb, Marvin Purvis, and others whose deeds we cherish and whose name may never be penned. They took a

burning ember and turned it into a flickering flame which then became this roaring blaze called the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association Incorporated that we so proudly hail today.

Sadly, only one of the four visionaries remain with us today, Rayfield Perkins. In his octogenarian years and from the bed that he claims refuge to every day, maybe in the evening of his memories and or in the still of the night he whispers to himself: "As long as thy God is God above, we'll sing thee praise and show thee love."

If the works of these "noble sons and daughters fair" are to live on and become a thread into prosperity, then there must be a new calling of Trojans. The ones who were in first grade in 1955; the ones who where not born in 1955; the ones who for some strange and mysterious reason might have a caring and concern for little schools for Black boys and girls in the early years of Edgecombe County that gave so much to so many. They must carry with pride and fortitude the banner and legacy of Tarboro Colored High School, W. A. Pattillo High School, and Princeville Elementary School.

## *From the President*

**Dear Members:**

**The president and officers have prepared this 2023 Annual Report to the Membership and the report has been approved by the Board. This report will address the fiscal management of the Association, the programmatic achievements and highlights of the Association for the 2022-2023 association year.**

**The basic responsibility of the directors is to exercise their judgment and to act in a manner that they reasonably believe to be in the best interests of the Association and its members, while the day-to-day management and administration of the Association is the responsibility of the president and officers. They manage the Association in accordance with the By-Laws, all applicable laws and regulations and the strategic and operational plans approved by the Board.**

**The Board wishes to thanks the officers, standing and special committee chairpersons and all of the committee members who worked so diligently this association year to bring the goals and objectives to fruition. We, too, thank each of you for your continued support.**

**Sincerely,**

**Fred S. Wood, Jr., Ed.D.  
Class of 1962**