

WE'VE COME THIS FAR

BY FAITH, COMMITMENT
AND PERSEVERANCE



42nd Annual Reunion

July 3 - July 4, 2026

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



W. A. PATTILLO HIGH SCHOOL

Alma Mater



Mrs. Thelma Quigless Foster

Composer

Pattillo High! Pattillo High!
To your ideals, we will aspire.
Maroon and gold – our emblem bold,
Beckons 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.

A
Special
Dedication

A DEDICATION

to

THE BROTHERS FOUR



During the 2016 association year when the association was struggling with the ability to adequately prepare for events and activities of the association, a Logistics Committee was formed. The purpose of this committee was to interface with the different Standing Committees and the administration of the association to spearhead the logistical requirements for events and activities. This included logistical functions before, during and after events. To that end the committee would affect plans and procedures that would ensure time and motion were in place to *enhance each activity or event.*

Alum Charles Lyons was selected to chair this committee. He solicited the help of his brother Richard Lyons and the brothers Ezzard and Don Pollard to be on the committee. With their presence the committee grew even larger with the wives and sisters of the brothers joining them. The end result was a very formidable force that was able to orchestrate movements, setups, transfers, and the like between Reunion events and before and after Reunion events.

This became an invaluable asset to the association as it planned for its various activities and other sporadic activities that occurred at various locations in Tarboro and Nash and Pitt Counties. Standing Committee members and administrative staff were delighted that they had an entity that would provide this type of assistance and be on call for any contingency that would occur.

The Logistic Committee was invaluable, and the members of the committee performed their duties without hesitation or reservation. This was attributed primarily to the leadership of Charles as chairperson and the esprit corps that he had with his members. Sadly, the untimely illness and passing of Ezzard and Don, then the illnesses of Charles and Rick caused a void in the committee. But the die was cast, and the committee had a platform to stand on.

The association owes a great debt to these four alums, The Brothers-Four, for setting a standard and a tradition in the association that was unique and above reproach. It is with pride that we dedicate the 2026 Reunion Booklet in honor of Charles Lyons and Richard Lyons and in loving memory of Ezzard Pollard and Don Pollard for their devotion to the ideals of the Association and their commitment to maintaining the legacy of the W. A. Patillo High School.



MR. CHARLES RONALD LYONS

Charles Ronald Lyons, affectionately called Ronnie by family and Charles by others, is a 1969 graduate of the W. A. Patillo High School. There he was a member of the Drama Club. Ronnie retired from the United States Department of States as Logistics Manager.

Charles has been a long standing member of the Patillo High School National Alumni Association and has served in the capacity of Sergeant at Arms, a member of the Board of Directors and as the inaugural Chairperson of the Logistics Committee.

At this point in his life his passion is to serve the Lord and keep loving his family and friends throughout any trials and tribulations.



ALWAYS FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF CHARLES





MR. DONALD CHRISTOPHER POLLARD

Donald Christopher Pollard, most commonly known as “Rock” “B-Ball,” was a 1969 graduate of the W. A. Pattillo High School. There he played basketball and football and was a member of the 1969 State Championship Football Team. He also was a school bus driver.

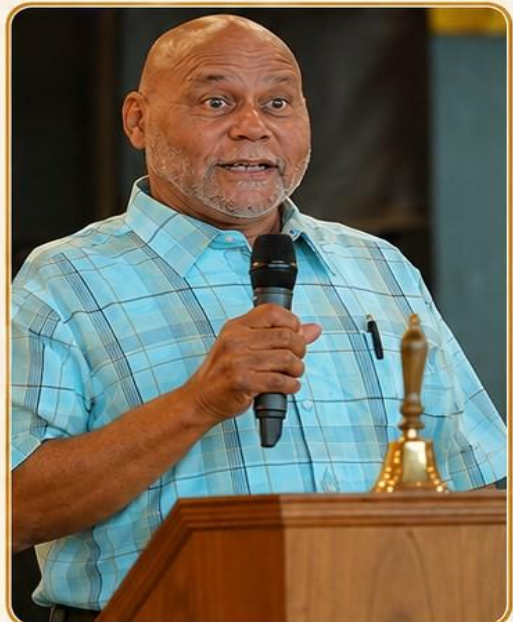
He was a Fireman, Mechanic (Machines & Vehicles) & overall Jack Of All Trades.

Don was a long and faithful member of the Pattillo High School National Alumni Association. He could always be counted on to lend a helping hand or say an encouraging word. He served on the inaugural Logistics Committee.

He had a life well lived and a legacy of service and commitment. His life statement was “Vaya con Dios” (Go with God). Don went to be with God in 2020.



ALWAYS FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF DON





MR. EZZARD CHARLES POLLARD

Ezzard Charles Pollard, fondly called Cochise, was a 1970 graduate of the W. A. Pattillo High School. There he played football and was a member of the 1969 State Championship team. He also was a school bus driver.

He was a Mechanic at Consolidated Diesel Company (a division of Cummins Diesel Engines), for more than 30 years.

Ezzard was a long standing member of the Pattillo High School National Alumni Association and has served in the capacity of Vice-President, a member of the Board of Directors and on the inaugural Logistics Committee.

He was a devoted family man (husband & father), an avid reader and passionate sports fan. He found joy in bowling, riding his motorcycle (Harley), cheering on the Pittsburgh Steelers, sitting on the beach, and spending time with family. He lived each day with warmth, wisdom, humor and unwavering dedication to those he loved. His legacy is one of strength, laughter, tradition and family - a life well lived and cherished by all who knew him. Sadly Ezzard passed in 2019.



ALWAYS FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF EZZARD





MR. RICHARD LYONS, SR.

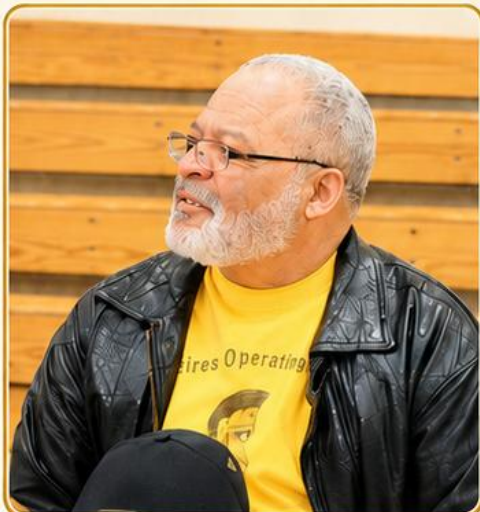
Richard Lyons, Sr., commonly called Rick, is a member of the W. A. Pattillo High School Class of 1968. He punctuated his high school journey to join the United States Marine Corps and returned to graduate in 1971. Rick retired from a career in Law Enforcement.

Rick has been a long-standing member of the Pattillo High School National Alumni Association. He served as the Northeast regional Director and was an inaugural member of the Logistic Committee.

Rick's passions at this point in life are enjoying and being with family, helping people, RVing, motorcycles, listening to old music and relaxing.



ALWAYS FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF RICK



Welcome

Alumni, Family and Friends
from

“The Class of 1971”



Co-Chairs

Carnell Boyd

Tanya Phyllis Johnson

Barbara Snow

Message FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear Alumni Members, Family & Friends

As we celebrate at this 42nd Reunion, I want to take a moment to express my heartfelt appreciation for each one of you. Together, we form a community built on pride, resilience, and a shared commitment to excellence.

In these times of growth and challenge, remember that your dedication and spirit are the foundation of our continued success. Let us remain united, supporting one another with kindness and determination. Each of you plays a vital role in shaping the legacy of the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, and I am confident that by working together, we will achieve even greater things.

Keep striving for your best, uplift those around you, and never underestimate the power of our collective strength. The future is bright, and I am honored to journey forward with such an exceptional group.

With sincere gratitude and encouragement,

Cynthia Knight Dockery

Cynthia Knight Dockery (Class of 1973)
NATIONAL PRESIDENT

THE TOWN OF

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BOBBIE JONES, MAYOR
JOEROAM MYRICK, MAYOR PRO TEM
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CHARTERED IN 1885

May 29, 2026

W.A. Patillo High School Alumni Association, Inc.
P.O. Box 601
Tarboro, NC 27886

Dear Members of the W.A. Patillo High School Alumni Association, Inc.,

On behalf of the Town of Princeville, I extend warm congratulations and sincere appreciation to the W.A. Patillo High School Alumni Association, Inc. as you celebrate your 42nd Annual Reunion.

This remarkable milestone is a testament to the enduring legacy, unity, and pride that generations of W.A. Patillo High School alumni continue to carry forward. For more than four decades, the Association has served as a shining example of dedication to preserving the history, spirit, and traditions of a school that holds deep significance within our community and beyond.

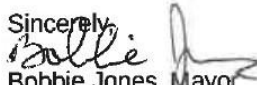
The impact of W.A. Patillo High School reaches far beyond the classroom. The school helped shape leaders, educators, public servants, entrepreneurs, and citizens who have made meaningful contributions throughout North Carolina and across the nation. Through your continued fellowship and commitment, the Alumni Association has ensured that the values, memories, and cultural importance of W.A. Patillo High School remains alive for future generations.

Your unwavering support of one another and your continued investment in community, heritage, and fellowship are truly commendable. The Annual Reunion serves not only as a celebration of shared memories and accomplishments, but also as a powerful reminder of the strength and resilience that define the W.A. Patillo High School family.

The Town of Princeville recognizes and appreciates the important role the Association plays in preserving local history, strengthening community ties, and inspiring pride among alumni and residents alike. Your continued efforts contribute greatly to the cultural and historical fabric of our region.

As you gather to celebrate this special occasion, may your reunion be filled with joy, reflection, laughter, and renewed connections. We wish the W.A. Patillo High School Alumni Association, Inc. continued success for many years to come.

Congratulations once again on your 42nd Annual Reunion and thank you for your lasting contributions and unwavering support.

Sincerely,

Bobbie Jones, Mayor
Town of Princeville

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Alumni History

The W. A. Pattillo High School Alumni Association was the brainchild 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.

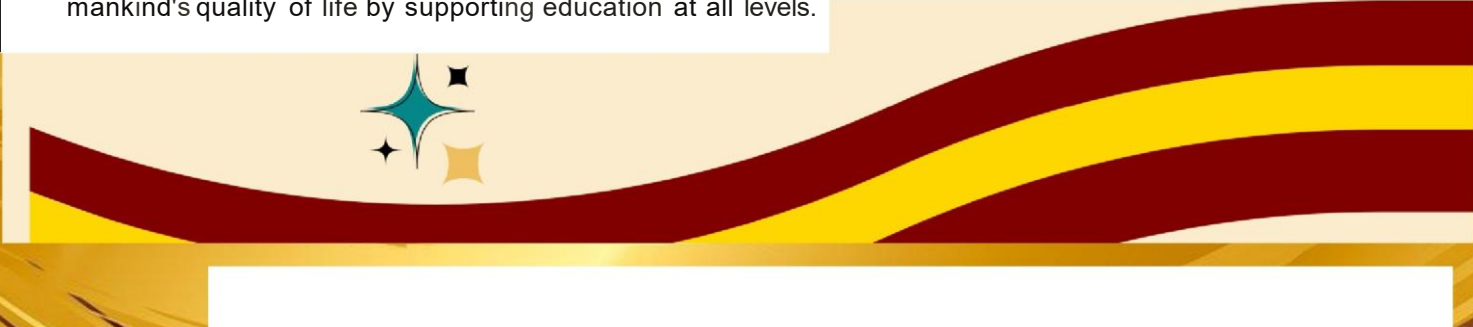
More supporters were attracted following the first reunion. They included: Iris Braswell, Charlie Brown, Lois Cobb, Myrna Deloatch, Evelyn Faulk, Eunice Parker, Hubert Simmons, Grace Swinson, Rev. James Wooten, Marvin Purvis, Eva Bell Norfleet, and Willie "Jig" Giles. During that time, the Interim National 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. Dr. Fred S. Wood, Jr., served as the President from July 2011-July 2023. He was bestowed the honor of President Emeritus in 2023.

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.





Operation of the Association

The W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc. was the vision of graduates Nathan Lewis, William Boyd, Rayfield Perkins, and George Worsley.

In 1978 following a very financially successful reunion of the Class of 1955, Nathan Lewis and other members of the Class of 1955 agreed to donate the financial proceeds from their class reunion to organize the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association.

The purpose of the Association is to provide scholarships and grants to students which the organization deems worthy to assist in furthering their education, and to provide financial and other assistance to educational institutions at all levels. The Association is a 501c (3) organization with a Board of Directors and the normal array of corporate officers. Basically, the purpose is the sponsorship and participation in community activities and to have an Annual Reunion celebration that will provide for fellowship and preserving the legacy of W. A. Pattillo High School.

The Association operates basically on three arms: administrative, programs and scholarships. Daily administrative functions are the responsibility of the officers and are supported from membership dues and fundraising efforts. The reunion is self supporting. Officers, chairpersons and directors-at-large receive no financial compensation. Their time and services are strictly on a volunteer basis.

During the association's fiscal year, a number of programs sponsored are spearheaded by a specific committee. The Scholarships and Awards Program is our largest program. It is vital to the success of the association and consistent with its purpose. The Scholarship Committee coordinates and implements the Board approved recommendations for the Scholarship and Awards Program.

All alumni, faculty, staff, family and friends of W. A. Pattillo High School are urged to join the Association. Your support will be appreciated.

Keep up with us.

www.pattilloalumni.com

Facebook: W. A. Pattillo High School.



HONORS/RECOGNITIONS

The following categories have been created to recognize individuals for specific scholastic careers, outstanding achievements, outstanding citizenry on local, state, national and/or international levels, and/or service to the alumni Association.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Distinguished Graduate

The applicant must be a graduate of the Tarboro Colored High School or the W. A. Pattillo High School and currently a United States citizen. The person can be living or deceased. The person need not be a current member of the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc. The person must be in good standing as a citizen in the governmental jurisdiction where she/he resides and at the ascending governmental levels.

Hall of Fame

The Alumni Association established its Hall of Fame Awards Program to acknowledge those persons who as students positively exemplified themselves during their scholastic career. The committee will consider the areas of Band/Chorus, the Arts and Sports. Applicants must have (1) attended Princeville Graded School, Tarboro Colored School, or W. A. Pattillo High School; (2) participated in at least one full year of band/chorus, the arts or sports; (3) received some form of recognition for performance from the school; (4) received some form of recognition for performance from the community.

Founders Award

The applicant must be a citizen of the United States, living or deceased, who is or was in good standing as a citizen in the governmental jurisdiction where he/she resides/resided and the ascending governmental levels. The award, introduced in 2019, recognizes a person who has given outstanding service to the citizenry of the local, state and national levels and demonstrated the she/he personifies the spirit of selflessness and service as advocated by the association founders – Nathan Lewis, Rayfield Perkins, William Boyd and George Worsley, as they worked to create a spirit of reunion and fellowship.

Superior Service Award

The Association Superior Service Award is an honor bestowed by the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association. It recognizes an alumni association member who has demonstrated superior meritorious service in a position of significant responsibility. This award is presented to individuals with a long tenure in governance, administrative, or program roles. The applicant of the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association's Superior Service Award is chosen based on the totality of their contributions to the Association. This includes their impact on its governance, administrative, and programmatic structures, as well as their efforts to interrelate these areas to foster progress and success for the entire association.

Community Trailblazer Award

The Community Trailblazer Award, a meritorious service award, recognizes, celebrates, and honors an individual or a group, alive or deceased, who has made a significant contribution to the East Tarboro/Princeville communities through special involvement or outstanding achievement in specific areas of the community and/or professional life. Nominees must have been born in East Tarboro/Princeville or must be a current or past resident of the East Tarboro/Princeville communities. Nominees should be a present or past visionary, a dedicated leader and/or a volunteer who is doing or has done documented extraordinary work in addressing critical issues in the community.

Trojan Award

This ***Member Recognition Award***, introduced in 2019, recognizes a person who is a current and longstanding member of the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc. This award is made in recognition of his/her loyalty to the association and who through the years, has rendered conspicuously distinguished service to the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc. without compunctions or reservations.

Meet the
2026
HALL OF FAME
Honorees

DISTINGUISHED GRADUATES

James E. Wood

Tarboro High School Class of 1976
(Posthumously)

Othar Woodard, Jr.

Class of 1968

FOUNDERS AWARD

Reverend William M. Parker

TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Doris Stith

Class of 1970
East Tarboro Citizens League

TROJAN AWARD

Gwendolyn B. Betrand

Class of 1961
Jacqueline Ricks Watson
Class of 1973

SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD

Dr. Veronica Jean Bradley

Class of 1967

JAMES E. WOOD
Distinguished Graduate

Tarboro High School Class of 1976
(Posthumously)



James was a 1976 Honor Graduate of Tarboro Senior High School. He is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, NC where he was a tuition-funded Cooperative Education student majoring in the field of Mechanical Engineering. During his college years, he worked cooperatively in the Navy Material Command in Bethesda, MD as an Engineering Intern. After graduating in 1982, James accepted a full-time position as a Mechanical Engineer with the Navy Material Command. His work career spanned 36 years with the Navy Material Command and the Navy Surface Warfare Center. James was very instrumental in projects involving submarine warfare. The tenor of much of his work carried security classifications.

As an Engineer, he was a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and an active member of Blacks in Government (BIG), serving a tenure of Treasurer in the BIG Navy Metro Chapter. James was also a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. A caring and compassionate person, he was a mentor and friend to many in his employment and community. Giving was his hallmark; selflessly giving so much to so many.

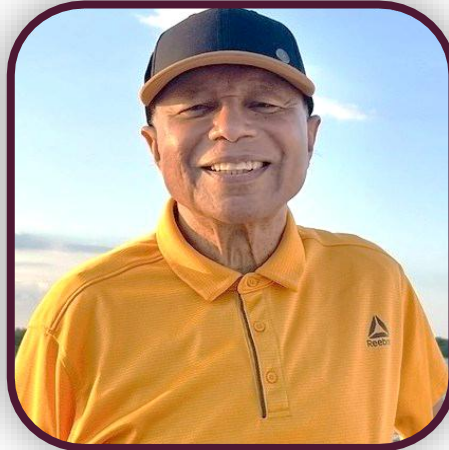
James's deportment as an engineer in the Navy Materiel Command and the Navy Surface Warfare Center and as an advocate in the National Organization Blacks In Government he made outstanding contributions to the security posture of this nation and advocated for the inclusions of African Americans in the federal level of government. These two strengths, at a minimum, justify his admission to the Distinguished Graduate Chapter.

Sadly, James passed 2013. In his memory his family sponsors the James E. Wood Engineering Scholarship that is awarded annually to a student attending North Carolina A&T State University and majoring in the field of engineering.

OTHAR WOODARD, JR.

Distinguished Graduate

W. A. Pattillo High School Class of 1968



Othar Woodard, Jr. is a 1968 graduate of W. A. Pattillo High School. He is also a 1972 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology. He has attended graduate school at East Carolina in the Child Development and Family Relations Programs.

Othar retired from Edgecombe-Nash Mental Health Center in 2005 after serving thirty-two in the Children Services Program. His tenure included service as an Outpatient Therapist, Psychological Assistant, Clinical Social Worker, and School Consultant. After advancing to a Human Services Coordinator position, he served as director of an at-risk group home for emotionally disturbed and aggressive adolescents for almost twenty (20) years. Later he became the Children Services Program Coordinator of the entire At-Risk Children's Program and supervised at-risk case managers and mentors and contracted all at-risk services.

Othar has a vast array of community service. He is a past Chairperson of Community Enrichment Organization Board of Directors, served as a Member of the Executive Committee of Upper Coastal Plain Region L Council of Governments Board of Directors for Edgecombe County, a Board Member, Board Vice Chair and Board Chair of Northeast Carolina Prep School, Chairperson of the Board of Talks Mentoring Eastern Shore, a member of Edgecombe County Human Services Board, Vice Chair of Edgecombe County DSS Advisory Board, a Member of the Board of Directors of Fountain Youth Development Center, a Member of Edgecombe County Veteran's Military Museum Board, a member of Golden Kiwanis Club in Tarboro a member of Golden Kiwanis Club Board of Directors and a Member of Edgecombe County's Health Department Advisory Board.

He is a five-term elected official of Tarboro Town Council, representing Ward 1 and a two-term Mayor Pro Tem. To his credit he received awards as Mental Health Professional of the Year in 1989, Certificate of Appreciation for serving as a Field Instructor in Social Work from North Carolina State University, 1988-1989, Community Enrichment Organization Outstanding Leadership Award in 2007 and the Edgecombe County Human Services Board Service Award in 2021.

An outstanding and deserving candidate for induction into the Distinguished Service Chapter, Othar is married to Jean, and together they have two daughters, Tarsha and Tina, as well as several grandchildren.

REVEREND WILLIAM MCKINLEY PARKER

Founders Award



Reverend William McKinley Parker was born and raised in Edgecombe County and has spent most of his life serving the community he proudly calls home, aside from the time he spent away attending school and serving in the United States military. He is a 1966 graduate of Phillips High School in Battleboro and later attended North Carolina A&T State University as well as Edgecombe Community College.

He is one of fourteen children born to his mother, the late Mary Lee Parker Davis, and his father, the late David Anderson. Reverend Parker is married to Cathy Boyd Parker, and together they have two children, Kenneth and Cami. They are also the proud grandparents of Kendall and great-grandparents to one great-grandson, Shiloh. Since 1977, they have made their home just outside the Tarboro city limits.

Reverend Parker is a proud Vietnam veteran who served his country with honor in the United States Army as a member of the 101st Air Mobile Division. During his service in Vietnam, he was stationed in several locations, including Phu Quoc and Hue City. Demonstrating courage, dedication, and commitment to duty, he rose to the rank of Sergeant, E-5, and was honorably discharged. For his bravery and exemplary service, he was awarded the Bronze Star.

After 26 years of dedicated service, he retired as a Business Manager from the Rocky Mount Engine Plant, formerly known as Consolidated Diesel Company. In addition to his professional career, he is also a Certified Life Coach.

Reverend Parker has served in ministry for 25 years and currently pastors Saint Mark Missionary Baptist Church in Oak City, North Carolina. He is actively involved in several faith-based organizations including the Neuse River Missionary

Baptist Association, Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association, the Tar River Ministers, Deacons and Laymen's Union, and the Middle District Union.

He also co-founded the Oak City Community Churches Monthly Prayer Service, bringing local congregations together in fellowship and prayer. When the COVID-19 pandemic began in 2020, Reverend Parker launched a community dial-in prayer call held Monday through Saturday at 12 noon, a ministry that continues to serve and encourage many.

A strong advocate for mentoring young men, Reverend Parker has been involved with the Edgecombe Community College Minority Male Mentoring Program, Empowering Males with a Purpose to Achieve and Celebrate (EMPAC), for the past 10 years. He is also the co-founder of Lunch with the King, established in 2002, which will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2027.

Over the years he has also provided leadership to numerous boards and organizations, including ECU Health, the Edgecombe Community College Board of Trustees, the Vidant Edgecombe Hospital Board of Directors, Tarboro Community Outreach, the Edgecombe County Human Services Board, and the Edgecombe Cancer Support Foundation, Inc. He also serves as president of the Phillips Bricks Alumni Association.

Because of this dedication to service, Reverend Parker has received numerous awards recognizing his commitment to faith, youth, and community development. These honors include the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Citizenship Award; recognition for his dedicated service and commitment to the youth of Edgecombe County and the Ebonette Club of Tarboro, NC., Inc.; the Outstanding Service Award from the Student Government Association at Edgecombe Community College; the Distinguished Service Award for Faithful Christian Stewardship and Loyal Support to the Tar River Missionary Baptist Association; and recognition from the Old Eastern Missionary Baptist Association for outstanding and dedicated service given to the association and for Kingdom building on earth.

DORIS STITH

Trailblazer Award

W. A. Pattillo High School Class of 1970



Doris Stith has had a long running interest in public and family health. Beginning in 1974, she collaborated with Franklinton Center and the Town of Princeville to Princeville Head Start Program.

In 1984, she became a partner in Gram Research and Development to research and secure a patent using ultraviolet light and ozone to reduce the volume of contaminated waste.

For six years she worked with Metrolina Health Center dba as C. W. Williams Health Center to improve the health of the low income in Charlotte, North Carolina.

She began working with the Community Enrichment Organization in 1993 as its Executive Director with a mission to target Edgecombe and Nash Counties and collaborate with local schools, agencies and state universities. The mission was to provide after school enrichment, parent education and research programs to reduce HIV, teen pregnancy, and address the increasing levels of diabetes, hypertension and trauma. In 2001, Doris became a member of the Phoenix Society. Since 2020, Doris has been collaborating with UNC at Chapel Hill and Edgecombe County Public Schools.

She recruits and trains students as a Youth Advisory Board with a focus on physical health and mental services.

Doris loves sharing her life with her son JoSeth, her grandson Reign and her family.

GWENDOLYN B. BETRAND

Trojan Award

W. A. Pattillo High School Class of 1961



Gwendolyn Bryant Betrand, aka “Caldonia,” is a proud and humble product of the Eastside, Tarboro, NC. She declares this small community played a vital role in shaping and molding her into the person she is today. She graduated from W. A. Pattillo High School in 1961, and ventured to Greensboro, NC, where she attended Bennett College for a year, before spending the next few years at NCC in Durham, NC. Her parents, Charles and Marie Bryant, she says weere of very humble origins but stressed the importance of education. She took that advice literally and became a lifetime learner.

Gwen married Lee Betrand young, and they had two children, Dina B. McCoy and Levanda B. Morris. She is the proud grandmother of three: Christopher L. McCoy (Dani), Myisha McCoy, and Jada Morris, who are her pride and joy.

After college, she returned to Tarboro and began her working career back where it all began — W. A. Pattillo School. It was her dream job, and she retired from Pattillo after 30 years in 1995. Talking about coming full circle!

Gwen’s community involvement has been varied. Early on she was a member of the local NAACP and a founding member of the Ebonette Club of Tarboro, NC Inc., where she served for many years as treasurer. She is also a member of Gateway to Heaven Church for All People in Princeville, NC, where she presently serves as Secretary to the Board of Directors and Conference Secretary.

She is resolute that life has been good to her and that she is very thankful for the blessings God has bestowed upon her.

JACQUELINE RICKS WATSON

(Jackie)

Trojan Award

W. A. Pattillo High School Honorary Class of 1973



Jackie was born to the late Reverend Robert and Lillian L. Ricks and is the oldest of four children. She currently resides in Princeville, NC with her husband of 33 years, William Watson, Jr. Together they have six children.

A 1973 graduate of Tarboro Senior High School, she furthered her education at Shaw University in Raleigh, NC. While attending Shaw University she was a member of the Shaw Marching Bears Band and became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. In 1977 she graduated from Shaw University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in education.

Jackie was employed for 37 years at the Rocky Mount Engine Plant where she served as a Process Documentation Technician and the Engineering Department. She retired from the Rocky Mount Engine Plant in January of 2020. She is currently employed by Nash Rocky Mount Area Habitat for Humanity in Rocky Mount, NC.

A member of Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church, Jackie serves on the Senior Usher Board and also attends Sunday School and Bible Study Classes. She resolves that family is very important to her and that she cherishes spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren, and close friends. She enjoys reading and attending her grandson's baseball tournaments. She says that she is grateful for the many blessings in her life.

It is an honored for her to serve the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, serving as the Assistant Secretary.

DR. VERONICA JEAN BRADLEY, Ph.D.

Superior Service Award

W. A. Pattillo High School Class of 1967



During her tenure, Veronica J. Bradley has rendered service in all three strata of the alumni association's structure: administration, governance and programs. She was appointed Publications Committee Chairperson (now Public Relations) immediately upon joining the Association. In this position she produced the first colored reunion souvenir booklet and wrote several published articles portraying the association in a realist, successful and progressive manner from 2011 to 2017. She remains a member of this committee.

Dr. Bradley utilizes her knowledge, skills and abilities as a Director-At-Large to help navigate the direction of the Association as outlined in its 501(c)(3) status which she presently does and has done since 2013. But her favorite positions in the Association have been on the Finance Committee prompted by a career of 36+ years in financial affairs. She started as the Association's Budget Manager and became Finance Chairperson in 2023 where she successfully manages the oversight of the Association's finances. Recognizing a need to assist in the implementation and execution of the Association's written policies and procedures for Hall of Fame (HOF) recognitions, she joined the HOF Committee in 2025. According to the current HOF Chairperson, Mrs. Deborah Boyd Purvis, she said, "Veronica has helped me a lot."

In the nomination letter for this award, submitted by Mrs. Mary Mathewson Davis (current alumni association member and Veronica's high school classmate), she penned, "Veronica has always been industrious, smart and inquisitive. She is also well-rounded ... She

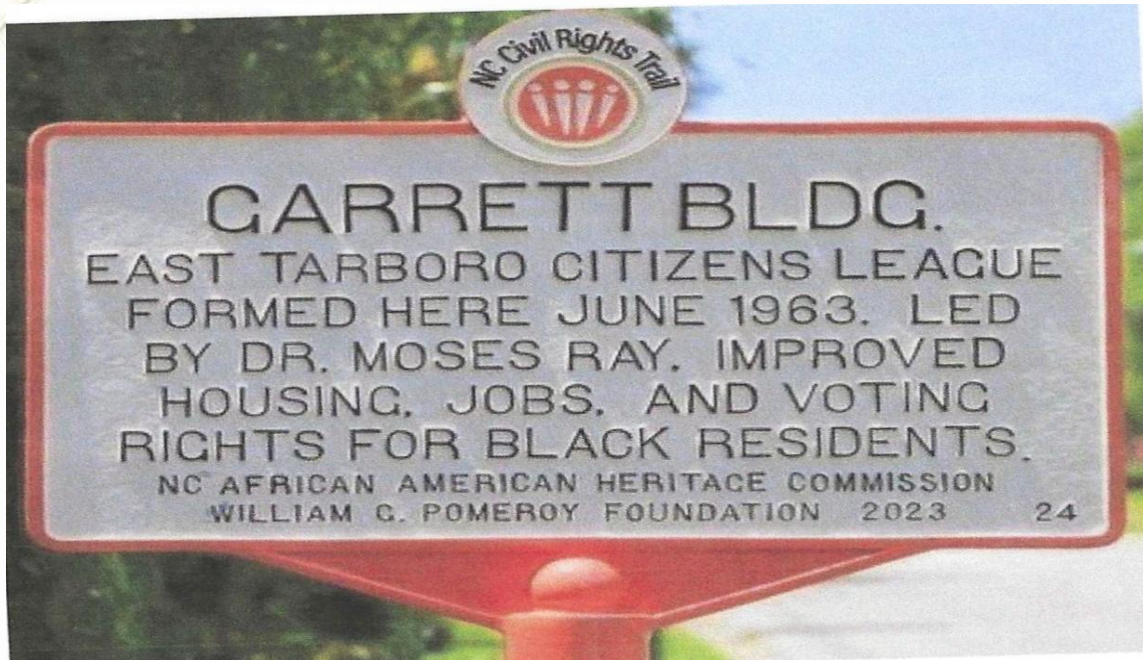
has been a great contributor to the illustrious reputation of the association since 2011." Statements from association colleagues who sent letters to support Veronica's nomination for this award are as follows: Mr. Michael R. Hart (current Treasurer) wrote, "Dr. Bradley is an intuitive, firm, fair, accountable, incredibly dedicated and a generous colleague. Her 15 years of service to the Association and her remarkable levels of attention to detail attest to her intentional effort to serve the organization employing the highest professional acumen." Mrs. M. Janette Williams Pettaway, (current Financial Secretary) scripted, "Working alongside Veronica during her tenure with Pattillo, I find her to be sincere and passionate about her work. Her performance is exceptional and her work ethics impeccable." Finally, President Emeritus, Dr. Fred S. Wood, Jr. communicated, "...she is a consummate professional who understands the gravity of organizational structures and the necessity for sound and replete organizational structures to make any organization functional and viable; therefore, she has been an invaluable member of the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association with the involvement in the governance, administration and program structures of the Association."

A Tarboro native, Veronica was raised by her now late parents, James H. Bradley, Sr. and Delores Phippen Bradley in a loving home with three younger siblings. Veronica is a 1967 alumnus of W. A. Pattillo High School; she earned a B.S. in Business Administration at Hampton Institute (now Hampton University), Hampton, VA; a M.A. in Educational Administration and Supervision at Virginia State University, Petersburg, VA; and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration at Andrews University in Berrien Springs, MI.

Dr. Bradley strongly believes in Christianity, leading by example, putting forth her best effort, subscribing to life-long learning, and giving to and helping others. At her core, Veronica possesses the heart of a servant who considers the gifts of the Holy Trinity, her loving family, a sound mind and body, and sharing with others as the most cherished and greatest rewards in her life.

TRAILBLAZER AWARD

The East Tarboro Citizens League



The East Tarboro Citizen League formed in 1963 was a bold and calculated effort on the part of black citizens to establish an organization to be an advocate and a voice for its the citizenry. A group of black citizens met in the office of Edgecombe Credit Union to form the East Tarboro Citizens League in June 1963. Tarboro dentist Dr. Moses Ray was the first and only president for the East Tarboro Citizens League, which grew from twenty founding members to more than 125 active members.

The goal of the East Tarboro Citizens League was to organize Tarboro's black population to become effective in the electoral politics, job market, housing, and higher education. The East Tarboro Citizens League facilitated black voters' registration, which increased from 400 in 1963 to over 2,000 in 1977 and was responsible for electing two blacks to the Tarboro Town Council, including Dr. Moses Ray who was first elected in 1965.

In 1977, North Carolina General Assembly cited the activities of the East Tarboro Citizens League that promoted more active participation of its black citizens in the political life of the community; developed better housing, education, job opportunities; and upgraded streets, sewage facilities, and other public services in the east Tarboro area. The East Tarboro Citizens League secured the appointment of the first black to the Tarboro Housing Authority in 1967. The League spearheaded the establishment of United Manor Court (Panola Heights Housing Development Corporation) in 1970 for affordable housing for citizens of east Tarboro. Also, the East Tarboro Citizens League successfully petitioned Tarboro Town Council for black cemetery in the town limits. East Lawn Memorial Gardens was established in 1981.

These visionaries, in a time of difficulty and jeopardy, put citizenry over self and are hailed as true Trail Blazers in the Tarboro and Edgecombe County communities.

SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

*Your continued support
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future by awarding
scholarships to deserving
students who demonstrate
academic excellence,
leadership, and a
commitment to our
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TOGETHER,
*we honor our legacy
and empower the next
generation to rise!*

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

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS PROGRAM

High School Scholarship Eligibility Criteria

The W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc. established its scholarship program to assist students who desire to attend college. The association takes an active role in assisting communities and truly believes in “helping people!” Students can receive one (1) scholarship valued up to \$1,000.00 to attend a college or university of his/her choice. The Scholarship Program will recognize academic achievement, integrity, need, and community service.

Seniors meeting the criteria will be eligible for consideration. The criteria have been designed to allow the Scholarship Selection Committee maximum flexibility in awarding the scholarship. The Selection Committee will recognize the individual in the senior graduating class most deserving an opportunity to attend college. The recipient will be selected without regard to race, sex, creed, color, religious preference, age, national origin and disability.

The Scholarship Selection Committee will use the following criteria to award all W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Scholarship categories. A scholarship will be awarded to an applicant:

- ♦ Who is a senior and has been accepted to a community college or a four year college/university.
- ♦ Who is a senior of an accredited public, charter or parochial school.
- ♦ Who best exemplifies the member philosophy of the alumni association and has demonstrated acceptable academic qualifications.
- ♦ Who is a citizen of the United States.

The decision of the Scholarship Selection Committee will be final.

Your contribution to this Fund would benefit a student tremendously. For information or to make a donation visit our website at:

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

SCHOLARSHIP CATEGORIES

Walter A. Pattillo Alumni Scholarship — a scholarship (\$500 - \$1000) awarded to applicants from the ECPS with the highest rankings from the Selection Committee. This scholarship is named after Walter A. Pattillo, the first principal of Tarboro Colored High School, which in 1949 was named W. A. Pattillo High School.

W. A. Pattillo Alumni Secondary Scholarship — named annually for a former Pattillo or Princeville School faculty member. Awarded (\$500 - \$750) to an ECPS student who has a 2.0-2.5 GPA and may have financial needs or has a hardship.

The Pattillo Banner Scholarship — will be awarded annually and named in honor of a former faculty member or an administrator who carried the banner of W. A. Pattillo High School by serving the community at Pattillo School during the years of **1971 to 1987**. The scholarship will be made to an ECPS student in the amount of \$500 - \$750 who has a 2.5 to 4.00 GPA who may have a financial need and/or hardship.

Nathan Lewis Alumni Member Scholarship — a scholarship (\$500 - \$1000) awarded to a child, grandchild or great-grand child of any member of the association who meets the eligibility criteria. Awarded to a student who has a 2.5 – 4.00 GPA. This scholarship is named after a 1955 Pattillo graduate and former Pennsylvania educator, the late Mr. Nathan Lewis.

The James E. Wood Engineering Scholarship — an endowed scholarship (\$1000) awarded to an applicant from the ECPS who meets the criteria of the Walter A. Pattillo Alumni Scholarship and who plans to major in Engineering at North Carolina A&T State University. This scholarship is funded annually by the family of the late James E. Wood and administered by the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association.

The Harrison Family Memorial Scholarship — an endowed scholarship awarded in two equal installments to an applicant who meets the criteria of the Nathan Lewis Member Scholarships, who has been accepted into an accredited college or university and also has a Grade Point Average not lower than 3.0. This scholarship is funded annually by the Harrison Family and administered by the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association.

The Coach Horace Bell Hussey Scholarship — a scholarship (\$500) awarded annually to a student athlete who has been accepted at an HBCU. Whereas Coach Hussey, in his classroom teaching and in his coaching on the court and on the field subscribed to a belief that basics and fundamentals were the staples needed to articulate, respectively, in academics and athletics, there is a requirement that the applicant's coach provide a letter of testament that the applicant subscribed to these acumens prized by Coach Hussey. The scholarship will be awarded annually by the family and a former student of Coach Horace Bell Hussey.

Willie Reynolds, Jr. Veteran's Memorial Scholarship -- will be awarded to an ECPS student who has a 2.0-3.0 GPA. The applicant must have completed the Junior ROTC Program at the School. The applicant must have been accepted at an HBCU. A letter of testament from the Director of ROTC must accompany the application affirming that the applicant does have a deep-seated respect for military service. However, it is not a requirement that the awardee enter into ROTC at the college level. This scholarship is dedicated to the memory of three Fallen Pattillo High School Trojans who paid the Supreme Sacrifice during combat actions (KIA) in the Republic of Vietnam during the period 1967-1970: Lance Corporal Franklin Roosevelt Thorpe, United States Marine Corps; Specialist Four Ciscero Whitfield, and Specialist Four Bobby Eugene Jones, United States Army. The scholarship is sponsored by Dr. Fred S. Wood, Jr., and Ms. Anita Gail Wood.

W. A. PATTILLO HIGH SCHOOL

NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

Scholarships & Awards



THE PRIDE OF BEING A HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE

Graduating from high school is a milestone that represents determination, perseverance, and achievement. It is a testament to the hard work, sacrifices, and commitment required to overcome challenges and reach an important goal. As graduates of W. A. Pattillo High School, we share a legacy of excellence, resilience, and pride that continues to inspire future generations.

Our high school diploma is more than a certificate—it is a symbol of opportunity, hope, and the belief that education can transform lives. The lessons learned, friendships formed, and memories created during our high school years remain a foundation upon which we build our futures.

Through scholarships and awards, we honor that legacy by encouraging today's students to pursue their dreams with the same courage and determination demonstrated by those who came before them. Each scholarship awarded is an investment in the future and a reminder that the pride of being a high school graduate carries with it a responsibility to uplift, encourage, and support others.

May we continue to celebrate our accomplishments, cherish our heritage, and inspire the next generation to strive for excellence. Together, we preserve the proud tradition of W. A. Pattillo High School and ensure that its legacy lives on for years to come.

*“Education is the key that unlocks the door to opportunity,
and pride in achievement lights the way forward.”*



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MRS. MARY PITT WILLIAMS & MRS. CATHERINE PITT WILLIAMS

W. A. PATTILLO SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP HONOREES



Catherine P. Williams



Mary P. Williams

Sisters, in a sharecropper family, Mary Pitt Williams and Catherine Pitt Williams were born in Edgecombe County, Tarboro, North Carolina, to Addison Pitt and Rosa Anna Bridgers Pitt. They attended school in Edgecombe County, Tarboro, North Carolina. They decided after graduating from Edgecombe County Schools that they would prepare themselves for teaching by attending Elizabeth City State Normal School. This school was designed for “the teaching and training teachers of the colored race to teach in the common schools of North Carolina.”

After completing requirements for the Normal School, both taught for several years in surrounding counties before finding positions in the Edgecombe County Tarboro City Schools.

Not being satisfied with just the teacher preparation and certification of the Normal School, both Mary and Catherine enrolled in a program offered by Shaw University to offer the current teachers at that time the opportunity to earn a degree in Elementary Education. Both Mary Pitt Williams and Catherine Pitt Williams earned the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education, becoming teachers who were not only qualified but certified teachers in the Edgecombe County Tarboro City Schools with a college degree.

Their heartfelt dedication, devotion, and exemplary teaching given to their students and the rapport with the community were evident in their instruction and genuine loving care given to all who came under their tutelage.

After many years of instruction, and jobs well done, each sister retired from their teaching positions with the Tarboro City Schools.

Their legacy is one of faith, perseverance, and service. They paved the way for future generations of educators and continue to inspire all who follow in their footsteps.



Annie W. Perry

Banner Scholarship Honoree

Annie Elizabeth Williams Perry was born on December 20, 1944, in Bertie County, North Carolina, to Estelle Holley Williams and John R. Williams. She was the eldest of four children and grew up with a strong sense of family, responsibility, and faith.

She attended Merry Hill Elementary School and later graduated from W.S. Etheridge High School. Annie continued her education at Shaw University, where she earned her degree in the 1960s, laying the foundation for a lifelong commitment to education and service.

On July 12, 1969, she married Curtis L. Perry, beginning a devoted partnership that would span decades. Annie dedicated more than 30 years of her professional life to Tarboro City Schools, where she served as a Language Arts and Reading teacher. Her passion for education and her unwavering commitment to her students left a lasting impact on countless children and families throughout Tarboro and Edgecombe County.

Throughout her career, Annie was recognized for her excellence and dedication. She received appreciation awards from the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE) and Pattillo A+ Elementary School for 33 years of devoted service. In 1996, she was honored with the prestigious Who's Who Among America's Teachers award, as recognized by both her students and peers.

Annie was deeply involved in her community and church. She was a faithful member and longtime Financial Secretary of Free Union Baptist Church, where she served with diligence and dedication. She was also an active member of the Ebonette Club of Tarboro and a lifetime member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated. Additionally, she served for many years as a board member of the Tarboro Public Library, contributing her time and leadership to the enrichment of her community.

Above all, Annie was a loving and devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She cherished her daughter, Nicole, and held a special bond with her beloved granddaughter, Jordan, who affectionately called her "Nana." Annie's love for her family was unwavering, and her joy in their lives was evident to all who knew her.

Most importantly, Annie loved the Lord. Her faith guided her life, her service, and her relationships, leaving a legacy of grace, compassion, and strength that will be remembered always.



Mr. Willie Reynolds

Willie Reynolds Memorial Scholarship Honoree

Willie Reynolds, Jr. was born in Tarboro, North Carolina to the late Willie Reynolds and the late Rebecca Thomas. Willie was the oldest of seven children, four brothers and three sisters. In addition to his parents Willie was also predeceased in death by his stepfather Carlee Fletcher, twin brother Wilbert, sister Christine and a brother James Earl.

Willie was educated in the public schools of Tarboro, North Carolina. He attended W. A. Pattillo High School, where he was an athlete and a diligent student. After graduating in 1962, he enrolled in North Carolina A&T College (now North Carolina A&T State University). His education was punctuated by a draft in the United States Army in 1966. He obtained the rank of Sergeant and served a tour in Vietnam as a Combat Infantryman. His awards include the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB), the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

He returned to school after his discharge and received a bachelor's degree in physical education and a master's degree in Recreation Administration from North Carolina A&T State University. Too, in 1968, Willie married the love of his life, Maggie Jackson, and they shared 56 years of marriage. They had one daughter, Angela; a son Willie Lamont; two grandsons, Shelton and Joshua.

He began his professional career in the field of recreation with the Greensboro City Recreation Department as a recreation assistant in 1972. Over the years, he honed his skills in that area and matriculated to Recreation Director at Peeler Recreation Center and Windsor Recreation Center. Willie was known for his yearning for fitness and healthy eating and espoused those virtues to people with whom he met while performing his duties as a director. The young people, who now are adults, remember him as being a resolute and committed administrator who always encouraged fair play, clean language, and the display of courtesy and positive social amenities. In 2002 he retired after 30 years of service.

As a youth, Willie joined the Saint Paul Baptist Missionary Baptist Church of Tarboro, where he maintained his membership until he became a resident of Greensboro. He then joined the Providence Baptist Church in Greensboro. At Providence, he sang in several choirs, was a member of the Men's Fellowship, coordinated and supervised the church Youth and Adult Recreation programs, and taught line dancing, karate, and kickboxing. He was an advocate for senior citizens maintaining health and fitness, often taking them on walks and outings. The "Senior Prom" that he coordinated was a statement of fidelity to senior living. His crowning achievement in service to the church was becoming a member of the Deacon Board.

In addition to working with senior citizens and advocating for their health and well-being, Willie was a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and was a past President of the Greensboro Gamma Beta Sigma Chapter.

Congratulations to Our **2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**



Jamari Goodman

North Edgcombe High
Pattillo Banner
In Honor of Mrs. Annie Perry



D'Marion Parker

Tarboro High
Willie Reynolds
Scholarship Award



Kaiden Pitt

Tarboro High
Secondary Scholarship Award
In Honor of
Catherine & Mary Williams



Malani Sanders

Tarboro High
Secondary Scholarship Award
In Honor of
Catherine & Mary Williams



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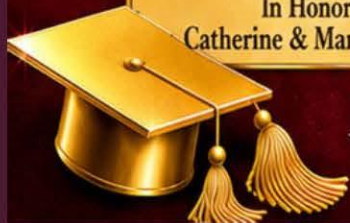
Tarboro High
Harrison Family
Scholarship Award

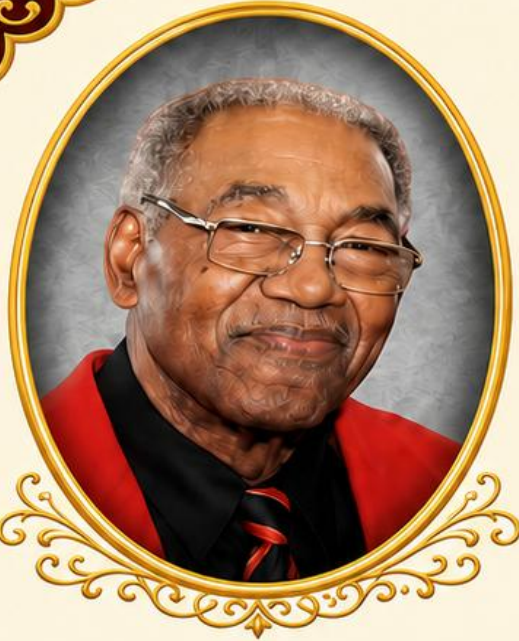


Donovan Willis

Tarboro High
Walter Alexander Pattillo
Scholarship Award

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Jonah “Toejoe” Lee Williams

Incentive Award Honoree

Jonah L. Williams was born in Edgecombe County, NC to the late Dorsey Williams and Velma Cleo Perkins Williams. He grew up in Princeville, NC and had one brother and three sisters.

He received his early education in Tarboro City Schools and graduated from W. A. Pattillo High School in 1963, where he proudly played the drums in the marching band. After graduation, Jonah moved to Washington, DC before returning to Princeville, NC. Upon returning, he became a skilled machinist with Carolina Enterprise.

Jonah joined St. Luke Church of Christ in Princeville at an early age. He faithfully served as a steward, usher, trustee and President of the Christian Men’s Fellowship. Later, Jonah reunited with Red Hill Missionary Baptist Church in Whitakers, NC where he was ordained as a deacon. He remained a devoted servant and provided photography and videography services to churches and community organizations.

Jonah was married to Mary Heath Williams of Tarboro, NC. They shared 45 beautiful years together. He was the proud father of one son and three daughters.

A passionate mentor and community advocate, Jonah dedicated much of his life serving youth. He was a living legend in the field of youth sports in the town of Princeville. Coach Williams founded the town’s first organized little league baseball program. The Princeville Braves—later renamed the East Edgecombe Braves as youth from surrounding communities joined. The teams he formed were made up of children from Princeville and surrounding areas and many had little to no baseball experience, but he coached his team to four youth championships.

His impact extended far beyond championships. Coach Williams taught discipline, teamwork, education and respect. He emphasized academic excellence and good character.

Jonah never met a stranger. His life was a living example of what it means to invest in others, uplift a community and walk humbly in the world.

He transitioned to glory on Sunday, March 1, 2026.



Susan Hoke

Service Award Honoree

She was a proud graduate of Tarboro High School, home of the Vikings, Class of 1989, and later earned her degree in Marketing from East Carolina University. Susan loved both places dearly, and it felt fitting that the Vikings and the Pirates shared the same purple and gold she wore so proudly.

Susan poured her heart into the community she called home. She served Edgecombe County Public Schools with dedication and pride, helping share the story of the district and the people within it. Through her work and her relationships, she made her schools and her community stronger. Her bright smile, kind spirit, and unwavering dedication left a lasting impact on those who had the privilege of working alongside her.

Susan had a rare gift: she made people feel seen, valued, and loved. She carried light wherever she went, and her smile could fill a room and stay with you long after she left it. She was known for her genuine kindness, her steady presence, and the way she showed up for others—in the big moments and the everyday ones.

Susan's life was filled with the simple joys that matter most: time with family and friends, front porch conversations, dinners together, trips to the beach, and the many special traditions she held close. She treasured friendships, laughter, and making memories, and she had a way of making ordinary moments feel special just by being there.

Congratulations

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J. W. Parker Middle School
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THE IMPORTANCE OF LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK



Leadership and teamwork are the foundations of success in every area of life. Great leaders inspire others, set a positive example, and have the courage to make decisions that move us forward. They listen, they serve, and they empower others to reach their full potential. Leadership is not about a title—it is about influence, character, and a commitment to making a difference.

Teamwork is the powerful force that turns a group of individuals into a winning team. When we work together, we combine our strengths, support one another's weaknesses, and create results that none of us could achieve alone. It builds trust, fosters respect, and strengthens relationships. It is through teamwork that we learn the value of communication, cooperation, and shared responsibility.

At W. A. Pattillo High School, we believe in developing leaders and building teams that make a lasting impact. Whether in the classroom, on the field, in the workplace, or in our communities, the ability to lead and work well with others opens doors of opportunity and creates a legacy of excellence.



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The association operates basically on three arms: Governance, Administrative and Programs. All activities of the association are board driven and result from a decision of the Board of Directors with respect to implementation or non-implementation. Day-to-day administrative functions are the responsibility of the officers and are supported from membership dues and fundraising efforts. Neither a dollar nor a dime is used to compensate any officer, chair, or board member. During the association year we sponsor a number of programs, and these are spearheaded by the Standing Committees.

We believe that effective organizations are directly related to effective committees. 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 detail work of the organization. The structure makes the work of the organization more efficient. In addition to the 12 chairpersons there are some 50 other alums from across the country who have committed to serving on these committees.

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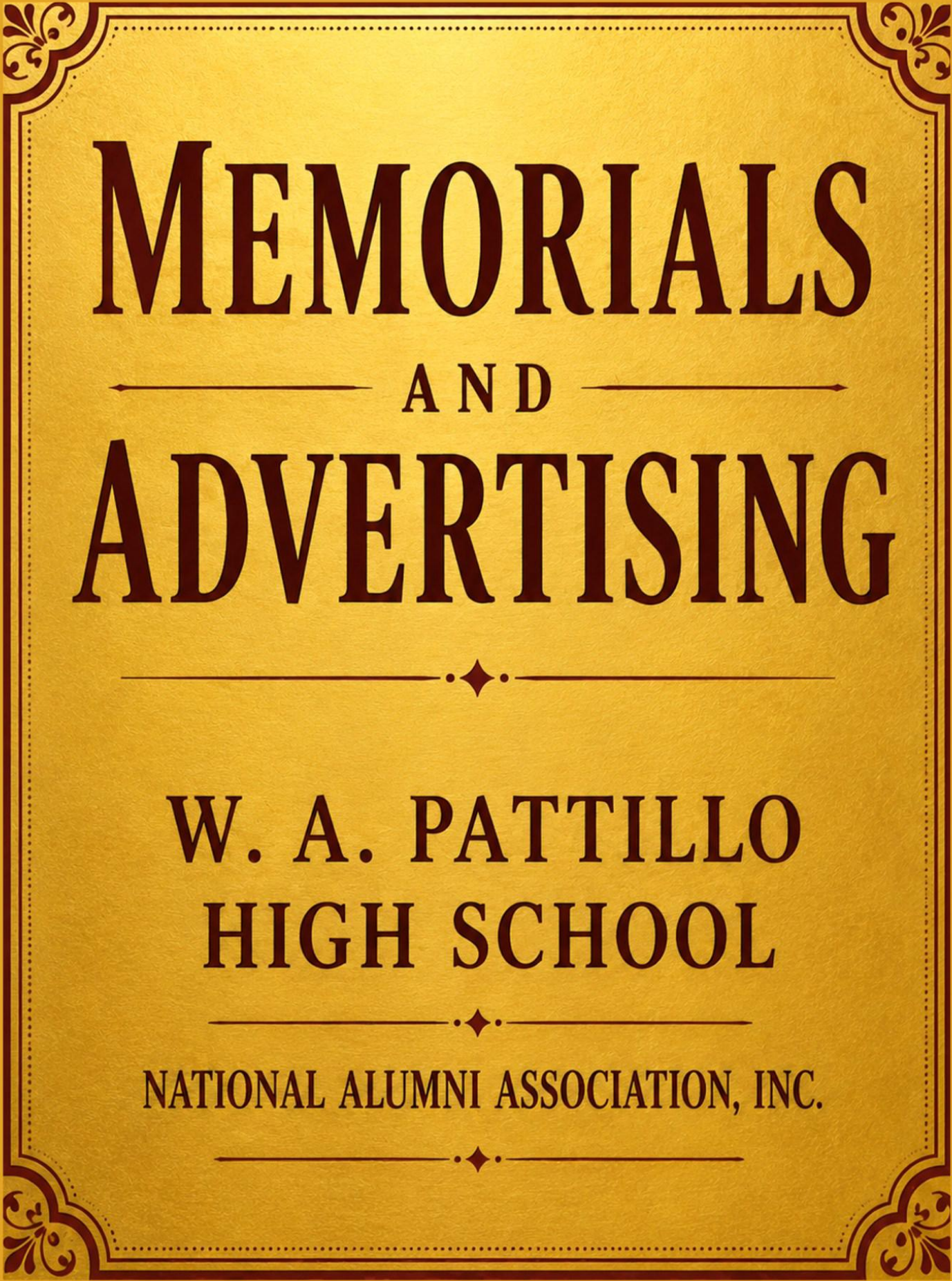


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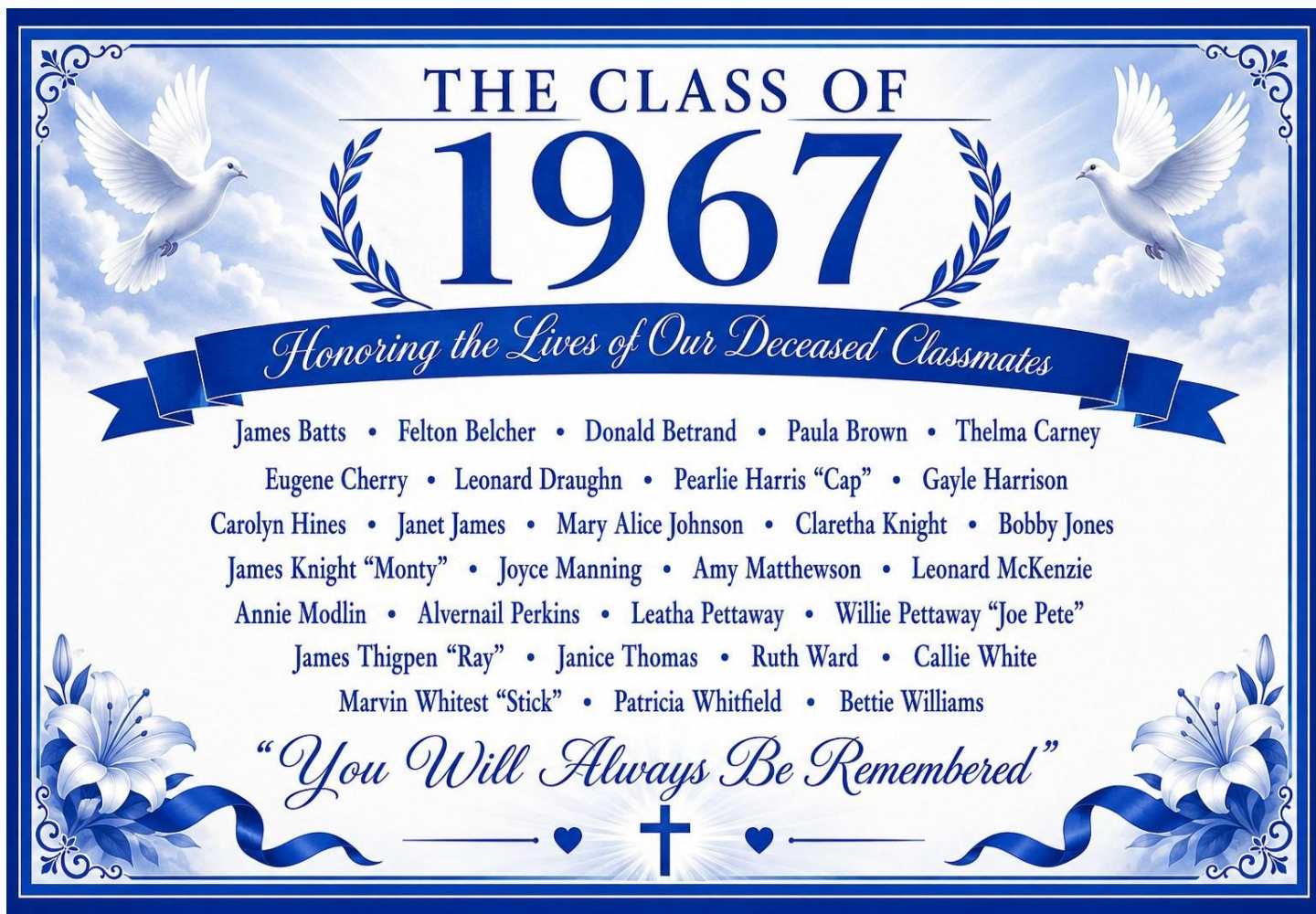
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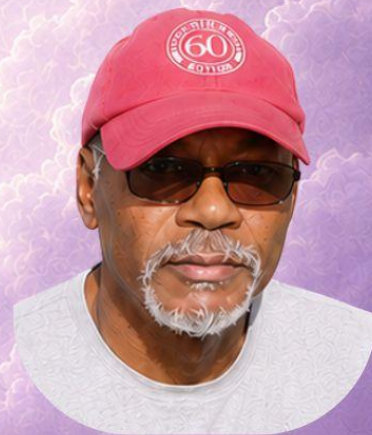
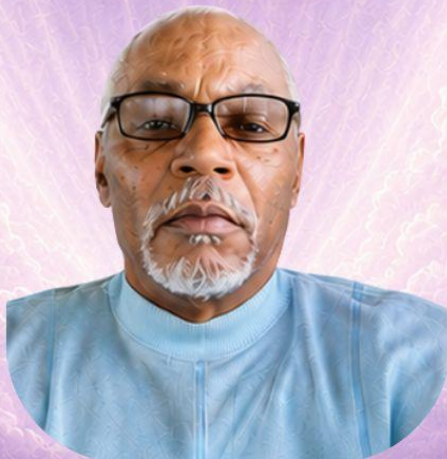
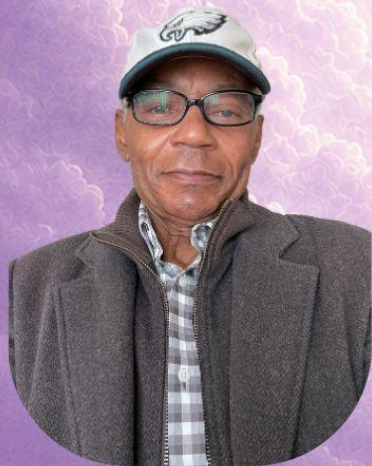
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in our thoughts.*

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AN ODE TO PATTILLO

(by Dolores Murphy)



Turning the pages of time,
Reflection comes to mind.
Each one of us,
who passed through your doors,
left with a part of you, we propose.
We celebrate and honor you.

Your vision, the pursuit of knowledge and education
still guide us today.
There are some who would say,
you are the past, no longer here.
But we refute this retort,
because you are a part of us still.

Your Legacy lives on
In the work that we do.
Helping in ways that we can,
to inspire and encourage, too.
We pass on this Pattillo and Trojan fire,
to the next generation,
to keep the Legacy alive.

In Appreciation

With profound gratitude, we acknowledge the Association for its superb leadership, creativity, dedication and heartfelt desire over the years -- assuring the Pattillo legacy and its premise continue. We thank you for the Annual Reunion each year, and that because of your vision, efforts & fortitude our community, students and alumni are served as intended. Your dedication is to be applauded and we salute each and every one of you.

Our Family Connection,

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Thank you for your wisdom and understanding, your advocacy, strength and faith.
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Humbly submitted,

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You are **UNIQUE**

You are **LOVED.**

If you see someone without a smile,
be gracious, give them yours.



Be the reason that someone smiles.

Remember, the best things in life aren't things,
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Congratulations

TO

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ON YOUR

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unto thee...

The LORD *lift up* His countenance
upon thee, and give thee *peace*.

And they shall put *My name*
upon the children of Israel,
and I will *bless* them.

Numbers 6:24-27



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In Loving Memory
OF OUR
CLASSMATES

WHO HAVE TRANSITIONED SINCE OUR LAST REUNION



We pause with grateful hearts to remember our classmates who have transitioned since our last reunion.

Though they are no longer with us, their memories remain a part of our lives and the legacy of W. A. Pattillo High School.

Their friendship, laughter, and spirit will never be forgotten.
We honor their lives and the mark they left on our hearts.

*May they rest in peace, and may their memories
continue to live on in us.*



TOGETHER WE RISE!

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Rest Well, Dear Trojans

TROJAN

CLASS

Vivian Lewis Bazemore	1964
Brenda Joyce Pitt Bivins	1965
Sylvester Bradley	1972
Johnny Bryant, Jr.	1958
Georgia Lee Hyman Davis	1954
Benjamin Hammonds	1959
Rose Whitfield Hammonds	1964
Vera Hudson-Jenkins	1953
Ernestine Johnson	1960
Temple Marie Johnson	1960
Carolyn Faye Pettaway	1973
Evella P. McBee	1964
Amy Lou Mathewson	1967
Rev. Erman Mays Patterson	1947
Gail Marie Pettaway	1977
Joshua Pippen	1957
Marvin N. Purvis	1955
Shiela Anne Ray	1962
Sergeant Robert Edward Smith	1951
David Evans Smoot	Teacher
James Ray Thigpen	1967
Carol Tucker	1973
Ida M. Williams	1954
Jonah Lee Williams	1963
Willie Williams, Jr.	1962
Samuel Wooten, Jr.	1972

¹³ But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. ¹⁵ For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: ¹⁷ Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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If you have not had an opportunity, contact your **class representative** and perhaps you can be listed on that role.

Or perhaps you are an **Event Planner** by profession and would like to offer your services and suggestions.

We only plan to **get better** with each passing year.

Continue to do what you **can** while **you can**.

God bless you.



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