

A Legacy of the Past, in the Present and for the Future



Martin Luther King, Jr. envisioned a world where his children would not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. During tumultuous times, he led a civil rights movement that changed the face of America. He left a legacy of love and service for all people and for all times.

Mary McLeod Bethune expanded a grade school to a high school, then a junior college, and then a college -- Bethune-Cookman University – a legacy of living and serving.

A Legacy is about life and living - learning from the past, living in the present, and building for the future. It is about the richness of the individual's life or a group's existence, including what each accomplished and the impact each had on people and places.

Various members of W. A. Pattillo High School Honorary classes of 1971, 1972 and 1973 in conjunction with the classes of 1974 through 1977 that, too, matriculated at Tarboro Senior High School have exerted their legacy. They report that accomplishments and accolades of the Tarboro Senior High School administrative, academic and athletic excellence rose to a level of exceptionalism with the attendance of the aforementioned students.

With their assertion of no mention in any of the Town's lore or by any organization for these seven pivotable years the group commissioned a commemorative monument that will stand in recognition of a movement they tout from "Separatism to Exceptionalism." The monument was unveiled on November 14, 2021, in the front of Martin Millennium School, the former Tarboro Senior High School.

The W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association salutes the individuals from this era and these classes for their tenacity and their belief that their legacy should be seen and heard. They, too, will be recorded in the annals of history for such an act.

The Board of Directors
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