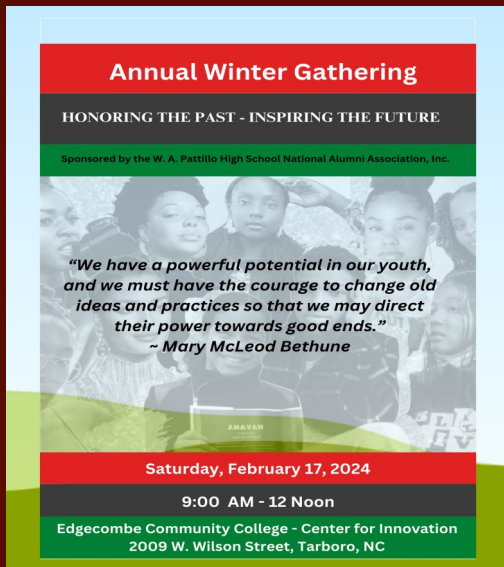


W. A. PATTILLO HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.

Annual Winter Gathering



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HONORING THE PAST - INSPIRING THE FUTURE
Sponsored by the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, Inc.

*"We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power towards good ends."
- Mary McLeod Bethune*

Saturday, February 17, 2024
9:00 AM - 12 Noon
Edgecombe Community College - Center for Innovation
2009 W. Wilson Street, Tarboro, NC

The W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association held the Annual Winter Gathering, themed "Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future," which took place on Saturday, February 17 at Edgecombe Community College – Center of Innovation. The association strives to support education in Edgecombe County by strengthening its relationship with Edgecombe County Public Schools and the communities of Tarboro and Princeville. The association interfaces annually with all the schools in the Edgecombe County Public Schools through its Scholarship and Incentive Award Program and has adopted W. A. Pattillo Middle and Princeville Elementary schools as its charter schools.

Miss Ayanna Dolbery, a student at Pattillo Middle School, delivered the welcome address. Expressions were shared by Mr. Lashaun Jenkins, Principal of W. A. Pattillo Middle School, and Dr. Andrew Bryan, Superintendent of Edgecombe County Public Schools. Edgecombe County Board members in attendance included Dr. Evelyn Johnson, Reverend Raymond Privott, Dr. Evelyn Shaw Wilson, and Mrs. Lillie R. Worsley.

For those who were unable to attend, they missed a truly exceptional performance. This year, the alumni community was privileged to have five outstanding presenters: Miss Jaileea Knight, Miss Krishonna Lyons, Miss Desiree Dolores Diane McClary, Miss Jalyn White, and Miss Jonina Stith Wrenn. Additionally, the Hope Gospel Choir of Sallie B. Howard School from Wilson, North Carolina, under the direction of Mr. Jeremy Herring, delivered unforgettable performances.

The 2024 Annual Report to the Membership



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Reunion 40: "Cheers to 40 Years"

SCHOLARSHIP Committee. The W. A. Pattillo High School Alumni



National Association's Scholarship Program played a significant role in the Gold Key Ceremony held at Edgecombe Community College. Ms. Beverly Clark, Scholarship Chairperson, along with Mrs. Charlotte

Privott, awarded 11 deserving students with incentive awards. The Incentive Awards Program pays tribute to an early mentor and pioneer from our youth in the East Tarboro or Princeville communities. This initiative recognizes one elementary and middle school student in each Edgecombe County Public School. This year's Incentive Awards Honoree is Mrs. Delia Wood Perkins. Recipients receive a framed certificate along with a \$50.00 cash award. These awards were given to Coven Vick, (G. W. Bulluck Elementary School), Julianna Hill, (G. W. Carver Elementary School), Gustavo Perez Gaspar, (Coker-Wimberly Elementary School), Christopher Pounds (Martin Millennium Academy), Javonnie Joyner (Martin Millennium Academy), Mayra Ramirez Juarez (Phillips Middle School), Kailey Brown (Princeville Elementary School), Jakyra Jones (South Edgecombe Middle School), Serenity Staton (Stocks Elementary School), Serenitie Barnes (Pattillo Middle School) and Shaliyah Coley (West Edgecombe Middle School).



PROGRAM Committee. The committee successfully executed the 2024 "Winter Gathering" program, which highlighted Black history through oral and visual presentations by talented students from Edgecombe County Schools and local college level students. The Sallie B. Howard Children's Choir from Wilson, North Carolina, directed by Jeremy Herring, provided the musical accompaniment.



MEMBERSHIP Committee. Diligently worked to update and improve the accuracy of the membership database. Initially, the database contained 823 names. Now, the information is organized into two separate databases: Membership and Mailing List.

BENEVOLENCE Committee. Continues to be a keystone in the association by acknowledging kindness during times of death, extended or serious illnesses, and other significant occasions. The alumni association also sends quarterly greetings to all sick and shut-in members, as well as Christmas greetings to all sick and shut-in members, life members, and octogenarians (members over eighty years old). Currently, there are 55 octogenarian members.



PUBLIC RELATIONS Committee. Continues to develop and implement oversight programs for all official publications. It serves as the approving authority for all posts on Facebook and the webpage, ensuring that we maintain a professional and proper demeanor in all media within the public domain. Other vital functions included developing and publishing "The Annual Report to the Membership" and the "Reunion Souvenir Booklet."



LOGISTICS Committee. Continues to serve as a coordinating element for all committees, programs, and administrative functions. The committee handles front-end, ongoing, and back-end logistical tasks necessary for the successful sponsorship of all events.

NOMINATING Committee. Consistently seek individuals to serve on the governing board or in administrative positions within the association. Encourage participation and recommend candidates to the Board of Directors.

HALL OF FAME Committee. Recommended to the Board the names for the 2024 Distinguished Graduate Award, the Superior Service Award, and the Trojan Award. Tasked with reviewing the selection procedures for each category.



Annual Financial Year-End Report

July 1, 2023 thru June 30, 2024

PNC Bank Balance @ July 1, 2023

Reunion:	\$ 3,303.44
General Fund:	\$ 4,618.71
Scholarship:	\$10,818.59
Transitory/Holding:	\$ 6,519.51
Total	\$25,260.25

Revenue

Membership: <i>(All categories)</i>	\$ 3,192.00
Scholarship: <i>(Transitory/Level Giving/Endowments)</i>	\$ 8,131.00
Reunion: <i>(Donations, Packages, Ind. M&G, Gala, Breakfasts, Library Sales, Ads, Calendars/Booklets)</i>	\$19,789.50
Miscellaneous Income: <i>(Benv., Gen. Don., Fred's Project)</i>	\$ 336.00
Fundraisers: <i>(Brunch, Class Fundraiser, Raffle)</i>	\$ 4,353.00
Interest Income:	\$ 1.02
NC Sales Tax	\$ 698.14
Total Revenue	\$36,500.66

Expenditures

Reunion:	\$ 3,401.86
General Fund:	\$23,499.77
Scholarship:	\$ 0.00
Transitory/Holding:	\$ 6,205.00
Total Expenditures	\$33,106.63

Account Transfers

Reunion:	\$ 0.00
General Fund:	\$ 0.00
Scholarship: (from)	\$ (9,600.00)
Transitory/Holding: (to)	\$ 9,600.00
Total	\$ 0.00

PNC Bank Balance @ June 30, 2024

Reunion:	\$ 676.28
General Fund:	\$ 15,115.72
Scholarship:	\$ 1,219.64
Transitory/Holding:	\$ 1,034.51
Total	\$ 18,046.15

Prepared By:

Janette Williams-Pettaway, Financial Secretary

Michael Hart, Treasurer



Mayor Delia Wood Perkins 2024 Incentive Award Honoree

Delia Wood Perkins was born in Tarboro, NC on February 11, 1942 to Fred and Mary Wood. She is the eldest of three children. She was married to Rayfield Perkins with whom she had six (6) children (five surviving) along with eleven (11) grandchildren. She attended W. A. Pattillo High School and her GED from Edgecombe Community College and graduated from Edgecombe Community College with an associate degree. She is a longstanding member of the Eastern Star Missionary Baptist Church, joining in her teens. She has served her church in several capacities and has been a beacon on the Usher Board for years.

She is a former two term mayor of the Town of Princeville, NC. In September of 1999, the world watched in horror as the nation's first Black incorporated town floated away. Founded in 1865 by former slaves on the low, swampy land across the Tar River from Tarboro, Princeville was originally called Freedom Hill in honor of the grassy knoll where northern soldiers confirmed that the Union victory meant Black people were truly free. On February 20, 1885, with an act passed by the North Carolina General Assembly, Princeville became the first Black incorporated town in the country.

As a member of the W. A. Pattillo High School National Alumni Association, she served on its Board of Directors for a 12-year period from 2011 until 2023. She has been awarded the Trojan Award and the Trailblazer's Award from the Alumni Association for meritorious service. She holds the distinction of being one of the keynote speakers at the National Boule of the Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated on the day of her induction and has been awarded from Edgecombe County the Martin Luther King, Jr., Award. A capstone honor for her was her 2022 induction into the Nash/Edgecombe Twin County Hall of Fame.

In a totally different light, Delia (and Jean as she is affectionately called, too) is a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. She sits at the head of her family—and is its matriarch. She is loved and respected for the love and wisdom that she brings to the order. Always she leads by example and Christian discipleship. To the family, and to so many friends, she is their bright and morning star and the things hoped for and the things not seen.



Mary Jones Bullock 2024 Secondary Scholarship

Mary Louise Jones Bulluck was born on December 6, 1921 in Edgecombe County, NC, the oldest of six children born to Asa Jones, Sr., and Dora Lee Stephens Jones.

She was educated in the segregated public school system of Edgecombe County and after graduating from high school, she enrolled in the North Carolina College for Colored People in Durham, NC (now North Carolina Central University) where she received her degrees in French and English. She taught briefly in Snow Hill, NC and returned to Tarboro, NC where she spent the majority of her teaching career at Pattillo High School, which was right next door to her parents' residence on Bradley Avenue.

As a teacher, you would think that she would relish her summer months off, but Mary was always hosting a number of nieces and nephews over the summer break, until it was time to return to a new school year.

She remained at the family home after the passing of her mother in 1957 and on March 14, 1959 married LaFon Bulluck of Rocky Mount, NC.

When the Edgecombe County Schools were integrated in 1967, she continued her teaching career at Tarboro High School until her retirement in 1972.

Mary was a lifelong member of Mildred Missionary Baptist Church, having joined as a child when the Church was located in the community of Mildred.

She passed away on April 5, 2013.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!

Effective June 30, the alumni association discontinued the cell phone service, **336-207-6384**. This decision was made after careful consideration and evaluation of the service's usage and cost-effectiveness. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation as we implemented this change. We appreciate your continued support and involvement with the alumni association. Please share this information with others. Thank you.



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