

E.R. MASON INDUCTED INTO THE SAMPSON COUNTY SPORTS HALL OF FAME

On April 8, 2008, National and Clinton Chapter Member **E.R. Mason** was received into the Sampson County Sports Hall of Fame at a Banquet & Induction Ceremony that was held at the Sampson County Agri-Civic Center in Clinton, North Carolina. Mr. Mason was the only African-American inducted on that Tuesday night and the fifth African American to be included with past illustrious inductees.



(above) E. R. Mason files for re-election to the Clinton City Board of Education while his wife, Clementine, shows her support.

There have been a total of fifteen people inducted in the Sampson County Sports Hall of Fame since it was chartered on March 31, 2003. Mr. Mason joined past inductees such as, Dee Hardison, Paul Williams, Willie Jacobs, and Chasity Melvin, and was inducted alongside four others: Pat Jones, Bob Lewis, Kenny Moore, and Tommy Sloan.

Mr. Mason's wife, Clementine, proudly introduced him and then Mr. Mason made a few comments before he was inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame. The Committee who chose the inductees could not have chosen a more deserving person, as Mr. Mason has committed the majority of his adult and professional life to coaching and sports affiliated activities and organizations.

Mr. Mason is certainly worthy of this wonderful accolade because of his dedication to the world of sports. His accomplishments in sports are too numerous to mention, but as many as can, are listed here to give an overview of his experience in the sports

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Rose Williams

Hello Everyone,

IT IS HARD to believe that the first year of my second term as President of this great organization is winding down and that by Reunion time I will only have one more year to serve. Time does fly when you're having fun! And what fun and pleasure I am having watching our organization grow and become more efficient, more effective, and more exciting. Some of that excitement was evidenced recently at our 2008 Spring Executive Board Meeting. Many things were



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discussed at the meeting, but the highlight was our guest speaker, Ms. Priscilla White. Ms. White gave a speech entitled, "Working Together Is the Key to On-going Success!" She gave a wonderful speech using her own personal experiences to show how success can be achieved. Her talk was funny in places and also serious. Much positive feedback was given regarding her presentation; therefore, we plan to have her back to speak to us again in the future. Bringing in guest speakers to present on topics relevant to our organization is just one way we are drumming up excitement within our Association. We plan to keep this trend going.

Another element of our Executive Board Meeting that made it exciting was the amount of input that we received during our discussion on the At-large Scholarship. Members participated in a lively discussion regarding the Scholarship and gave several pertinent suggestions for the improvement of the Scholarship. The Scholarship Committee will review and discuss all of these suggestions and will make a final recommendation to the Executive Board at a future meeting.

There is so much that is going on in our organization right now that there is not enough room in the "President's Corner" to mention everything, but I will touch on a few of them:

CDs

Some CD's that we purchased are about to mature and the Finance Committee will make a recommendation to the Executive Board in the near future regarding what to do with the money after maturation.

Handbook

The Constitution & By-laws Committee has compiled a Handbook that is a companion to our Constitution and By-laws. It includes guidelines, procedures, forms, and applications and can be retrieved from our website at www.shsaainc.org.

Capital Campaign

The Phase Two Committee is gearing up to launch a Capital Campaign, which is a huge fundraiser that we hope will raise much-needed funds for the renovation and rehabilitation of the 'ole' Sampson High School. Once this Campaign is launched we hope you will commit to this project and help it become a success!

Educational Grants

Discussion continues about our scholarship program and how we can strengthen our criteria for the distribution of the current scholarships that we award and make the process fairer in general. We invite you to join in these discussions at our Executive Board Meetings.

Grants

The Phase Two Committee has submitted grant requests to 2 foundations requesting funds to help with the renovation and rehabilitation of the 'ole' Sampson High School. Keep your fingers crossed that we are successful in this effort.

2008 Reunion

The Reunion Committee of the Fayetteville Chapter is working feverishly planning the upcoming Reunion. Please help them to make this Reunion a success by submitting your "Reunion Plan" and Ads by the deadlines. We all look forward to seeing your face in the place in Fayetteville, North Carolina the weekend of August 8-10, 2008.

SHSAA, Inc. has achieved much over these last 35 years but there is still so much to do. We can never rest on our laurels. We must continue to push forward to make our organization the best that it can be and we need your help to achieve this. The Executive Board and I will continue to work hard to achieve the collective goals of the Association, and as always, I wish you Godspeed!

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF ARTICLES TO THE COMMUNICATOR

The deadline for article submissions to the next Newsletter is **Monday, September 15, 2008**. Please send your articles to shsaanewsletter@classygraphics.com or to SHSAA, Inc. Newsletter, P.O. Box 7751, Columbia, SC 29202-7751.

KUDOS KORNER

[Kudos n. praise, credit, glory, fame, honor]

Congratulations to **MRS. ANGELA DAVIS-MCCOY**, SHSAA, Inc. Financial Secretary and a Life Member, for being profiled in a local Washington, DC paper, "The Waterline," in the Month of March, as an exceptional woman who works within the National Capitol Region. Angie was nominated for this award by a former co-worker who felt she deserved this recognition because of her work as a "mentor eager to promote safety, recycling, and financial efficiency." Angie is a wife and mother and is active in the Alpha Phi Alpha Wives Club, SHSAA, Inc. Finance Committee, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated. Her hobbies include weight lifting, playing softball and volleyball, traveling, community building projects, and riding her motorcycle. Angie is currently employed with Naval Sea Systems Command 'NAVSEA' at the Washington Navy Yard. Kudos Angie! Keep up the good work!



Angela Davis-McCoy

We applaud **MS. SHENISE NICOLE GILYARD**, daughter of Pamela Gilyard and niece of Beverly Marriott. Both Pamela Gilyard and Ms. Marriott are Triangle "Raleigh" Chapter members. Shenise, has been chosen to receive a Morehead-Cain Scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Way to go Shenise! We wish you continued success!

Hats off to **MRS. SHIRLEY ANN GAINNEY MCKOY**, National SHSAA, Inc. member, for recently becoming certified in the skill of Computed Tomography (CAT SCAN). Shirley took and successfully passed the National Registry for Computed Tomography exam when she sat for the test at the Pearsonview Technology Center in Raleigh, North Carolina, on March 15, 2008. This is Shirley's third milestone in the health profession. She achieved her first milestone when she graduated from Johnston Community College in Smithfield, North Carolina in 1983 and received her degree in Radiology and then became certified as a Registered Radiologic Technologist. Then, she persevered further in 1996 when she graduated from James Sprunt Community College's Nursing Program and passed the exam to become a Registered Nurse. Shirley believes that there is always more that she can learn and says that she will continue to strive to be the best at what she does.



Shirley McKoy

Shirley is a 1980 graduate of Clinton High School in Clinton, North Carolina where she still resides. She is the wife of Edward McKoy and has two children, Derrell and Kiana. Shirley, we are proud of your accomplishments! Keep on keeping on! The sky is the limit!

DEADLINE FOR BOARD REPORTS

All Committee Reports, Chapter Updates, and Officer Reports, for the period beginning April 1st and ending June 30th, must be submitted for the 2008 Reunion General Meeting, no later than **Friday, July 18th**, for inclusion in the Board Report Package.

Reports should be submitted to:

National President, *Rose Williams*
williaer@dhec.sc.gov and to
Recording Secretary, *Faye Faison*,
at FaisonF47@aol.com.

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

.....*Martin Luther King (1929-1968)*
Strength to Love, 1963

I can accept failure. Everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying.

.....*Michael Jordan (1963-)*
I Can't Accept Not Trying (1994)

There will always be men struggling to change, and there will always be those who are controlled by the past.

.....*Ernest J. Gaines (1933-)*
interview with John O'Brien in African American Writers (1991)

SOCIAL COMMITTEE TO SPONSOR PRESENTATION ON HEALTH AND WELLNESS AND PREVENTIVE HEALTH AT 36TH SHSAA, INC. REUNION

The Social Committee of the Sampson High School Alumni Association, Incorporated (SHSAA, INC.) will sponsor two presentations focusing on health and wellness at this year's 36th annual Reunion. The first presentation will be a follow-up to last year's focus on Prostate Cancer prevention and healthy and nutritious eating, and the second presentation will focus on the prevention of breast cancer. These presentations will be made by local professionals as well as key input being provided by our own members.



You are urged to attend and actively participate in this event. Attendees will be asked to complete an evaluation form to offer feedback on the presentations and to make suggestions regarding future potential presentations. Information for this event will be included in your Reunion Packet.

Members of the Social Committee Program Committee include Edith McDougald, Dr. John C. Merritt, Barbara Jacobs Spencer, and Dr. Jesse Williams.

arena, and to acknowledge his groundbreaking achievements. Some of those achievements are:

- Coached J.V. and Varsity Basketball at Shawtown High in Lillington, NC, early 1960's
- Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach at Union High School in Garland, NC and while there the team placed 3rd in State 1-A competition, 1970
- Served as Athletic Director and Assistant Principal at White Oak High School, Jacksonville, NC, 1970-1997

While Mr. Mason was at White Oak High School:

- He was the first African American to serve as Assistant Principal and Athletic Director.
- He was named 1989 NCAE State Assistant Principal of the year. White Oak was the first school outside of Lejeune High School (on Camp Lejeune Base) to begin a boys and girls soccer program in Onslow County and won the State Soccer Championship in 1988. The School was the first school to organize a swim team in the Onslow County schools in 1996.

The baseball team won the 3-A State Championships in 1978 and 1979. It has the longest winning streak (52 games) in the history of the North Carolina High School Athletic Association (NCHSAA). The 1979 team was declared Mythical National Champions by the Easton Batting Company from Pennsylvania.

After leaving White Oak High School, Mr. Mason worked at Clinton High School until his retirement in 2003. While at CHS he served as Associate Principal and Athletic Director. Mason was the first African American to serve as the Athletic Director at CHS. He was named NCHSAA Athletic Director of the year for Region 2 (14 counties) in 1998, and under his direction the school won, in 1997 and 2001, the football State 2-A Championships. Mr. Mason was honored by CHS in 2003, when it placed the athletic director's name on the Dark Horse walk of fame, and in that same year the school yearbook was dedicated to him. He was awarded a plaque by the Sampson County

Sports Club for 41 years of service to Athletics in North Carolina.

Mr. Mason also made his mark in the NCHSAA by being the first African American to serve on their Board of Directors from Sampson and Onslow Counties. He further contributed to this Association by serving on several committees and by functioning as the Chairperson for the Region 2 (42 high schools) meetings in 1997 and 1998.

This article could go on listing Mr. Mason's athletic accomplishments, as that is what has been focused on here; however, a whole other article could be written about his endeavors in the educational field, as those are extraordinary as well. Clearly, Mr. Mason has served the schools where he taught and the students that he coached with dignity and excellence and has set an exemplary example of someone who aims for the very best in himself and in others. However, Mr. Mason does not rest on his laurels; he continues to serve as a tried and true leader of our community and as a member of the Clinton City School Board of Education. He was re-elected to the Board in the May 6th Clinton election. When he filed for re-election he told *The Sampson Independent* that he would "work vigorously to . . . make sure we have safe and orderly schools . . . and to make the board more accountable and responsible." We know from his record and his diligence that he will do just that.

Mr. Mason is married to Clementine Hayes, has three sons, David, Lawrence, and Edward, and eight grandchildren. He is a 1958 graduate of Berkley High School in Aberdeen, NC and a graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, NC with a B.S. Degree in Biology and Chemistry. He also holds a Masters in Education from East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

SHSAA, Inc. congratulates Mr. Mason on his induction into the Sampson County Sports Hall of Fame and we thank him for his stellar service to his students and his community at-large. Mr. Mason is an inspiration to us all!

SHSAA, INC. GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 21 & 22, 2008

The 21st Annual SHSAA, Inc. Golf Tournament will be held at the Baywood Gold Club located at 904 Four Wood Drive in Fayetteville, NC on Saturday, June 21st and Sunday, June 22nd, 2008. Tee Time is 8:30 am on June 21st and at 9:00 am on June 22nd. The Association's Golf Committee sponsors this annual event and encourages everyone to participate as a golfer or by showing support by attending the Tournament. This event is a fundraiser for the SHSAA, Inc. Scholarship Fund.



This two-day, 36-hole tournament includes three -men's flights and one ladies flight. Golfing participation requires a donation of \$120.00 for golfers over 17 years of age and a contribution of \$60.00 for junior golfers (under age 17). The Participation Fee includes riding cart and golf fees; goodie bags, gifts, and prizes; refreshments while playing in tournament; and a full dinner on Sunday. Payment for each participant in the Golf Tournament must be made payable to SHSAA, Inc-Golf by check no later than **June 14, 2008**. Cash payment can be made between June 15 and June 21, 2008 at Golf Course or to one of the Committee members listed below:

Jesse F. Williams, Chair
2402 Rollinghill Rd.
Fayetteville, NC 28304

David J. Boykin, Treas.
207 Collins Street
Clinton, NC 28328

Victor Fryar
100 Oakmont Drive
Clinton, NC 28328

Olen Robinson
200 Colonial Drive
Clinton, NC 28328

Other Committee Members include Glenn Fowler, Pony Hall, and Roy Parker.

Cash Prizes for the Tournament will be awarded as follows:

Championship Flight: 1st Place - \$150.00; 2nd Place - \$125.00; 3rd Place - \$100.00

1st Flight: 1st Place - \$125.00; 2nd Place - \$100.00; 3rd Place - \$75.00

2nd Flight: 1st Place - \$100.00; 2nd Place - \$75.00; 3rd Place - \$50.00

Women's Flight: 1st Place \$100.00; 2nd Place - \$75.00; 3rd Place - \$50.00

Trophies, gifts, and/or prizes will be awarded for the following categories:

Longest Drive (in Fairway)
Closest to the Pin
Highest Number of Birdies and/or Eagles
and Duffer Award



The Golf Committee looks forward to a successful Tournament.

HERBERT J. BULLARD CLASSROOM DEDICATED AT NCCU

The dedication of the **Herbert J. Bullard** Classroom was held on Friday, May 16, 2008, at North Carolina Central University (NCCU) in Durham, North Carolina. This classroom was established by the Herbert J. Bullard Memorial Endowment and the ceremony provided for the naming of a physics classroom in the Mary M. Townes Science Building. NCCU, formerly North Carolina College (NCC), was Mr. Herbert J. Bullard's undergraduate alma mater.

Several members of the Sampson High School Alumni Association, Incorporated (SHSAA, INC.) attended the ceremony. Some of the members that attended included Mr. & Mrs. Ed Faison, Mr. & Mrs. Clarence Robinson, Mr. Thomas Faison, Mr. & Mrs. Willie Jacobs, and Herbert's wife, Christeen Bullard. Mr. Bullard was SHSAA, Inc. Life Member # 168 and his wife, Christeen, is also a Life Member of the Association.

Herbert graduated from the "ole" Sampson High School in 1948 and was salutatorian of his class. After a four-year stint in the U.S. Air Force, where he served at the rank of sergeant, Bullard enrolled in NCC in 1953. While at NCC, Bullard was elected to numerous leadership roles, including President of the Beta Kappa Honorary Scientific Society, President of the Math Club, President of the Veteran's Club, and President of his Senior Class. He was Valedictorian of his 1957 class in which he graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in physics and a minor in mathematics.

Upon graduation from NCC, Bullard was employed first as an engineer for Bendix Corporation at their location in Pennsylvania, and then, for General Dynamic Corporation in Rochester, New York. In 1972, Bullard left corporate work, pursued his master's degree in mathematics at Nazareth College, and taught mathematics at a state school for boys for 17 years. During this time, he also established and ran two successful companies, the Herby-Jim Corporation and later, using the initials of his beloved family in the title – son Todd, himself, daughter Avis, and wife Chris – T.H.A.C., Inc., which was founded and run as a family business.

Herbert's family contributed \$25,000 to the dedication. The Sampson County Chapter of the North Carolina Central University Alumni also contributed \$1,500. A reception was held immediately following the dedication. *Submitted by Mr. Ed Faison*

NEUTRICE MERRITT SCHOLARSHIP FUND DEADLINE TO DONATE - AUGUST 1ST, 2008

The Neutrice Merritt Scholarship Fund is a one-time scholarship named in the memory of **Mrs. Neutrice Merritt**, former teacher at the "ole" Sampson High School and ardent supporter of the SHSAA, Inc. The Scholarship will be given to a worthy recipient that will be chosen by the Educational Grants (Scholarship) Committee.

Please note on your check or money order that the money is for the *Neutrice Merritt Scholarship Fund*, so that the funds can be allocated properly. Please submit your donation, no later than **Friday, August 1, 2008**, to:

Angela Davis-McCoy
SHSAA, Inc. National Financial Secretary
2117 Hidden Valley Lane
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Thank YOU for your support!!

Fayetteville Chapter

SAMPSON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.
Post Office Box 2791
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28302

March 18, 2008

Dear Members, Supporters and Fellow Alumni:

It is time to gear up for the 36th Annual Reunion of the Sampson High School Alumni Association, Inc. We, the members of the Fayetteville Chapter, are extremely happy to be your host and have an exciting Reunion planned for you. Please read the following information carefully and respond before deadline dates. A number of surprises are also planned that you don't want to miss.

We ask that you complete the participation form and mail back to us as soon as possible. Please notify us if you have any special needs and/or requests and we will do our best to take care of them as soon as possible. If you know of other SHSAA grads, supporters or friends who are not on our mailing list, please share this information with them.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiasm and interest in this upcoming Reunion and for your rapid response.

With our warmest regards,

Robert E. Bennett, President
Fayetteville Chapter, SHSAA, Inc.



2008 SHSAA INC Reunion 36 Plan

Dates: August 8, 9, 10 – 2008

Host Chapter: Fayetteville Chapter

Headquarters: Fayetteville I-95 Holiday Inn
1944 Cedar Creek Road
Fayetteville, North Carolina 28312
910-323-1600

Accommodations:

A block of rooms has been reserved at the above mentioned hotel. The SHSAA rate is \$80.00 per night plus 12.75% tax. Therefore the room rate will be about \$90.00 per night. Individuals are to make their own reservations before July 7, 2008 by calling 910-323-1600 and inform the staff that you are with the SHSAA Reunion in order to receive the special room rates. There are a limited number of suites available for about \$115.00 per night, tax included.

I. Participation Plans

Postmarked by 6-15-08		Postmarked after 6-15-08
Plan A (1 person)	\$125.00	\$140.00
Plan B (2 persons)	\$250.00	\$280.00

Plan Descriptions:

Plan A—One person participating in basic reunion activities and receiving Reunion Souvenir Package.

Plan B—Two persons participating in basic reunion activities and receiving two (2) Reunion Souvenir Packages.

We encourage you to take advantage of the \$15.00 discount for early payment. In addition, early payment will allow us to make an efficient report at the end of the Reunion. Receipts will be furnished for monies paid.

- II. Reunion Package - Includes the Following:
- a. Banquet Ticket
 - b. Ball Ticket
 - c. Hospitality Ticket
 - d. Picnic Ticket
 - e. Reunion Souvenir Kit
 - f. Reunion Booklet

Reunion 2008 Participation Form

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Chapter: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

	Postmarked by 6-15-08	After 6-15-08
Plan A	\$125.00	\$140.00 _____
Plan B	\$250.00	\$280.00 _____
Banquet Ball Combination (before 7-1-08)		\$ 75.00 _____
Reunion Banquet	\$ 50.00	_____
Reunion Ball	\$ 35.00	_____
Hospitality	\$ 25.00	_____
Picnic	\$ 20.00	_____
Souvenir Packages	\$ 15.00	_____
Total Enclosed:		\$ _____

Payment:

Make checks payable to "SHSAA Inc Reunion 2008"
 No personal checks accepted after July 15, 2008

Mail To: SHSAA Reunion – 2008
 P.O. Box 2791
 Fayetteville, North Carolina 28302

2008 SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

Go to: www.blackexcel.org/summer-programs-high-school-college-students-2008.html

These powerful links will direct you to hundreds of summer positions and internships across the United States. The Ventures Program link will direct you to colleges and universities across the country and their programs in leadership, pre-college liberal arts, writing, math, and many other areas. Many of the other links will direct you to science, math, or engineering related possibilities. These are helpful, powerful gateways. *--Isaac Black, Founder, Black Excel*

Shoe Drive Fundraiser

Put your old shoes to good use!

The Clinton Chapter of SHSAA, Inc, is holding a **Shoe Drive Fundraiser** until **July 31, 2008**.

Destined4Success, together with SHSAA, Inc., will recycle your old shoes and pay SHSAA, Inc. 20 cents per pound of shoes. You may drop off your used shoes at:



614 Winfrey Street, Clinton, NC.



Shoes with strings must be tied together in pairs. Shoes without strings must be rubber banded together in pairs and placed in large plastic bags provided at the drop-off point. Plastic bags and rubber bands will be provided.

We need your help to make this shoe drive a success.

For more information contact **Maggie Williams** at **910-592-6287**.

STRAWBERRY LEMONADE RECIPE

Try this recipe for a cool refreshing drink for the summer months.

- 1 cup of strawberries
- 1 cup of lemon juice from fresh lemons or concentrate
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of sugar (or comparable amount of sugar substitute)
- 4 cups of water

Combine in pitcher the last three ingredients;
Place strawberries in blender and blend;
Pour blended strawberries into pitcher with other combined ingredients and stir;
Chill.



**SHSAA, INC. WISHES THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE A SPEEDY RECOVERY
AS THEY RECUPERATE:**

Janice Aderinto, Clinton Chapter Member and Nomination/Election Committee Chairperson;
Willie Benson, National and Fayetteville Chapter Member;
Willie Best, National Member;
Barbara Rich Smith, Triangle "Raleigh" Chapter Member; and
Alphonza Williamson, Ph.D., Life Member # 113.

THE MISCELLANEOUS AFFAIRS (BENEVOLENCE) COMMITTEE requests that you please notify Chairperson, **Macie Brooks**, by e-mail at *maciebrooks@sampsonrmc.org*, or call her at **910-592-4376**, with information that includes the name, address, and telephone number of a person or persons who are sick, has died, or has achieved or accomplished a milestone in their lives.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery,
None but ourselves can free our minds.*Bob Marley*

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