

**SHSAA, INC. CLINTON CHAPTER SERVES UP  
 AN EVENT-FILLED REUNION WEEKEND**

*Submitted by: T. Pamela Bennett*

Reunion 38 was hosted by the SHSAA, Inc. Clinton Chapter in Clinton, North Carolina, "Home of the Rams," on August 13th – August 15th, 2010, with the theme "Embracing Our Past to Enhance Our Future." (See the reunion pictures on page 10.)

The weekend began on Friday morning with "A Day of Fun and Fitness" coordinated for the youth by Joann McCalop, SHSAA, Inc. Social Committee Chairperson, which partnered with the Clinton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated and the Clinton Recreation & Parks Department.

Approximately 200 children from the ages of 5 to 17 attended the event. They enjoyed supervised basketball, tennis, golf, line dancing, and other activities along with a nutritious lunch. At the end of the day all children received backpacks with school supplies and books.

The fun continued with 'A Night with the Rams' fashion and talent show, along with dining and dancing.

August 14th was another amazing evening. SHSAA, Inc. banquet was held at the Sampson Agri-Exposition Center. The evening was set with beautiful decorated tables of our school colors, royal blue and white. The



*Elder Oscar Bennett III*

speaker for the evening was Elder Oscar Bennett III who began his speech by singing "I Believe." In keeping with the theme of the reunion, Elder Bennett spoke of past memories of Sampson High that were shared with him by his grandparents and parents about how SHSAA, Inc. could aid our youth in a superior future.

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**PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

*by Reginald Chestnutt*

Dear SHSAA, Inc. Members & Supporters:

Let me first say "thank you" to the Clinton Chapter for hosting the 2010 Sampson High School Reunion. Without a doubt, the 2010 reunion will go down in history as one to the most enjoyable and well executed events in this organization's history. This event would not have been so successful without the help of all those who volunteered their time and energy throughout the weekend, whether it was the *Fun & Fitness Day*, "Night with the Rams," General Meeting, Banquet, Ball, or picnic.



*Reginald Chestnutt*

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Other banquet highlights were:

- ▲ Recognition of the Scholarship Recipients: Ellaina Michelle Faison, daughter of Ms. Linda Faison; and Kaneisha Danielle Dixon, daughter of Ms. Angela Faison.
- ▲ The awarding of the Ram Recognition Award 2010 to Mrs. Joann H. McCalop.
- ▲ The announcement of New Life Members Blanche Boone, Pearlie Morrissey, Shelton McCallop, Robert “Bobby” Harris, M. Elaine Sampson Smith, and Garnette Graham Cunningham.
- ▲ The \$3,300.00 presentation of the Class of 1960.
- ▲ Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter presenting \$6,000.00.
- ▲ Golf Team’s presentation of \$6,500.00.

After the banquet, dancing was enjoyed by all in attendance.

Reunion 38 came to an end on Sunday afternoon at the SHSAA, Inc. Headquarters located at 615 McKoy Street, Clinton, with a cookout that was full of fun and fellowship.

### 38th Reunion Roll Call Donations

Atlanta	\$ 200.00
Baltimore	\$ 1,600.00
Clinton	\$ 2,500.00
Fayetteville	\$ 4,251.01
Florida	\$ 270.00
Golden States	\$ 450.00

Southern NJ	\$ 1,000.00
Triangle	\$ 500.00
WMAC	\$ 6,000.00
Golf Committee	\$ 6,500.00
Special Donation	\$ 500.00

### Class Donations

1953	\$ 25.00
1954	\$ 150.00
1960	\$ 3,300.00
1962	\$ 500.00

**Total Donations: \$27,746.01**

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Everyone knows how tough it is year after year to find ways to raise funds to support our scholarship efforts. But by God’s grace, we manage every year to make sure that funds continue to come in. Whether it is the local chapters, individual committees’ efforts, classes, or individual fundraisers, we raise the bar every year.

On the other hand, this has been a very difficult year because of the loss of several Life Members who served as the foundation and the backbone of this organization. My heart goes out to all those families. That is why it is so important that we encourage our children, family members, and friends who have a vested interest in this organization, but for one reason or another have been away for some extended period of time, to rejoin, rededicate and rejuvenate their commitment to this organization.

As most of you know, September started the new 2010-11 fiscal year, which gives us a new opportunity to continue to work on some of those projects that we may have started but didn’t complete. It also gives us an opportunity to start new projects that will of course help with our fundraising efforts for scholarships and community enrichment.

In closing, a special thanks to all national elected officers, committees, local chapter presidents and friends for your support of this great organization.

God Bless!

Reginald Chestnutt,  
President, SHSAA, Inc.

# CHAPTER CHATTER

## Clinton

Clinton Chapter is slowly recuperating from hosting the wonderful 2010 Reunion. We hope it was an enjoyable weekend.

A huge "Thank-You" to all that donated funds, their time to the scholarship fundraiser, and/or the Reunion.

The October Board Meeting will be held in Clinton, NC, "Home of the Rams." Please join us for a interesting and enlightening meeting. All information about the Board Meeting is out, and is also included

in this newsletter on this page. See you at the Board Meeting!

Membership is the focus of our Chapter - the renewals and new members. We need members to



support our Chapter and to meet our goals for the scholarship program. We can do it! We can increase our Membership! Yes We Can! See membership letter on page 4.

Clinton Chapter & National Membership Committee person, Philisa Faison was wed to Major Sgt. Albert L. Fowler on June 12th. She is now Mrs. Philisa Faison-Fowler. She is the daughter of Willie (Lank) & Helen M. Faison. Congrats to Philisa & Albert.

### SHSAA, INC. FALL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING INFORMATION

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 30, 2010 at 9:00 AM

**WHERE:** SHSAA, Inc. Headquarters' Building located at 615 McKoy Street, Clinton, North Carolina 28328

#### LODGING INFO

<b>Comfort Inn</b>	<b>Inn At Clinton</b>
1412 Sunset Avenue Clinton, North Carolina Tel.: 910-592-8220	1406 Sunset Avenue Clinton, North Carolina Tel.: 910-592-1990
Double/Queen - <b>\$74.95</b>	Double/Queen - <b>\$59.95</b>
Large Suite - <b>\$99.95</b>	Large Suite - <b>\$89.95</b>
Small Suite - <b>\$89.95</b>	Small Suite - <b>\$69.95</b>

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

*Helen McNair Faison* at **910-592-6060** or **910-990-1319**; or *Lee Byam* at **910-990-0873**

## CHAPTER CHATTER

September 2010

Greetings Sampson High Alumni, Members, and Friends of SHSAA, Inc.:

This year we have come together to celebrate 38 years of oneness by working together toward a common goal. Our goals have been to hold onto our legacy and to aide in furthering the education of our youth.

Now, we are also approaching the end of another fiscal year, which means that your membership dues are due on **September 1st, 2010**, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2011. The SHSAA, Inc. is dependent upon your dues for the continuation of all the good things we have been able to achieve. Your dues enable the Association to sponsor fundraisers to enhance our treasury so that we can distribute scholarships and so that we can remain steadfast to the missions of our organization.

If you are not a paid member at this time, we urge you to please make a conscientious effort to do so in the coming fiscal year. You may mail your National dues of **\$20.00** to:

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

You may also access our website at [www.shsaainc.org](http://www.shsaainc.org) to retrieve a Membership Form to complete and mail in with your dues.

If you are a paid member we urge you to please pay your 2010-2011 dues in a timely manner. Only we as dedicated members and workers can make our Association self-sufficient and a light to those who come after us.

Thank you for your support!  
Sincerely,

**Graham Faison**  
Graham Faison, Chairperson,  
Membership Committee  
Clinton Chapter

**Louise Backman**  
Louise Backman, Member  
Membership Committee  
Clinton Chapter

### Fayetteville

The 2010 Edition of the Ram Nostalgia Calendar is now available. The cost of the Calendar is **\$8.00** and an additional \$2.00 will be charged for the handling and mailing of each Calendar.

If interested in obtaining a Calendar, mail your order to:

Robert E. Bennett, President  
Fayetteville Chapter, SHSAA, Inc.  
P.O. Box 2791  
Fayetteville, NC 28302



Be sure and make your check payable to: Fayetteville Chapter, SHSAA, Inc.

# MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

## It's Dues Time Again

Submitted by: Helen M. Faison



Helen M. Faison

**S**HSAA, INC. Members, it is time to renew your dues. The new fiscal year began September 1st, and ends August 31st each year. Please pay your dues as soon as possible. Life members only pay Chapter dues. They never have to pay National dues again. All other members pay Chapter and National dues.

**T**he Annual Membership Contest will begin **October 1st** and continue through **November 30th**. The Contest is held to help to increase our National Membership. *The rules, membership form, and sample letter may be viewed and downloaded on our website at [www.shsaainc.org](http://www.shsaainc.org).*

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### Membership Contact information

E-mail: [faisonhm@aol.com](mailto:faisonhm@aol.com) Telephone: 910-592-6060

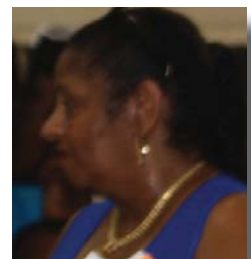
2011 is an election year to choose National Officers. You cannot vote if your dues are not current, and you will not receive other correspondence. Members, please make sure your physical address, and e-mail addresses, are correct, and notify me if any changes should be made to your addresses. A hearty welcome to all new Members! We are pleased to have you join our organization!

**The Membership Committee:**  
**Chairperson,** Helen McNair Faison;  
**Members,** Joe King Jr. & Philisa Faison Parker.

# NOMINATION/ELECTION COMMITTEE

## JOANN MCCALOP AWARDED SHSAA, INC.'S TOP HONOR

SHSAA, Inc. congratulates *Mrs. Joann McCalop* for receiving the Ram Recognition Award, our organization's most prestigious honor. Ms. McCalop, who lives in Maryland, has been a truly dedicated member of our organization. She is Life Member #067, she served for several years as the National Scholarship Chairperson, and is a dutiful and faithful member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter (WMAC). Currently, she serves as chairperson of the Social Committee, which is the Committee that sponsored this year's *Fun and Fitness Day* (see page 6). The next newsletter will aim to have a more extensive article about Joann, but in the meantime, we congratulate her on all her accomplishments, wish her much success in the future, and encourage her to continue her commitment to our wonderful organization – SHSAA, Inc.



Joann McCalop

Three cheers for Joann!!!

### Ingredients

- 1 small head cabbage, shredded (about 5 cups)
- 1 15oz can pineapple chunks, well drained
- 2 11oz cans mandarin orange sections, drained
- 2 cups seedless green grapes
- 1/3 cups light raisins
- 1 1/2 cups cubed Edam cheese
- 1 8oz carton lemon yogurt
- 1 cup dairy sour cream

### Overnight Fruit Salad



### Instructions

1. Place cabbage on bottom of large salad bowl.
2. Top with pineapple chunks, mandarin orange sections, grapes and raisins. Sprinkle cheese atop.
3. Combine yogurt and sour cream; spread over salad, sealing to edge of bowl.
4. Cover and refrigerate for 4 to 24 hours.
5. If desired, garnish with lemon and lime twist, curly endive, and a grape.

# SOCIAL COMMITTEE

## *A Recap of Fun & Fitness Day...A Fun Day for the Kids and the Adults*

*Submitted by: Joann McCalop*

*We hope you've had time to recuperate after Fun & Fitness Day as well as the SHS Reunion. It was great socializing once again with long-time friends and school mates. We enjoyed all the activities and several members have ranked our 38th Annual Reunion among the best. The Reunion Committee and the Clinton Chapter did a terrific job!*



*Fun & Fitness Day Participants practice their golf swing.*

*Kaitlyn enjoyed themselves immensely. Their natural talent and enthusiasm for golf was evident by their putting ability. The girls were so excited about playing golf. Their Dad, also a golfer, has since purchased pediatric golf clubs for them. Stay tuned, we may hear about the Greene Sisters in years to come. Roy Parker (class of '61), one of the golf coaches, was impressed with several older youngsters too. He thinks these youth have the potential to become great golfers and he is willing to work with them.*



*Fun & Fitness Day participants work on tennis techniques.*

*Fun and Fitness Day was about caring, sharing, and giving back to a community that has given so much to us. Mr. Bill Jacobs, our former teacher and coach, said it best and we share his comments with you. Mr. Jacobs did not attend the event, but late that afternoon he stopped by Sampson Recreation Center where he encountered several children walking with pride as they carried their new backpacks and school supplies. But the scene that stood out the most he said, was a young child propped against her backpack reading the new book she had just received. We all felt joy as Mr. Jacobs told this heartwarming story—you could hear the emotion in his voice. We admire Mr. Jacobs for sharing this very personal and tender moment with us. We again thank SHSAA members and our partners, the Sampson Recreation Center and the Clinton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. for going beyond the call of duty and bringing love and joy into the lives of these youth for at least one day.*

*We can't thank the SHS members enough for all you did to help make Fun & Fitness Day a success. The children had lots of fun and quite frankly the adults did too. A few days after the event, a young lady expressed to me how much she and her friends enjoyed the Tennis Clinic. She enjoyed the lessons, and the interactions with the coaches and the other children. She is currently reading a book the coaches distributed which provides a history of the greatest tennis players. She hopes "Miss Gale" (Gale McCollum, Sampson Class of '65) might coach her again when she comes to Clinton. This child and her friends were obviously impressed with the exposure to the game and the coaches. They are now willing to try a new activity, which was the F&F goal.*

*Wanda Ezzell-Greene said she was ecstatic about her two granddaughters experience at the Golf Clinic. She said Hannah and*



*More youngsters try their hand at golf.*

*The Basketball Clinic went well too.*

*The kids had a great time showing-off their basketball skills as well as learning new strategies for the game. The two AU coaches were impressed with the children's skill level and commended Tim Boykin and other Clinton coaches for doing a magnificent job. All the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves, from line dancing and hula hooping, to playing board games, kickball, and racquetball; not to mention the delicious snacks and healthy but tasty lunch.*

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### **Fun & Fitness Day Sponsors**

*Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. - \$500 Grant*

*Nestles USA, Baltimore – 123 Backpacks; 200 Juicy Juice & 10 cases of water*

*Youth VIBE Incorporated, Atlanta- 100 lite weight backpacks with school supplies*

*Deer Park Corporation, Lanham, MD- 8 cases of water; State Farm Insurance- 100 large souvenir bags; Timberlake Golf*

*Course; Andrews Chapel Baptist Church; Clinton Wellness Center; NC Cooperative Extension Service, Sampson County Branch;*

*Mayor Gwen Faison, Camden, NJ; Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter, SHSAA; Fayetteville Chapter, SHSAA; Sampson*

*Recreation Center; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; and SHSAA, Inc. along with many members & supporters.*

# SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

## Two Clinton High Seniors Awarded SHSAA, Inc. Scholarships

Submitted by: M. Odell Sutton

The Sampson High School Alumni Association continues to shape the legacy initiated in 1975 with a \$500 grant by awarding \$8,000 in scholarships to two Clinton High School graduates.

**Ellaina Michelle Faison and Kaneshia Danielle Dixon** are the recipients of the SHSAA, Inc. Edith Moore McDougald Scholarships in the amount of \$6000 and \$2000 respectively. The 2010 Scholarships honor the memory of Edith Moore McDougald, 10th President of SHSAA, Inc., member of Sampson High Class of 1958, member and past president of the Baltimore Chapter and a very committed Alumni Association Life Member # 14.



A Certificate of Award was presented to each recipient during the Clinton High School's Awards Night on June 10th, by Mr. Ronald "Cup" Brewington and Chair M. Odell Bennett Sutton on behalf of National President, Mr. Reginald Chestnutt, officers and members of the Sampson High School Alumni Association. Formal awards were presented at the Association's 38th Reunion Banquet on August 14th.

The **2010 Educational Grant Committee**: Sally Chestnutt, Atlanta Chapter; Ronald "Cup" Brewington, Clinton Chapter; Roscoe Killett, Fayetteville Chapter; Peggy Odom, Triangle Chapter; Joann McCalop, Washington Metropolitan Chapter; and M. Odell Bennett Sutton, Chair, Fayetteville Chapter.

The Committee commends the young ladies for outstanding achievements in their educational careers. We challenge them to go forth confidently and make proud all who were involved in charting and shaping their future.

**"The marvelous richness of human experience would lose something of rewarding joy if there were no limitations to overcome. The hilltop hour would not be half so wonderful if there were no dark alleys to traverse."**

*- Helen Keller*

### **"2010 Chair & Her Friends" Scholarship Established**

National President Reginald Chestnutt to be deposited in the educational grants account. The first recipient of the need-based academic award will be selected by the Scholarship Committee from the pool of applicants applying for the Association's three established scholarships.

Current chair of the SHSAA, Inc. Educational Grants (Scholarship) Committee, M. Odell Bennett Sutton, celebrated her August 14th birthday by presenting the first installment of a scholarship that she has established. A check for \$500 (first installment) was presented to SHSAA, Inc.

# KUDOS KORNER

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

Carey Hughley, III (pictured right), is son of Life Member Alice Williams Hughley. He is no longer with us, but even in his absence he speaks to us through his unselfish nature because when he was alive he cared enough to be an organ donor.



- More than 93,000 Americans are waiting for organ transplants
- The need for organs grows daily in minority communities
- 35% of those people awaiting organ transplants are African American

Please consider seriously organ donation because it saves lives. Let Carey be an example to all of us.

## DAVIS-MCCOY ADDS TO HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Angela Davis-McCoy** has added another accomplishment to her ever growing list. She's employed by the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) in Washington, DC, where she serves as the Branch Chief for the Weapons & Ammunition Branch. In June she was asked by fellow co-workers to join the instructor's team to teach the "**Funds Allocation & Funds Execution**" class for the new financial system Navy, Enterprise Resource Planning referred to as N-ERP. ERP is a business management system that integrates all facets of the Navy business and a single database that will manage integrated and interoperable shared data.

The School House Instructor Training and Orientation began July 2-4 in Leesburg, VA, at the National Conference Center, followed by three (3) days of Train-the-Trainer and Teach Back. Due to the fact that the other potential instructors had a jump start on Angela in completing their certification requirements, it was going to be a chal-

lenge (that she looked forward to). Angela was approved to attend the orientation with the agreement that she complete the 13 Web Based Training (WBT) courses



that were role mapped to her as a Branch Head, plus attend 3 Instructor Lead Training (ILT) courses, one in which she would be teaching. There was no doubt that Angela would complete the 13 WBTs and move on. She did so by performing her regular day job as a Financial Management Analyst Supervisor, staying up late nights completing the Web Based Training in addition to making sure that the budget an-

alysts were properly role mapped and completed their training also. In July, Angela became a certified N-ERP Instructor to teach "**Funds Allocation and Funds Execution**" in which she jokingly renamed "**Funds Allocation.**" She and co-instructor Kim taught classes in August and September, receiving above average reviews for their tag-team efforts in teaching. On September 16th, Angela was presented with an "**On the Spot Award**" for analyzing and monitoring the on-line and instructor lead training for the staff, performing her duties as a branch head, and standing in front of an audience of her peer and presenting the information as a subject matter expert. She looks forward to teaching other classes scheduled through November or later. The new N-ERP financial system will go live early October 2010 in which she will continue to assist the Comptroller Department in performing the daily tasks associated with Funds Allocation and Funds Execution. **Thank you Angela for a job well done!**

# KUDOS KORNER

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

## Local Taekwondo Master Instructor Receives State, National, and International Recognition



Ron, on right, accepts award

Local Taekwondo Master Instructor, Ron Whitted has received State, National and International recognition for his achievements and contributions to the sport and art of Taekwondo.

Ron Whitted, who is Life Member # 150 of the Sampson High School Alumni Association, Incorporated, is President of the North Carolina Taekwondo Organization. NCTO is the North Carolina Olympic Taekwondo Governing Body and is sanctioned by USA Taekwondo, Inc., the National Governing Body and member of the United States Olympic Committee. As such, NCTO is mandated to conduct the official USAT-North Carolina State Taekwondo championship that qualifies athletes to compete in the US Junior Olympics and National Taekwondo Championships. The mission of NCTO is to enable Taekwondo athletes to achieve sus-

tained competitive excellence and to promote and grow the sport of Taekwondo.

Whitted organizes several seminars and serves as the competition manager of several tournaments throughout the year in support of these goals. In January, Whitted hosted the Taekwondo – Athletes Referees Coaches Development Program. This seminar featured an Olympic-style Taekwondo Training Seminar for athletes and was facilitated by Master Philippe Pinerd, Head Coach of the Belgium Olympic Taekwondo Team and World Taekwondo Federation International Instructor, Master Missy Cann, the first woman head coach of the All Armed Forces Taekwondo Team, Steven Geotsis, representative of the LaJust Electronic Scoring System, and Master Seung Hwan Kim, International Referee for USA Taekwondo, who conducted a sanctioned USA Referee certification seminar.

In March, Whitted hosted the sanctioned USAT- NC State Taekwondo Championships. Over 100 athletes were featured from Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina and qualified athletes to compete in the 2010 US Junior Olympic and National Taekwondo Championships. Whitted was presented with an “Award of Appreciation” from Grandmaster Kevin Tiger Bang, USA Taekwondo Martial Arts Commissioner and President of the NC State Taekwondo MAC.

In April, Ron hosted the Fayetteville Open Taekwondo Championships, which attracted over 100 athletes from North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. In May, Whitted was selected to Referee at the US National Qualifier in Daytona Beach, Florida. In June, Ron served as the Competition Manager for the 2010 State Games of North Carolina Taekwondo Championships. Over 200 athletes from the Carolinas competed in this event. Grandmaster H.S. Pang, President of the International Martial Arts Association, presented Whitted with an “Award of Honor.”

Whitted was also selected to serve as a National Referee at the US Junior Olympic and National Taekwondo Championships, which were held in Orlando, Florida, June 29 – July 4, 2010. Additionally, he was also promoted to a US National Level “B2” Referee at this event. The US national events qualified athletes for the US Taekwondo National and Olympic Team Trials.

SHSAA, Inc. salutes Mr. Whitted for his achievements and urges him to continue teaching and mentoring youth in Taekwondo!

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Taekwondo



Perdeitha Ezzell & Ollen Dupree  
Make Class of 1960 Presentations.



People enjoy themselves at the  
Reunion after party.



Family members of L. Byam  
(3rd from left).



Robert Bennett makes  
the Fayetteville Chapter  
Monetary Presentation.



Pamala Bennett  
38 Reunion MC



Scholarship Recipient  
Kaneisha Dixon



Scholarship Recipient  
Ellania Fasion

# 38TH REUNION - 2010

# SAMPSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1960

## 50 YEARS OF COMMITMENT

Submitted by: Dr. Jesse F. Williams

August 12 – 15, 2010 was Reunion week in Clinton, NC. The Class of 1960 had its 50th Year Class Reunion Celebration August 12th, at the Oasis Oyster Bar and Grill on Hobbton Hwy. Over 32 classmates and ten guests came together to renew old friendships, recall high school memories and relate events that shaped their lives since 1960. “Meet Again & Greet Hour” preceded the informal program which featured a memoriam for deceased classmates. Activities included a “Then and Now” PowerPoint, candid and group photo shoots, delicious food and reflections from all in attendance including five teachers: Mr. Howard Boney, Mrs. Hazel Colwell, Mr. & Mrs. Charity Jacobs and Mr. William Whitaker. Class President, Dr. Jesse F. Williams, served as toastmaster and MC, reviewing the contributions of the Class to SHSAA.

SHSAA, Inc. was not visualized as part of the first class reunion for the Class of 1960 held in August 1973, in Washington, DC. Like many other good ideas, the SHSAA movement created its own momentum and reality. This reality and on-going momentum is still with us today.

Two of our classmates, Perdethia Ezzell Lowery and Leslie Williams deserve further recognition. Yearly, from 1961 to 1972, Perdethia reminded us that we vowed to have a class reunion in ten years and her “behind the scenes pushing and agitation” got us all going in late 1972. At an early meeting of the class of 1960 planning group with the Washington, DC area, Sampson High School graduate, Leslie Williams, made the profound statement... “If we are going to have a reunion, we need to set up a scholarship fund to help the needy youth of our community get a college education.” Getting together to have the First Sampson High School Reunion and setting up the Scholarship Fund were the “glue-sticks” that have held us together as a hard-working group - serving the various needs of our members, as well as the youth in our communities. Leslie Williams was recognized in 2001 with the Ram Recognition Award - the highest honor given by SHSAA, Inc. Although he has never held any national office, he has attended nearly all, if not all 38 SHSAA Reunions, was a charter member of the Washington, DC Chapter, and is Life Member # 185.

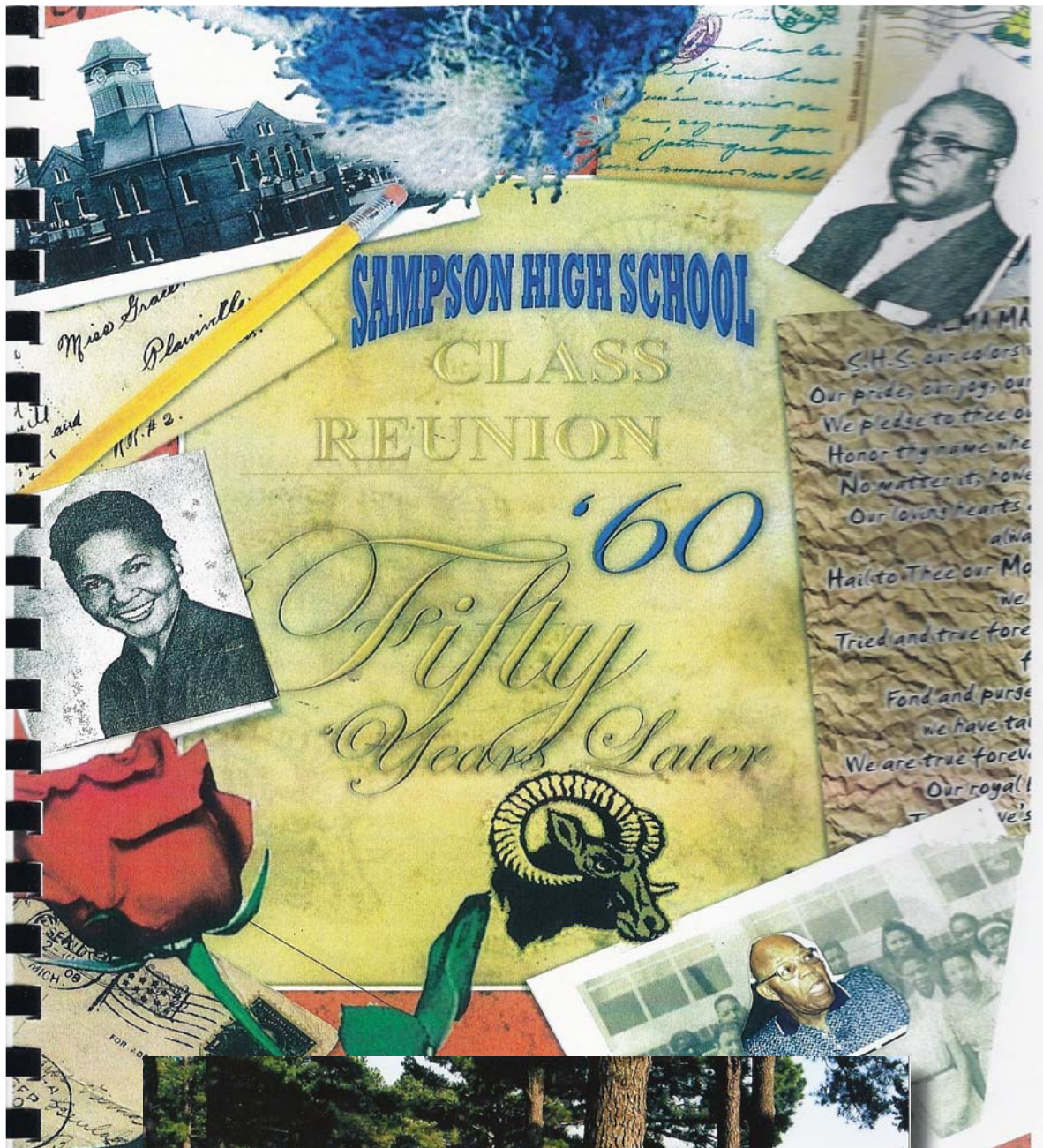
At the first reunion held in Washington, DC in 1973, twenty three of our classmates attended. Jesse Williams, our class president, was elected the First President of SHSAA. Other classmates taking an active role in the association’s organization and activities were Carolyn Tatum Butler, Ollen A. Dupree, Jr., Alberta Williams Russell, Walter J. Smith, Romeo Lewis, Jr., Leeomina Draughon Byam, and 1960 Class Advisors Mrs. Neutrice Merritt and Mr. Nathaniel S. Hinton. Leeomina Byam was the driving force behind the establishment of the Connecticut Chapter. She has served the organization as Parliamentarian and Corresponding Secretary. She gave us all “ADDED STRENGTH” as she fought through her battle with a severe debilitating illness in the late 70s and early 80s. Being confined to a wheelchair did not keep her from attending SHSAA Reunions and other activities. Her hard work, trust in God, and adherence to the medication and treatment plan for MS had her back on her feet in the early 90s. Classmate Annette Butler

Dunston, along with Coach Paul J. Williams, and Robert (Bobby) Harris were the official “Charter Members” of the Sampson High School Alumni Association, Incorporated. Walter J. Smith served as the first Secretary of the Association and was instrumental and active with the organization of the New York Chapter.

Over the past 38 years, various classmates have held key positions in the Alumni Association and have been pillars for its growth and development. Both Patricia McCalop and Leeomina Byam have served as Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee. Jesse Williams has served as President and Historian, as well as Chairperson of the Phase II Housing Committee. He also set up and organized the first Golf Tournament in 1988. Our classmates are currently actively involved in the official structure of the Alumni Association as follows: Mary Odell Bennett Sutton, Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee; Jesse Williams, Business Manager; Patricia McCalop, Nomination & Elections Committee Chairperson, which includes the overseeing the selection of the RAM Recognition Award; Helen McNair Faison, Membership Chairperson; Leeomina Byam, 38th Reunion Chairperson; Floyd Howard, Chairperson of the Member Reclamation Committee and President of the Gold Coast Chapter. Our current National President, Reginald Chestnutt, is a former Scholarship recipient and the son of classmates Marion Chestnutt and Jean Moore Chestnutt. Perdethia Ezzell Lowery has set up and given a Special Scholarship in honor of her father, James Ezzell, Sr., the 1988 RAM Recognition Award winner, Patricia McCalop and her family, have established a Special Scholarship in honor of her Mother, Alice McCalop.

As a class we can rightfully be proud that we have helped create the “SAMPSON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.” Chartered in North Carolina in 1973 as a non-profit tax-exempt organization with 501(c)(3) status, our Alumni Association has raised more than \$400,000.00 in Scholarship Funds and has awarded scholarships to more than 160 students. There are more than 260 Life Members - 11 of our classmates are life members. The Alumni Association has awarded 40 RAM Recognition Awards - five of our classmates have received this honor. Thanks to all of us, as classmates we will make the largest class contribution to the SHSAA Scholarship Fund this year; a total of \$5,060.00. I close these notes by challenging all of the members of the Fabulous Class of 1960 to become Life Members by 2012, the 40th SHSAA, Inc. reunion. I further challenge you to re-dedicate yourselves to our commitment to be of service to others by becoming fully active and supporting members of SHSAA, Inc.

On August 13th our class met at Royal Park for a picnic catered by classmate Thomas Killett. Everyone raved about the food. The Class decided that the next reunion will be held in 2015. On August 14th the Class of 1960 presented a scholarship in the amount of \$3300 to the SHSAA, Inc. Scholarship Fund - making it the largest class donation to date. Will any class match or better the offer? The Class of 1960 will reunite again in the year 2015, but promises to remain in contact.



**Front row (l to r)**

Helen McNair Faison, Annette Butler Dumpson, Shirley Frazier King, Blonnie Carr, Jesse Williams, Jean Moore Chestnutt, M. Odell Bennett Sutton, Carolynne McPhail Carter, and Perdethia Ezzell Lowery.

**Second row (l to r)**

Peggy Robinson, Alice Livingston, Fannie King, Thomas Killett, Walter Smith, O. A. Dupree, Jr., Albert Butler.

# SAMPSON HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1960

**MOTTO:** “As every thread of gold is valuable, so is every moment of time.” J. Mason

Wesley Allen  
Elbert Banks  
Geraldine Beamon  
Milford Bennett  
M. Odell Bennett Sutton ^  
Francis Best Pinkard  
Carrie Boykin  
Bobbie Boykin  
Thomas Boykin\*  
Veasther Bookurn Smith  
Fletcher Bryant\*  
Albert Butler  
Annette Butler Dunston  
Blonnie Carr ^  
William Carroll  
Rosie Chance\*  
Edith Chestnutt Shamsid-Deen  
Marion Chestnutt\*  
Margaret Cooper Wright  
Leeomina Draughon Byam ^  
Ollen A. Dupree, Jr. ^  
Perdethia Ezzell Lowery ^  
Alton Faison  
Charles Faison\*  
James Faison\* ^  
Thomas Faison  
Morrell Fennell\*  
Dorothy Fryar Butler  
Charles L. Fryar\*  
Shirley Frazier King  
Jimmy Hardison\*  
Floyd Howard  
Thomas Killett  
Fannie King  
Romeo Lewis, Jr.  
Peggy Lee Johnson

Helen McNair Faison ^  
Howard Mathis  
Dorothy McAlister Davis  
John McIntosh\*  
Callie McPhail Wiggins  
Carolynne McPhail Carter  
Patricia McCalop ^  
Robert McRae\* ^  
Jean Moore Chestnutt  
Winfrey Morrissey\*  
Donald Newkirk  
Wendell Newkirk\*  
Ethel Newman  
McArthur Parker  
Handy Peterson  
Sophia Peterson  
Coley Pierce  
Louise Pope  
Oscar Powell  
Pearlene Ray\*  
Thearlene Ray\*  
Lewis J. “L J” Robinson\* ^  
Peggie Robinson  
Wentford Sampson\*  
Joseph Smith  
Walter J. Smith  
Carolyn Tatum  
James Tew\*  
Douglas Underwood  
Alberta Williams Russell  
Jesse F. Williams^  
Leslie Williams ^  
Samuel Williamson  
James Wright  
Shirley Wynn Batiste

Principal - Mr. O. A. Dupree, Sr\*    Advisors – Mrs. Neutrice W. Merritt \* & Mr. Nathaniel S. Hinton\*

\* = Deceased

^ = SHSAA, Inc. Member

“To look backward for a while is to refresh the eye, to restore it, and to render it the more fit for its prime function of looking forward.”

~ Margaret Fairless Barber, *The Roadmember*



## IN MEMORIAM



### GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN...

**Joseph Bennett**, Life Member # 46, transcended on **9-14-10**.

**Marion Fowler**, Life Member # 30, departed on **7-11-10**.

**Percy L. Kirby**, Life Member # 22, passed away on **7-28-10**.

**Raymond T. Williams**, Life Member # 69 and Clinton Chapter, transitioned on **7-14-10**.

## BENEVOLENCE

These Members were hospitalized or sick since the last newsletter. We wish them a speedy recovery.

**Dawn Ballard**, Life Member # 200, spent time in the hospital during the month of August;  
**Harold "Fox" Draughon**, National Member, was a patient at the Cape Fear Medical Center in Fayetteville, North Carolina, during August; and

**Joe King**, Clinton Chapter Member, is now recuperating at home.

## BEREAVEMENT

Those members or alumnae who have lost loved ones.

**Clara Bennett**, Life Member # 45, grieves the passing of her husband,  
Joseph Bennett, who left this earth on 9-14-10.

**Julia Grace Bunting**, Life Member # 211, mourns the loss of her son,  
Donnie Barden, who transcended on 8-27-10;

**Reginald Chestnutt**, National President, mourns the passing of his brother,  
Kenneth Chestnutt, who departed on 9-12-10;

**Mildred Fowler**, Life Member # 29, mourns the loss of her husband,  
Marion Fowler, who departed on 7-11-10;

**Hope Kirby Tucker**, Life Member # 207, grieves the loss of her Father,  
Percy Kirby, who passed away on 7-28-10; and

**Maggie W. Williams**, Life Member # 70, and National Members, **Ramona Williams Carr** and  
**Rose Williams**, laments the loss of Raymond T. Williams,  
their husband and Father, respectively, who transitioned on 7-14-10.



*The Williams Family* extends a heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who called us, visited us, prayed for and with us, supported us, and loved us during (and beyond) Raymond's illness. Your thoughts, prayers, and words of encouragement helped us tremendously and will never be forgotten. We would also like to offer our sincere gratitude to the following people and entities for their continuous love and support during our challenging hours:

Mrs. Deveria Vann, Dr. Roland Allison, Rev. Louise Backman, Mr. Charles "Cup" Brewington, Mr. Roy "Pee Wee" Fryar, Carolina East Home and Hospice, Inc., Dr. John Smith & Staff, Dr. I-Wen Chang & Staff, Dr. Brian Cook & Staff, Mrs. Nettie Pernell, the Lisbon Street Missionary Baptist Church "Sick" Committee, and the Sampson Recreation Center's Pinochle Club. We wish you all Godspeed forever and always!

# Presenting ... The 2010 Scholarship Recipients

Submitted by: M. Odell Sutton



**Ellaina Fasion** is a 2010 graduate of Clinton High School. She is the daughter of Ms. Lina Faison, a Patient Service Technologist at LabCorp in Burlington, NC. She plans to attend North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro, North Carolina, and major in biology. Ellaina has been awarded the need-based \$6,000 scholarship to assist her with her career goal of becoming a cardiologist. While at Clinton High School, Ellaina was a cheerleader, in HOSA Club, and president and vice-president of FC-

CLA. She was on the Honor Roll each semester maintaining a “B” average. She states that “helping others is very important” to her and she wants to give back to her community. Ellaina plans to find a cure for Sickle Cell Anemia. Her teachers and counselors write that she is a well-rounded individual with strong moral values. She is persistent, independent, and determined. She recognizes that what she experiences and achieves will forever affect her life. Upon hearing her name called at Awards Night, she said, “Oh my gosh, I can do anything when I set my mind to it. This means that I am a step closer to my goal. Receiving this scholarship means that other people have a lot of faith in me and are supporting me in my career choice.”



**Kaneshia** is a 2010 graduate of Clinton High School. She is the daughter of Ms Angela Faison, a Pre-School Teacher in the Sampson County Head Start Program. Kaneshia was a North Carolina Academic Scholar, a member of the Beta Club, a Career and Technical Education Honor Society, in the Spanish Honor Society, and an honor student graduating #4 in her class of 171 students. She also served as President of the Student Government Association, attended Governor’s School West in 2009, was a Junior Marshal, and received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence. She was a participating member of the Symphonic Band, Key Club, Step Team, Ebony Club, FBLA, Renaissance Club, and a Project Uplift participant. Her teachers and counselor rated her as outstanding in all categories – ability, mo-

tivation, self-discipline. They further stated that “she is highly respected by her peers, often volunteers to assist less capable students, performs beautifully in a strong academic setting, is highly intelligent, goes above and beyond requirements on every assignment, adds positivity and diversity to classroom discussions, and is dedicated to her scholastic achievement.” Kaneshia noted on her application that going to college is necessary to be successful in life and it will afford her the opportunity to interact with people of different cultures, backgrounds, and races.



Kaneshia Dixon

## DEADLINES

The deadline for article submissions to the next Newsletter is **Monday, January 17, 2011**. Please send your article to [shsaanewsletter@classygraphics.com](mailto:shsaanewsletter@classygraphics.com) or to SHSAA, Inc. Newsletter, P.O. Box 7751, Columbia, SC 29202-7751.

All Committee Reports, Chapter Updates, and Officer Reports, for the period beginning **July 1st** and ending **August 30th**, must be submitted for the 2010 Fall Executive Board Meeting, no later than **Wednesday, October 13, 2010**, for inclusion in the Board Report Package.

Reports should be submitted to:  
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[Reg1982@aol.com](mailto:Reg1982@aol.com)

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Recording Secretary, Faye Faison

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