

Joann Harris McCalop: 2010 Ram Recognition Award Recipient

Submitted by: Patricia J. McCalop, Chair, Nomination/Election Committee



Joann McCalop

Some people just work consistently year after year, producing good seed in the process, not looking for accolades or special recognition. I am talking about our 2010 Ram Recognition Recipient, Joann McCalop.

After 37 years of dedicated service to the Sampson High School Alumni Association, Incorporated (SHSAA, Inc.), Joann has been called to take her place beside other worthy recipients. She has worked hard and stayed focused and loyal to the cause of SHSAA, Inc. year after year. I am talking about a truly outstanding individual who is faithful to the Alumni community and her community at large. Do you know

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PHASE TWO COMMITTEE HOLDS TWO FUNDRAISERS

Submitted by: Rose Williams

PORK TENDERLOIN FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

THE SHSAA, INC. PHASE TWO COMMITTEE held a Pork Tenderloin Fundraiser on Sunday, November 7, 2010, at Alumni Headquarters located at 615 McKoy Street in Clinton, North Carolina, from Noon to 4 PM. The Fundraiser was entitled, "Come Have Your Sunday Dinner With SHSAA, Inc." The menu included Baked Chicken or Roasted Pork Tenderloin, Rice, String Beans, Roll, Orange Salad and Desert, and was eat-in or take out. The Committee requested a \$7.00 donation. The Fundraiser grossed approximately \$1,095.37; after expenses the total money netted was \$780.76. The Committee is thankful for the amount of money it was able to raise.



THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK all of the Committee Members who sold tickets, worked at the event, or supported the event in any way. Those Members will not be named individually for fear that someone's name will be omitted. However, the Committee

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February 14, 2011

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

by Reginald Chestnutt

Happy New Year! As we start a new year, let all of us be reminded of the journey we traveled together in 2010. When we look back on 2010, we realize that through tough economical times we managed to continue to raise funds so that children can continue their college education. It is for this reason I want to say "Thank You." Last year we partnered with other organizations that have similar goals



Reginald Chestnutt

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that Joann has only missed one Annual Reunion, and subsequently, one board meeting since the Alumni's inception in 1973? I don't know of anyone else who has surpassed this record other than her husband, Leslie Donald, also a past Ram Recognition Recipient.

Joann did not just attend these alumni functions, she actively participated in various capacities in key positions. Her accomplishments are too numerous to be contained in this article. However, she is a 1965 graduate of Sampson High School. She attended Fayetteville State University and received a B.S. Degree in Early Childhood Education. Early in her career, she moved to Southern Maryland where she was employed as a First Grade Teacher. Subsequently, she relocated to the Washington, D.C. suburbs where she enjoyed a successful career with the Federal Government, one year at the IRS; three years at the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development, and the next 28 years with the U.S. Dept. of Education, Student Financial Assistance.

During her six year stint as SHSAA, Inc. National Scholarship Chairperson, under her leadership many improvements were made in the Scholarship Program. A few are listed as follows:

- Procedures were established to insure applications were available to applicants as early as January 1st of each year.
- Cost effective criteria was put in place to provide At-Large Applicants the opportunity for a live interview via a conference call, allowing the same opportunities as the Clinton Applicants, without incurring travel and lodging expenses by the applicant for an on-site interview.
- Video presentations of scholarship recipients were made available for viewing at Annual Reunions. This allowed members, guests and supporters additional information regarding our recipients in a totally different format.
- Quarterly reports were developed, maintained, and distributed disclosing the status of student disbursements and academic standing.
- Joann was instrumental in soliciting private scholarships for the Organization, i.e., the Herbert J. Bullard, Donia Goodman and Alice G. McCalop Scholarships.

Also, as chairperson of the SHSAA National Election Committee for four years, Joann developed new procedures for counting ballots to ensure fairness and accountability.

Past Ram Recognition Award Recipients:

2009	Helen Faison
2008	Alton Rich
2007	Stacy Allen and Ernest Scott
2006	Leeomina Byam,
2005	Herbert J. Odom
2004	Patty Peterson Cherry
2003	Maggie W. Williams & Naomi Simmons
2002	Juanita S. Ezzell
2001	Leslie E. Williams
2000	Mildred P. Fowler
1999	Hazel G. Colwell
1998	Paul J. Williams*
1997	Willie D. Jacobs
1996	Sallye W. Harvey
1995	B. Faison & Wilbert "Huff" Royal*
1994	Leslie Donald McCalop
1993	Robert Bennett
1992	Graham L. Faison
1991	Gwendolyn Faison
1990	Annie C. Higgs* & Emmaline B. Sampson
1989	Mary A. Kirby & Lester Parker*
1988	James Ezzell, Sr.* & Willie Simmons
1987	Mae D. Holmes* & Edith M. McDougald*
1986	Julia A. Bryant* & George White, Ph.D.
1985	Pocahontas White* & Estelle Sampson*
1984	Jesse F. Williams, MD & Luther Moore
1983	Neutrice Merritt & Roland Allison, Ph.D.
1982	Mable Carter* & Rupert Johnson*

***Deceased**

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She is currently serving as the SHSAA, Inc. Social Committee Chairperson. In partnership with the Clinton Recreation and Parks Department and the Clinton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, she planned and coordinated “A Fun and Fitness Day” for the youth. The activity supported First Lady Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” initiative aimed at lowering childhood obesity in the U.S. in one generation.

In addition to the Alumni Association activities, Joann is intensely involved in many church and civic programs, activities, and projects in her local area of Lanham, Maryland. (See upcoming 2011 Reunion Booklet for detailed description of these activities, programs, etc.)

Joann is married to Leslie Donald McCalop, also a 1965 graduate of Sampson High School. They are the proud parents of daughter, Leslie JoVon.

DEADLINES

*The deadline for article submissions to the next Newsletter is **Friday, May 14, 2011**. Please send your article to **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 January 1st* and *ending March 31st*, must be hand-delivered to the 2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting, since the meeting will occur on April 1st and 2nd.

Normally, reports should be submitted to:

National President, Reginald Chestnutt

Reg1982@aol.com

and to Recording Secretary, Faye Faison

FaisonF47@aol.com

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in mind and without their help and support some of the activities would not have been as successful as they were.

We worked together to ensure that we continue to touch our community in ways that change lives. All this could not have been done without all your help, prayer and willingness to make a difference. In 2011, the challenges we all faced last year are still present. We need everyone’s help and support in 2011. By far, we have some of the most talented and caring people in this organization and it shows every day.

This is why we must continue to work on increasing our overall membership and encouraging those scholarship recipients to step up and lend a helping hand so that others can be afforded the same opportunity.

I look forward to working with all of you this year!

Let’s all keep pulling together.

God Bless!

Reginald Chestnutt
President, SHSAA, Inc.

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would like to recognize and thank Mrs. Maggie Williams, Clinton Fundraiser Coordinator, who worked tirelessly to make sure that the event was a success. She oversaw the ticket sales, recruited volunteers, helped prepare the food, and did just about everything that needed to be done in order to carry out the event. She is a selfless worker who is truly dedicated to SHSAA, Inc. We applaud and appreciate her tremendous efforts.

THERE WERE ALSO SEVERAL LOCAL BUSINESSES and individuals that supported the fundraiser by donating items for the event. They are: Jordan and Hope Grocery Store, Marty Simmons Grocery, Piggly Wiggly, Magaline Boykin, and Helen and Lank Faison.

FINALLY, THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE to thank non-Committee Members, Roy "Pee Wee" Fryar, Sadie Lee, Shirley McKoy, Janis Aderinto, Sharon Bennett, Cameron Vann, Deveria Vann, Donna Vann, and Ruskin Faison, who without their help, it would have been difficult for the event to have been a success. Recruited by Committee Member Ms. Blonnie Carr, the non-Committee members volunteered their time without hesitation and stepped up to the plate to help the Phase Two Committee. We will forever be in their debt.

THE COMMITTEE AGAIN EMPLOYED a computer-generated publicity mechanism to help publicize the Fundraiser. The Committee used "Calling Post," an automated telephone calling service, to call 200 SHSAA, Inc. members and friends. The Committee certainly hopes that the "Calling Post" helped to fuel plate sells. It's such an easy way to "get the word out," so the Committee plans to continue using this tool.

THE COMMITTEE IS THANKFUL that it was able to raise over \$600.00 for the missions of the Phase Two Committee and

also sends out a special "thank you" to all that participated in and/or supported our event.

YARD SALE HELPS CLEAR OUT SAMPSON SCHOOL CAFETERIA

PRIOR TO THE PORK TENDERLOIN DINNER, the Phase Two Committee held a Yard Sale at the Headquarters Building on Saturday, October 16th. The Committee was able to rent one table for \$10.00 to a fellow "yard-saler." and also sold many items that had remained in the Cafeteria building located on the Sampson School campus. Those items included cups, saucers, chairs, etc. The sale of those items netted the Committee approximately \$504.48.



AGAIN, TO HELP MAKE THIS FUNDRAISER a success, there were several non-Committee members who helped. They are: Teresa Kea, Cornell Mathis, Alonza Vann, Cameron Vann, Donna Vann, and Deveria Vann.

WE THANK THE NON-COMMITTEE MEMBERS for all that they did to make the fundraiser a success. They were a God-send.

THE PHASE TWO COMMITTEE REMAINS committed to the mission of the SHSAA, Inc. and the Committee, which is to rehabilitate and renovate the old Sampson School. We hope that you will join in our commitment to help this mission become fulfilled.

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN FOR MORE FUNDRAISERS from The Phase Two Committee in 2011.

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN SHSAA, INC.



- Receive Membership Card
- Receive Newsletter, The Communicator, three times a year via e-mail or via U.S. Mail
- Receive updates on SHSAA, INC. members who are sick or notification of members who have passed away
- Receive one free copy of the Reunion Booklet
- If Life Member, you never have to pay National Dues again
- Able to vote in National Elections
- Able to vote on amendments to the Constitution & By-laws

CHAPTER CHATTER

Fayetteville

The **2011** 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.

Washington Metropolitan Area Chapter (WMAC) will host the 2011 Spring Executive Board Meeting on April 1st & 2nd, 2011

Hotel reservations may be made at:

Hilton Garden Inn of Waldorf
10385 O'Donnell Place
Waldorf, MD 20603
Phone: (240) 222-0000
FAX: (240) 000-0010

The room rates for a king or queen room is \$109.00 per night, plus tax. Two breakfast coupons will be given for each night staying. Rate is \$99.00 **WITHOUT BREAKFAST INCLUDED**.

In order to get this rate, please use file code "SHS" when making your reservation.

The reservation cut-off date for taking advantage of the SHS discount is Friday, March 11, 2011.

IN MEMORIAM



GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN...

Robert “Bobby” Wood, National Member, transitioned on **12-28-10**;
Charles Ronald “Cup” Brewington, National Member, passed away on **1-20-11**
Marion Jacobs Phillips, Life Member #118, crossed over on **1-20-11**.

BENEVOLENCE

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

Rev. Louise Backman, National and Clinton Chapter Member, was hospitalized in January and is now at home;

Joe King, Clinton Chapter Member, was hospitalized in January in Wilmington, NC.

BEREAVEMENT

Those members or alumnae who have lost loved ones.

J.D. Faison, Life Member, grieves the loss of his sister, *Pocahontas Simmons*, who passed away on **10-31-10**;

Mary E. McPhail and **Maggie W. Williams**, Life Members #81 and #70, respectively, mourn the passing of their brother, *Robert “Bobby” Wood*, who transitioned on **12-28-10**;

Pearlie Morrissey, Life Member #258, laments the passing of her brother, *Raymond C. Wooten*, who transcended on **1-2-11**;

Herbert J. Odom, Life Member #209, bemoans the death of his brother, *Shephard L. Odom*, who departed this life on **1-10-11**.

CALLING FOR ALL E-MAIL ADDRESSES



If you have an e-mail address and currently receive *The Communicator* via U.S. Mail, please provide your e-mail address so that you may begin to receive the newsletter via e-mail. This way you will be able to view the newsletter in color and will help the organization cut administrative costs. You may send your e-mail address to Rose Williams, at erw.shsaainc@live.com.

Thank you for your cooperation.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Dear SHSAA Partners, Members, Supporters and Friends:

To God Be the Glory for He has done great things through the Sampson High School Alumni Association in partnership with the Clinton Recreation and Parks Department and the Clinton Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. He used us to put smiles on the faces and joy in the hearts of 250 plus children and their parents with the delivery of over 230 backpacks filled with school supplies; plus an additional 25-30 large State Farm Insurance bags filled with supplies. This was truly a blessing to some parents who may have been struggling financially to purchase school supplies and new clothing for their children.

We were also able to accommodate the 250 children and approximately 25 parents with a healthy lunch. They enjoyed the nutritious lunch and the wholesome snacks.

The children had a lot of fun learning to play new games (tennis, golf and racquetball) and learning new strategies for playing familiar ones (basketball, kickball, etc.) While we were not able to visit each clinic site personally, the enclosed pictures captured the children's attention, excitement and enthusiasm for the games.

Another thing that made "Fun & Fitness Day" so rewarding and amazing was the attitude and conduct of the children. This was genuinely a good group of kids. Not only were they polite and respectful toward adults, they were kind and respectful to each other. Many older kids could be seen caring for younger ones. We did not see nor hear of a single adverse incident which is unusual for such a large group. We were excited to see the children are already mindful of eating healthy foods and keeping physically active. This was apparent by their responses to questions the nutritionist raised. It appears parents, teachers (schools) and media are getting the message across.

*While this was a massive task, a bit overwhelming, and at times chaotic, we persevered and it turned out very successful and well worth the effort. We hope the children will remember this day for a long, long time. **We sincerely thank everyone who played a role, big or small, in making this event possible.** This project was like a puzzle, where each piece was crucial to put the whole thing together. Thank you, thank you to Sampson Recreation Center and Staff, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and SHSAA members and supporters for your crucial piece of the puzzle.*

Sincerely, Joann H. McCalop, Chairperson & Reginald Chestnutt, President

Did You Know that.....

Ron Whitted, Life Member #150, was the person who conceded the Sampson County Miss Black Teenage World Pageant charter to Mrs. Neutrice Merritt and Mrs. Mary Boykin (both deceased), and the SHSAA, Inc. It all occurred at a meeting in Raleigh, NC, at the Crabtree Valley Mall in 1978 (this year is the recollection). After receiving the charter, SHSAA, Inc. staged this pageant for several years and it is the pageant from which the Little Miss Ebony Pageant derived.



Our 11th National President, **Ms. Rose Williams**, was the very first winner of the Sampson County Miss Black Teenage World Pageant in 1979. She went on to be crowned Miss Black Teenage World of North Carolina after she was 1st runner-up in the State Pageant and the winner of the State Pageant went on to become the National Miss Black Teenage World.



Life has taught us that love does not consist in gazing at each other but in looking outward in the same direction. - Antoine de Saint-Exupery

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS (SCHOLARSHIP) APPLICATION AVAILABLE



The 2011 SHSAA, Inc. Scholarship Application is available on our website at www.shsaainc.org. The Application must be postmarked *on or before* **April 15, 2011**. Please access the website for additional information.

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Friday, May 14, 2011

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If you want to achieve it, you've got to believe it!