

PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

PROGRAMME

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL BANQUET AND INDUCTION CEREMONY *Saturday, April 5, 2008*

The Occasion

Mr. Ernest Hamilton, Esq.
Greenville, S.C.
Beck High School

Past Inductees Parade

Introduction of MC

Mr. Richard Dawkins

Grace

DINNER

Association Life Member

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES

The Great & Legendary Beck High School Panthers

Mr. Lonnie Holman
Mr. Joe Floyd

The Great & Legendary Washington High School Falcons

Mrs. Brenda McBee Scott
Mrs. Ethel Taylor

The Great & Legendary Lincoln High School Rattlers

Mr. Rudy Lamar Pearson
Mr. William (Casey) Drummond

The Great & Legendary Bryson High School Hurricanes

Mr. Willie Lee Henderson
Mr. Rexell Jackson

The Mighty Great & Legendary Sterling High School Tigers

Mr. Raymond Lake
Mr. Thaddeus Franklin
Mr. Terry Williams

Good Night and Thanks for Coming

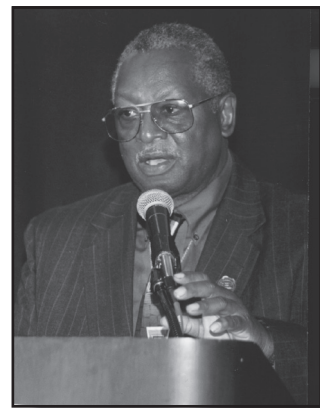
➤ GREETINGS ➤

From the **Executive Director of the Association**

April 2008

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome you to the Piedmont Athletic Association's Fourteenth Annual Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremonies.



The expressed purpose of the Hall of Fame is to honor those males and females who, by their accomplishments in and service to high school sports, bring honor to Greenville County, to South Carolina, and to the nation. I am sure you will agree that we fulfilled our purpose with this evening's group of 11 inductees from the former Beck, Bryson, Lincoln, Sterling, and Washington High Schools of Greenville County. Also a special recognition presentation.

We ask you to join us in congratulating this outstanding group of athletes and sports administrators who have played major roles in developing positive images for today's students. Our inductees have brought fame and honor to themselves, their families, and their high schools.

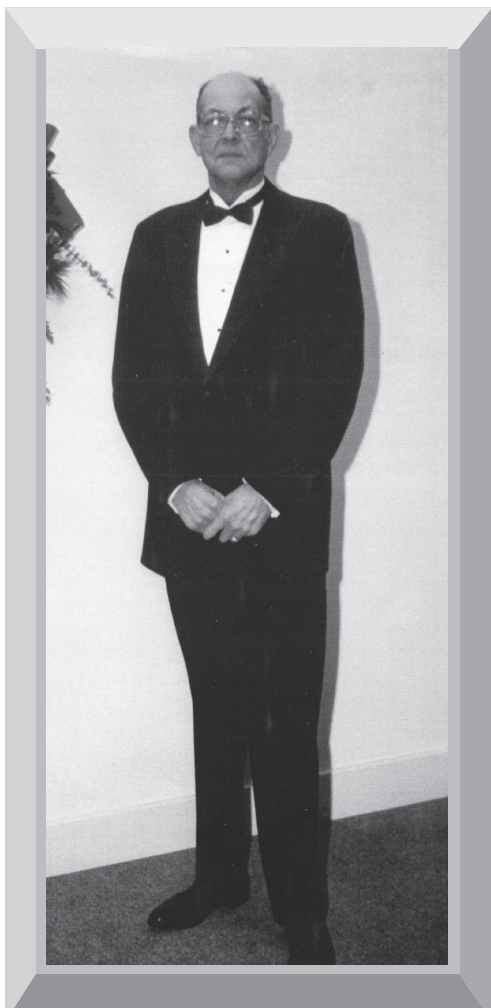
The Board of Director thanks you for joining us for this induction ceremony, and we hope your evening with us will be an enjoyable and memorable one.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Emanuel Sullivan".

Emanuel Sullivan
Executive Director

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Winfred C. Daniels

“The Olde Master Tailor”

Greeting is extended to “The Olde Master Tailor”. Winfred C. Daniels was born to Earl Edward and Allene Savage Daniels in Hawkinsville, Georgia (Pulaski County) November 9, 1921.

His training to become a “Master Trade Craftsman” started early in his father’s owned Custom Tailoring Shop on South Pryor Street in the Kimbell House building at Big Five Points in Atlanta, Georgia, while he was attending our Lady of Lourdes Catholic School.

After the death of his father Mr. Daniels moved to Macon, Georgia and attended Saint Peter Glavier Catholic School. He later enrolled in and graduated from Saint Emma’s Industrial Agricultural Military Institute in Rock Castle, Virginia where he excelled in tailoring and ROTC (army). He was named the Outstanding Trademan for his class for every year attended and was also named an expert markman with the shooting team. He studies vocational and industrial education at South Carolina State College (Orangeburg, South Carolina), Clemson University of South Carolina (Columbia, South Carolina).

Mr. Daniel earned his tradename “Olde Master Tailor” from diverse experience as a tailor in Greenville, South Carolina and an instructor of clothing and equipment in the United States Army Quarter-Master Training Center, at Camp Lee, Virginia.

Joining his family in Greenville, South Carolina, he became the head tailor at Heyward Mahon Clothing Company, where as head tailor, he refused to sweep the floor: Head tailor at Stewart and Merritt Company, where his infamous Patch Suit graced the window of this distinguished local haberdashery and established his reputation as a master tailor. Head Instructor of the tailoring department at the Veterans Training Program (Greenville City School). Tailoring Instructor for 34 years of service, Veterans 1947-1954, Sterling High

School 1954-1970, Parker High School 1970-1973, Enoree Area Vocational Center 1973-1981.

He retired in 1981 from Greenville County School System and continued to work part time positions (contractor with Bungardners, Rush Wilson Limited, Stone Brothers, Sears, Dillard’s, and JB White.)

Among the organizations and affiliations the honoree is most proud of are his membership at Saint Anthony Catholic Church, Life Membership with the CNCAACP, retired member of the South Carolina Educator Association, a sponsor of the Center for Education Equality, a life benefactor member of the National Rifle Association, Grass Roots, Gun Rights of South Carolina, American Cancer Society, Wildlife Endowment, National Geographic, American Legion, Golden Eagles National Patriots Medal, NRA Institute for Legislative Action Defender of the Second Amendment Award, USA Olympic Association (shooting team). Contributor of Joseph CA Vaughn, Poor Clare Sisters, Barkdale Scholarship Fund, Sterling and Nicholtown Community Association, Richland Cemetery Association, Quick Striders Track Club, Life member of the Sterling Tigers Athletic Association Inc., Greenville Cultural Exchange Center, Bridge Builder Foundation, Morris College Scholarship Fund.

Sterling High School Alumni (faculty) 1954-1970. Adopted member of the Class of 1959. He was the initiator for the fund-raising in New York (chapter) for the statue in 2004, which was erected on Main and Washington Street November 19, 2006 (Woolworth). Member of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

He was married to the late Justine Paden Goldsmith Daniels. Proud father of four siblings, Cecila D. McAdams, Columbus, Ohio, Frances D. Peck, Elcajon Ca., Russelle D. Keese, Fort Valley, Ga. and Patrick J. Daniels, Piedmont, SC, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

INDUCTEES



BRENDA McBEE SCOTT

“SlayDell”

Brenda Lee McBee Scott was born and raised in Greenville, S.C. She is the oldest of 10 children and the daughter of the late David Edward McBee and the late SlayDell Gray McBee, both of Greenville whom she loved very much. Her parents meant the world to her.

Brenda graduated from Washington High School in 1968 and attended McKenzie Business College in Chattanooga, Tennessee, graduating with an Associated Degree in Computer Programming. Before graduating she participated in the school's workstudy program and worked part time for Blue Cross and Blue Shield as a Data Entry Operator. After graduation, Brenda went on to work for Blue Cross Blue Shield full time. After working there for 3 years she went on to work in accounting for 3M Company in Chattanooga, Tennessee processing hourly payroll and data entry, writing programs for miscellaneous work platforms. Brenda

worked there for 5 years and then transferred to 3M Company in Greenville, S.C. where she worked in accounting and was promoted to a Materials Control Analyst processing order entry, printed tapes, and ordering the vast majority of raw material for the 3M Greenville Tape Plant in Donaldson Center. She officially retired with 34 years of service on December 1, 2007.

As a graduate of the Washington High School Falcons, she was a member of the girls basketball team where she was co-captain her sophomore, junior and senior years. Brenda went out for basketball in the 8th grade and was told she was too short. She tried out the next year and was made a part of the team where she had a scoring average anywhere between twenty and twenty six points per game, approximately 5 to 6 steals and anywhere between 3 to 6 assists per game. She was an all around player and received numerous trophies, letters, certificates and over the 3 years of varsity she played, she was voted most valuable player and high point scorer. Brenda also ran track against other prestigious black high schools receiving letters, trophies and certificates in that sport as well. She was also a member of the dance group, where they performed many school events as a team and also participated in gymnastics.

Brenda has one son through marriage, Joseph Rich Rucker, Jr. and another son she took in when he was 13 years old, Haywood Murphy, six grandchildren and one great grandson.

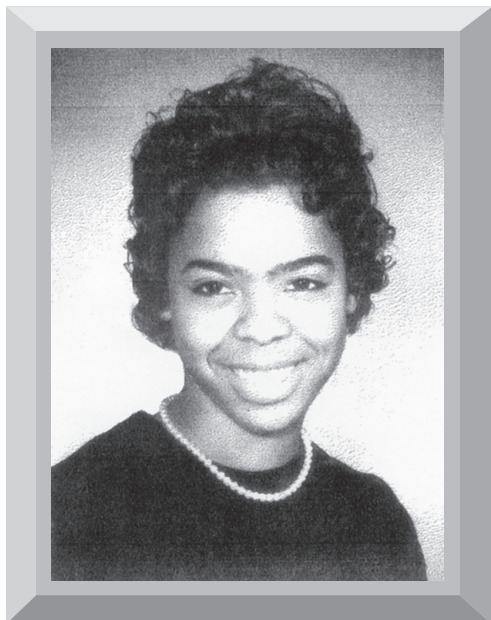
Her hobbies used to consist of running or walking 4 miles a day and playing tennis but had to give up those due to knee problems. She loves her family and tries to stay as healthy as she can.

Brenda is a member of Springfield Baptist Church, on the Bi-Laws in her Piney Mountain Neighborhood Association and she helps people who need advice through volunteering with Carlos Garcia Bail Bonding Company with any judicial questions about charges and getting out of jail. She is especially fond of helping teens of all ages, creed and nationalities who do not understand what is going on after being arrested.

“God is the head of my house and life and he is the reason for all my accomplishments.”

Brenda is very thankful for her nomination.

INDUCTEES



ETHEL TAYLOR

“Red”

Ethel Briggs-Taylor was born to Oneze Jeter and Fred Briggs in Enoree, South Carolina. She grew up in Greenville, and attended Gower Street Elementary School, Ethel also attended Sterling High School, where she received a varsity letter in cheerleading.

Ethel is member of the graduating class of 1963 of Washington High School. As a Falcon, Ethel played basketball, in addition to being a cheerleader was a member of the Dramatics Club, Reading Club, Publication Committee, Speech Club, and Student Council.

After high school, Ethel married, and is a proud mother of 2 sons, has 11 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. She currently resides in Pickens, South Carolina and is employed by the Greenville County Disabilities and Special Needs Board.

She is an active member of Bethel Community Church in Pickens, where she sings on the choir and participates in the Women’s Missionary Society.

Her favorite pastimes are cooking and enjoying fellowship with



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JOSEPH FRANKLIN FLOYD

“Joe”

Joseph Franklin Floyd was born to Willie James and Clarienda Floyd June 3, 1942 in Laurens, S.C. He attended schools in Laurens County graduating from Sanders High School in 1960. While there, he participated in football and baseball and was captain of the AA state championship football team in 1959. Joseph attended Friendship Jr. College and Allen University on “full” scholarships graduating in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Mathematics. He later attended Clemson University, Western Carolina and Florida A & M.

Mr. Floyd’s dream was to ensure that elementary students had a good foundation in math and

science prior to high school. This dream led Mr. Floyd to teach at Dunbar Elementary School, Sanders High School, Beck High School, Woodmont High School and Eastside High School.



After teaching, Mr. Floyd joined the staff at Phyllis Wheatley Center as Sports Director for several years, introducing boxing, billiards and swimming to the patrons of the center. Later he joined the staff at SHARE as Director of Energy Services. After 16 years Mr. Floyd turned his attention to his private painting company until his retirement.

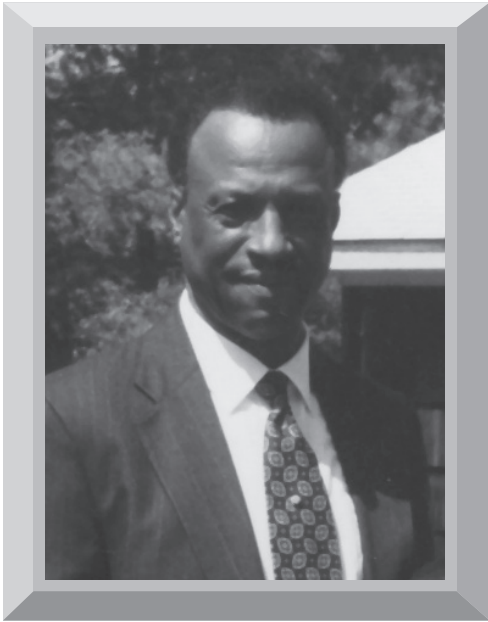
“I would like to thank the Piedmont Athletic Association for this honor and hope that I have helped make a positive difference in the many people I have been associated with.”

Deacon Joseph F. Floyd is a member of Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church - Reverend George Miller, Pastor.

“I would like to thank God for my wife of 26 years Mildred Sanders Floyd (a graduate of Bethune Cookman University) and my four children, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.”



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THADDEUS W. FRANKLIN

“Thad”

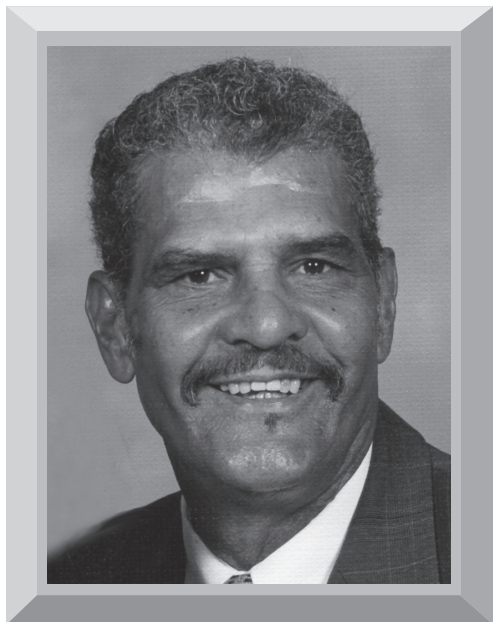
Thaddeus W. Franklin: A Football and Baseball stand out at Sterling High school for 4 years in each sport, playing Defensive end and Wide Receiver in Football. On defense he was nicknamed Horse Collar and The Punisher for his defensive style of play. He also played one year with the Greenville Bulls Semi-Pro Football Team.

Baseball was a gift that Thaddues realized when he was eight years old that he set in his mind to master and excel in. He realized this goal while in High School. At Sterling he was a pitcher and only lost one game. Thaddues could throw a Baseball so fast that it scared him to pitch to the younger batters, he also played center field when not pitching. He batted in the clean up spot #4 in the lineup.

After High school he played Semi-Pro Baseball for several teams in Georgia, North Carolina and all over South Carolina. Thaddues played until I was 42 years old.



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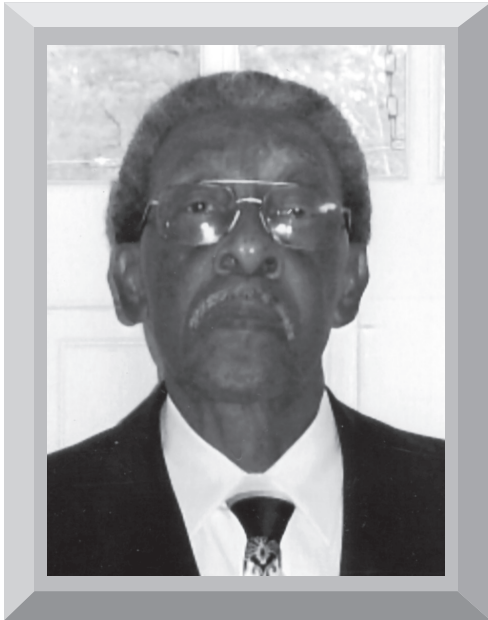
REXELL JACKSON

Rexell Jackson is the son of the late Bessie and Watt Jackson. He is the youngest of seven children. He was in the first graduating class of Bryson High School in 1955. His activities at Bryson High were school bus driver, FFA member, basketball and football teams. The football field did not have lights, and the games were played at other football fields. Rocks had to be picked up before they could practice on the Bryson field. The helmets did not have face masks on them.

After graduation, he served in the Air Force for five years. After leaving the Air Force, he married the former Olga McGowens, and they have been married for 48 years. They lived in Maryland and he worked in Washington, D.C. for the government of D.C. He moved back to South Carolina in 2003 in a town called Belton, which is called "Possum Kingdom." His hobbies are hunting and fishing.

Rexell extends his thanks to the PAA for selecting him to be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

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WILLIE LEE HENDERSON "Bill"

Willie Lee Henderson, of Pelzer, S.C. is the son of the late Cardell and Annie Henderson. He is a 1958 graduate of Joseph R. Bryson High School. As a Bryson Hurricane he played football, basketball, base ball, and ran track. He was also a member of the Block B. Club.



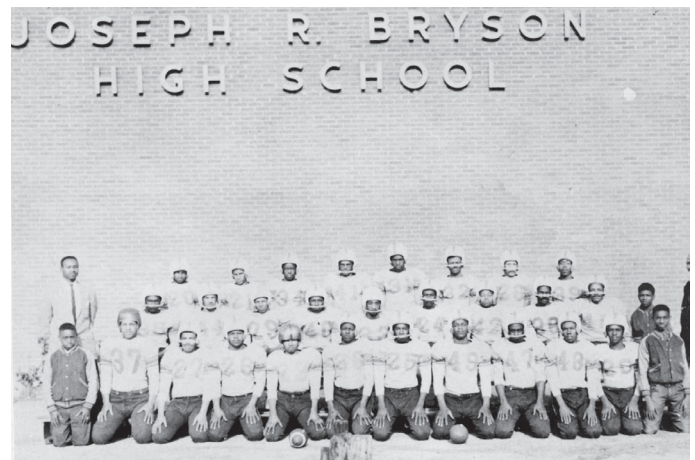
After graduation he was employed at Beaunit, in Fountain Inn. S.C. until the plant moved in 1978. He was then employed with the Coats and Clark Company until he retired in 2002.

During the years following graduation Willie played community baseball with The Moonville Sluggers, The Simpsonville Yankees, the Fountain Inn Recs and The Piedmont All Stars. While employed with The Coats & Clark Company, he coached the womens softball team for three years.

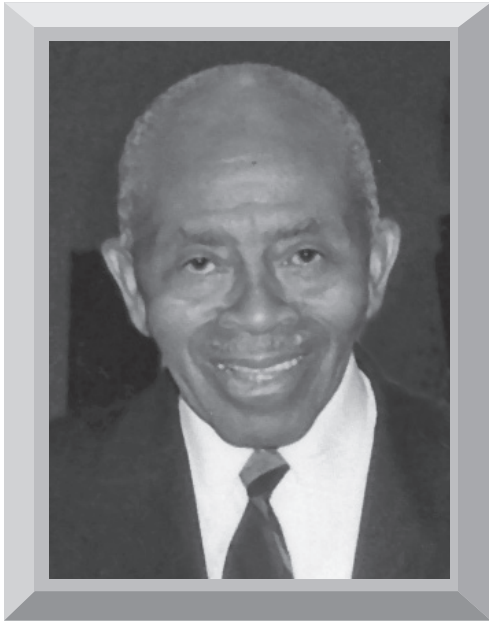
Willie and his wife Alice have been married for 48 years. They have 2 daughters, 5 grandchildren and 13 great-grand children.



Willie is a faithful member of the Flat Rock Baptist Church, Dr. W.B. McMahan Pastor. He is on the deacon board, serves as Vice president of the all-male chorus, Vice president of the usher board, and president of the Saturday morning Bible Class. He also coached the Flat Rock Baptist Church co-ed soft ball team 2005 and 2006. He has retired from coaching now. (Smile)



INDUCTEES



RAYMOND LAKE

Raymond Lake was born to the late George Lake and Maggie Lindsay Lake in Newberry, S.C. in 1928. He is one of eight brothers and one sister. He moved to Greenville, S.C. in 1941 and attended Sullivan Elementary School and Sterling High School.



While attending Sterling, Raymond played actively on the varsity football team, where he was quarterback and his coach was Joe Mathis. He also played baseball. During that time he was drafted into the Armed Forces, where he served his country. He was discharged with Honors and with that Raymond returned to Sterling

where he graduated in 1949.

Raymond met and married Sallie Mae Yeargin Lake and he is the proud father of Jenella Lake Dean, Raymond Lake, Jr., Brenda Boyce and Nadia Lake along with six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Raymond left Greenville in 1957 and relocated to New York City where he worked in the banking and garment district until his retirement in 1989. In the year of 2007 Raymond relocated back to Greenville. He has returned to Allen Temple AME Church where he grew up during his youth.

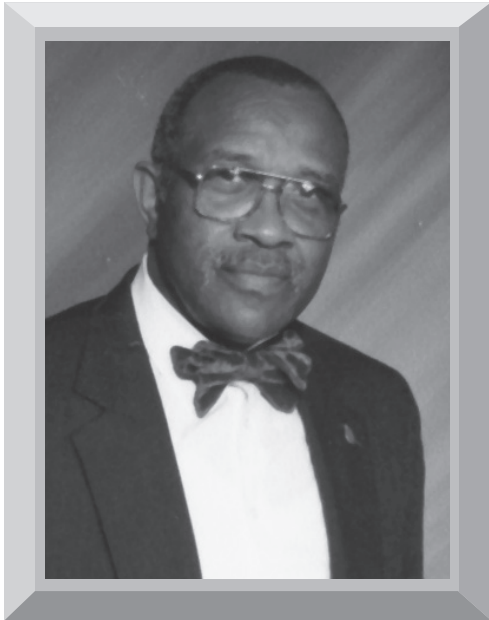
Raymond is still very active, and although Greenville has many new looks, he has his own community outreach which gets him around very well and best of all his hobby is his family and his favorite quote is: "Family Comes First."

Rabbit Johnson

Jim Cooley



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LAMAR RUDY PEARSON

Lamar R. Pearson was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina in 1943, the third of four children born to Booker T. and Georgianna Pearson. He grew up in Greer, South Carolina and attended Dunbar Elementary School. He continued onto Lincoln High School in Taylors, South Carolina. While at Lincoln, he lettered in football, basketball and track where in the Rattlers were District Three football and basketball champions the 1960-1961 scholastic year. He was also a member of the Rattlers marching and concert band. He served as President of the senior class and was voted "Most Athletic" as well as "Best All 'Around".



Upon graduation, Lamar received a football scholarship to Virginia State College in Petersburg, Virginia where he lettered in football for three years and participated one year on the Virginia State "Marching, One Hundred" band. He graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor's of Science in Health and Physical Education. Then, he was drafted for two years of military service in the United States Army where he



MOST ATHLETIC
Constance Mayfield and Lamar Pearson

served as a medical corpsman stationed in Germany and Colorado. Upon discharge in 1969, he joined the Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police Department where he served as an officer for twenty months.

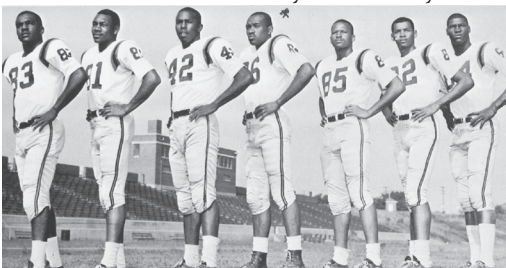
BEST ALL - AROUND
Lula M. Yeargin and Lamar Pearson



In 1970, Lamar embarked upon a career in education in the D.C. Public School System as a Health and Physical Ed. teacher at Frank W. Baltou Senior High School. He completed his Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision of Adult Ed. from the University of the District of Columbia in 1977. Later, he joined the Administrative Team as Dean of Students and Assistant Principal in 1985. In 1995, Lamar returned to the classroom and to coaching chess as well as tennis at Theodore Roosevelt High School until he retired in 2005 after thirty three years of dedicated service.

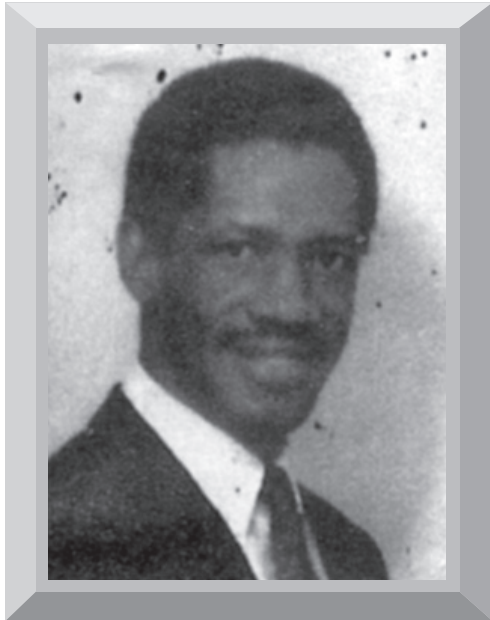


Lamar R. Pearson is married to his wife of thirty years, Elnora T. Pearson. He is the father of six adult children and the grandfather of seven and the great grandfather of one. He currently spends his time enjoying his family and serving his church devoutly as a deacon. He is a member of the national Urban League, NAACP, national Organization of Black Child Development, national Education Association, and the American Association of Health and Physical Education. He is active with the R.L. Tucker Senior Center of Northwest Washington D.C. and a Board Member of a Public Charter School in Washington D.C. Lamar R. Pearson continues to be a servant leader at home and in the community. Lamar R. Pearson is truly blessed by God. He is a friend to most and a



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WILLIAM R. DRUMMOND "Bill"

William (Bill) R. Drummond was born and reared in Greer, S.C., graduated from Lincoln High School in 1958. He contributed significantly as a pitcher on the 1958 District 3 baseball championship team. He was a member of the 1958 basketball all Tri-City Championship team. Allen University awarded him a 4-year baseball scholarship in 1958. While participating as a member of the baseball team, he received many offers to leave college and play professional baseball. In 1960 Allen University won its first SIAC (Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) championship in baseball, and he was honored and recognized as SIAC All-Conference pitcher. The same year he was also named A11-N.A.I.A. (small college) conference pitcher with an average 18.3 strike-outs. He received the Milton D. Hunter award for Excellence in Athletic Skills in 1962.



EDUCATION

- Graduated from Allen University

with a B.S. Degree in Health and Physical Education.

- M.S. Degree from The City University Of New York, The City College in Education Administration
- Advanced Graduate Degree in Management and Administration.

LICENSES

- Permanent School District Administrator, State University of New York
- Certified Management Consultant, Washington, DC
- Contract Specialist and Contracting Officers Technical Representative, Washington, D.C.

EMPLOYMENT

- Commenced his teaching and administrative career with the New York City Board of Education and taught mathematics, served as Assistant principal and principal for many years.
- Relocated back to Greenville, S.C. in 1979 where he organized and directed as CEO/President of W. R. Drummond & Associates ,Inc. and Invictus Management Corporation.
- Appointed as Assistant Director for Minority Business Enterprise U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.
- Served as Senior Special Assistant to the Office of Elementary & Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, Washington, D.C.

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society in Education The City College, NY
- Past President, North Eastern Region, Adult Education Society
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.
- Prince Hall Mason
- Mauldin Rotary Club



MOST AMBITIOUS

Married to Jerusha Smith Drummond, daughters Monquella and Amber.

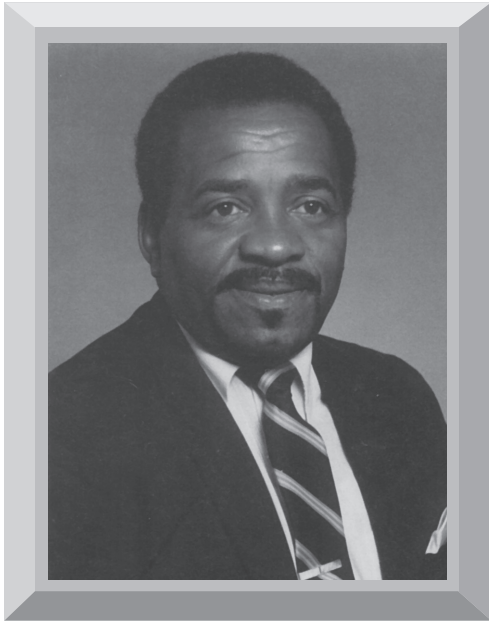
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Pitchers working out

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LONNIE C. HOLMAN, SR. "LC"

Lonnie C. Holman is the son of the late Vivian E. and Baxter D. Holman, Sr. and a native of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. A 1956 graduate of Beck High School, he lettered in track and field and football, in which he was all conference for 2 years.



Lonnie has always been interested in sports, while in High School he was an auto mechanic and raced cars in the hills of North Carolina. He also has boxed as a heavy wight with the Winston-Salem, North Carolina YMCA Boxing Club and Trained with the Army Reserve Officers for 2 years.

After graduation Lonnie attended 4 years at South Carolina State University in Orangeburg, 6 years at North Carolina A&T State University in Greensboro and spent 3 more years at Clemson University in Clemson, South Carolina.



His career has consisted of being teacher, head coach, athletic director and counselor. Lonnie spent his years at Alston High School in Summerville, Beck High School and J.L. Mann High School in Greenville, Spartanburg Technical College where he was Dean of Students and was a Counselor and Assistant Director at Daniel Morgan Vocational Center. He retired after 38 years from a professional career of "shaping young lives through athletics and education."



Lonnie's community service includes being a Little League Football Coach, Bunton CME Church Boy Scout Leader, PTA President, Big Brothers/Big Sisters Organization and YMCA Youth Services. He is President of American Personnel and Guidance Association, President of the Spartanburg Progressive Mens Club and Recipient of the Organizations Leadership Award. He is also Sixth District Representative of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Omega Man of the Year - 1981, Supreme Council Member Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., is a former Sunday School



Superintendent, senior choir member, Trustee Board Member and a Member of the Diamonnaires Bridge Club.

He is married to the former Romesena Huggins of Greenville, S.C. and is the proud parent of two sons and grandfather to three wonderful grandchildren.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Mr. Holman, Coach, Mr. Golden, Asst. Coach.



COACHES
Mr. James T. Floyd, Mr. Lonnie Holman, Mr. Louie Golden.



SIGNS GRANT — James Cunningham (seated) of Beck High recently signed a college football grant-in-aid with North Carolina A & T. Cunningham, a letterman, played offensive guard, linebacker, punter and served as captain. Looking on are assistant coach Louie Golden (left) and head coach Lonnie Holman. (Greenville News photo by Bennie J. Granger)



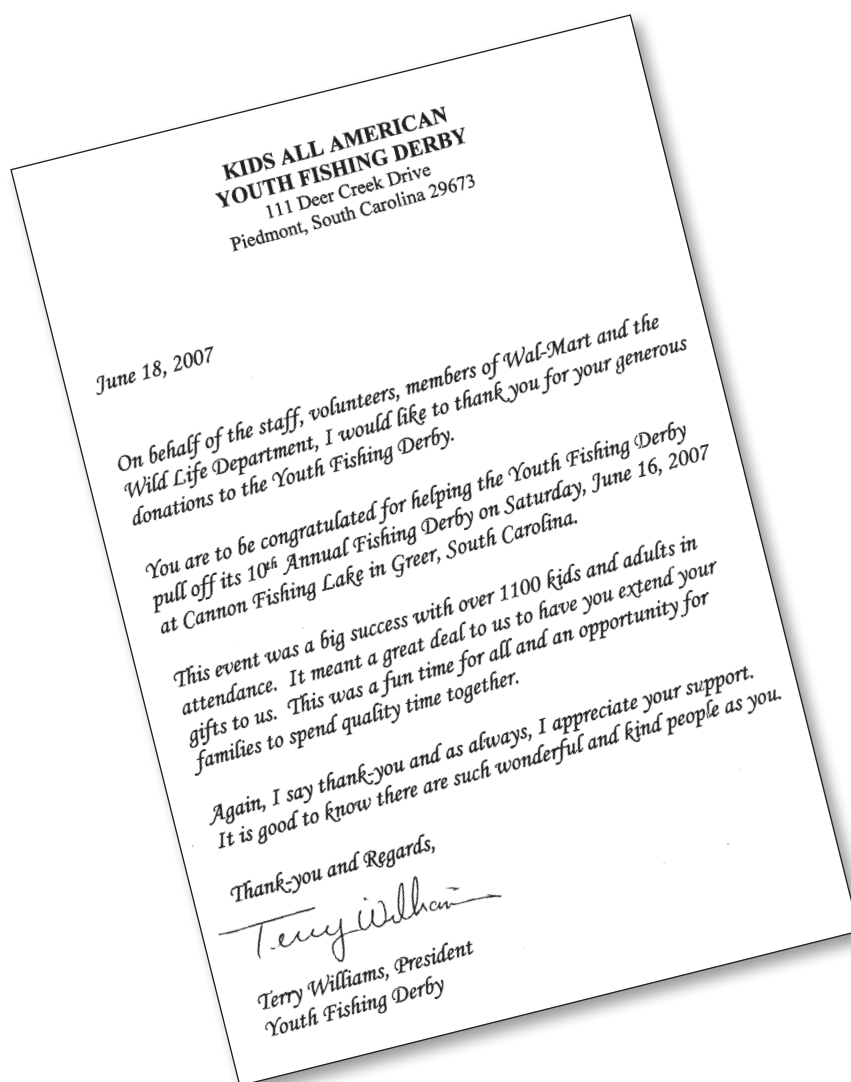
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JAMES TERRY WILLIAMS

“JT”

James is a graduate of Sterling High School where he lettered in track.

He is president and founder of the Youth Fishing Derby (Save Our Kids - Take Them Fishing) and also President and Founder of the Tacklebox Invitation Fishing Club (Tournament Trail). He has also done work with Save Our Sons.



The PAA Story: What a Great Idea

In 1970, for the most part all of the five black high schools were closed as high schools in Greenville county. Progress in moving toward better education also left an empty place in the memories and hearts of those that grew up in that era and attended those schools.



THE FIRST CLASS

Years later the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame was founded in 1972. Great athletes from around the state were selected and inducted into the Hall of Fame. After a few years the question was asked...why are there not more athletes and coaches from the upstate considered for induction into the Hall of Fame? People like Bill Thompson, Ernie Brock, Coach Joe Mathis and so forth.

That question led to another question of why can't we create a hall of fame that would embrace the Upstate's athletic programs and recognize with dignity, glamour and prestige, those athletes and coaches who are so deserving?

That question became an idea. From that idea came a purpose. Alumni from Sterling, Bryson, Beck, Lincoln and Washington High were called together. From the moment anyone hear this idea and purpose, they would say that this is something great. After a number of noon day lunch meetings at the Ramada on Church Street, late night telephone conferences with many people; another meeting was held in the latter part of 1991 at Phyllis Weatley Center. A representative from each school was present.

There, at the meeting, the final question was asked and answered. What will we call this Hall of Fame that would embrace all the schools and it's area of interest. Somebody said "The Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame".

The rest, as they say, is History. Clyde Mayes was made Executive Director and following the first class of inductees in 1992, Clyde spent the next two years organizing the PAA's structure and building a formulation for perpetual existence:

- ◆ Articles of incorporation and by laws
- ◆ Registration with the Secretary of State office
- ◆ Tax status under 501(C)(3)
- ◆ Creation of Hall of Fame logo, symbol and stationary
- ◆ Scholarship program guidelines and criteria

With the organization structurally in place Mr. Emanuel Sullivan became the PAA Hall of Fame second Executive Director in 1995. Emanuel added present day community sports programs to the PAA's agenda; (1) High School Basketball Player of the Week; (2) County Basketball All Star Game; (3) Membership Appreciation Night; and (4) the including of Women Athletes for induction into the Hall of Fame.



THE SECOND CLASS

Over the past 17 years seven coaches were inducted into the Hall of Fame under the Clyde Mayes administration and presently sixty nine coaches, players and supporters have been inducted under the Emanuel Sullivan administration.

Forever thankful, the PAA is mindful of the public support the people of the Upstate has given the Hall of Fame. This did turn out to be a good idea and a lot of fun.

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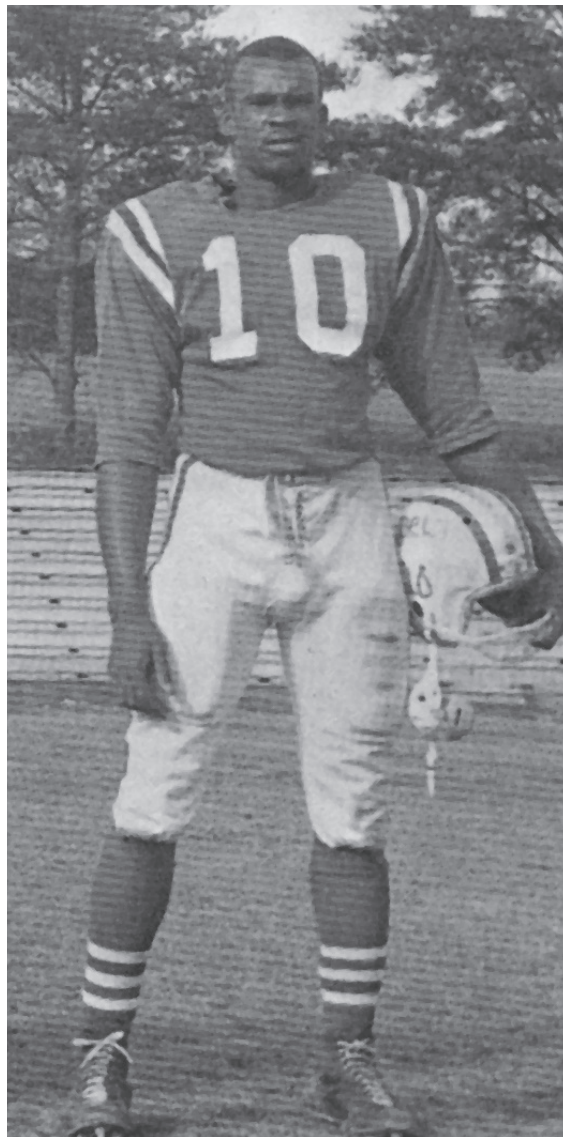
The PAA Hall of Fame Board of Directors:

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:

What high school, college and professional teams did these two Greenville natives play on?



Roy Kirksey, Captain



Willie Belton, Co-Captain

OPINION POLL

Would you like to see the policy change on inducting athletes posthumously?

Mail your reply to:

PAA Board of Directors

P.O. Box 10672, Greenville, SC 29603

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Brice B. Durbin
Executive Director
NATIONAL FEDERATION

July 23, 1992

Mr. Ernest Hamilton
Piedmont Athletic Association
Hall of Fame
P.O. Box 10672
Greenville, SC 29603

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

On behalf of the National Federation of State High School Associations and its National High School Sports Hall of Fame, we offer our congratulations to your first class of inductees into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame.

Our congratulations to Louie Golden, Al Duckett, Thomas "Sporty" Williams, Rev. J.D. Mathis, James T. Floyd, Eddie Jones and Dewey Tullis for their accomplishments and contributions to high school coaching.

I applaud your efforts in launching the Piedmont Hall of Fame as a way of recognizing outstanding coaches and educators in Greenville County, South Carolina. I wish you the best in the years to come as you continue to salute additional worthy individuals.

If there is ever anything I can do to assist you from a national perspective, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Bruce L. Howard
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Hall of Fame Director

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July 31, 1992

Mr. Eddie Jones
5 French Lane
Greenville, South Carolina 29605

Dear Mr. Jones:

I saw in the newspaper where you have been inducted into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. Congratulations.

I am sure you must know that your teaching and coaching career has made a difference in people's lives. Your dedication to our young people is appreciated by many folks in our area.

Best wishes to you. Please let me know if there is ever any way that I can be of assistance to you.

Cordially,

Liz Patterson
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July 17, 1992

Mr. Thomas W. Williams
1002 Diggs Avenue
Columbus, Georgia 31906

Dear Thomas:

I read with great interest your induction into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. It is a great honor and one I know you are extremely proud of. I would like to extend my congratulations to you for this honor and for what you have done to improve athletics in South Carolina. It is always good to recognize outstanding gentlemen and coaches for the positive input they have made on so many young people. Your guidance and leadership will never be forgotten by these athletes.

Again, congratulations for receiving this most deserved honor.

If I may ever be of service to you, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Ronnie Matthews
Ronnie Matthews
Assistant Executive Director

RM:bw



South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame

July 31, 1992

Mr. Ernest Hamilton
Piedmont Athletic Association
Hall of Fame
P. O. Box 10672
Greenville, SC 29603

Dear Mr. Hamilton:

We would like to congratulate the inductees recently inducted into the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame. It is indeed a tremendous honor to be recognized for accomplishments in sports and the many contributions these individuals have made to the State of South Carolina.

Sincerely,

Grant Bennett
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President

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➤ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ➤

The Scholarship Award is set up to fill a needed void between the good high school players who played a big supporting role in most cases for their gifted teammates that get the full scholarships to colleges. Secondly, this type of grant encourages high school students to participate in athletics, to excel in class, to go to college. This unique scholarship awards athletic performance and class work. The criteria is that a student must have earned two letters in one or a single letter in a combination of two or more varsity sports and did not get a full scholarship, yet did enroll in a college after high school.

Funds for the scholarship award program are set aside yearly by the Board of Directors from our different fundraisers... ie, donations, membership dues, Senior Showcase Games proceeds and Banquet proceeds of the PAA's General fund. As can be expected, the number and amount of the awards are made possible by the availability of funds. To date the PAA scholarship award program has awarded over \$70,000.00 to Greenville county students. For the most part, most of the students enrolled into instate colleges.

	1996	
Corey Boggin	Riverside High School	Greenville Tec. College
	1997	
Terry Young	Travelers Rest High School	Benedict College
	1998	
William C. Staggs	Blue Ridge High School	USC-Spartanburg
LaShanda Maxwell	Carolina High School	Denmark Tec. College
Andre' D. Brantley	Wade Hampton High School	Benedict College
	1999	
Christopher H. Harvey	Blue Ridge High School	North Greenville College
Lakia N. Griffin	Greer High School	USC-Spartanburg
Adrian M. Harris	Hillcrest High School	Newberry College
Lynatte N. Jackson	Travelers Rest High School	Charleston Southern Uni.
Maya N. Grady	Greer High School	Lenior-Rhynne College
Latonya N. Davis	Hillcrest High School	Berea College
Michilla L. Jackson	Carolina High School	Anderson College
	2000	
Roderick Henderson	J.L. Mann High School	Wingate College
Charles Clark	Southside High School	Spartanburg Methodist College
John Phelps	Hillcrest High School	Voorhees College
Erie Williams	Greer High School	Wingate College
Craig Johnson	Greer High School	Greenville Tec. College
Barney Jackson	Berea High School	Pikeville College
David Little	Wade Hampton High School	North Greenville College
Demetrius Pepper	Greenville High School	Morris College
Kevin Allen	Carolina High School	Mars Hill College
Karen Hunt	Southside High School	Hiwassee College
La'trese Davis	Hillcrest High School	Spartanburg Methodist College
C.W. Bankhead	Mauldin High School	Spartanburg Methodist College
Natasha Morgan	Hillcrest High School	Johnson C. Smith University
Autumn Skelton	Greenville High School	Francis Marion College
Mathew Chasteen	Woodmont High School	Pfeiffer College
Veronica Thompson	Hillcrest High School	Johnson C. Smith University

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❖ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ❖

2001

Charlena Martin
Samuel Mattison
Charity Williams
Clayton Smith
Tiffany Jones
Jamario Twitty
Brandon Smith
Rodney Taylor
Jauron Martin
Stacey Mars
Danielle Welborn
Lakita Backum
Melissa Griffin
Herbert Brooks Jr.
Samuel Brown
Jada Blakely
Jada Sullivan
Crystal Pyles
Barry Wilder
Darin Jenkins
Ryan Hamilton
Erie Williams

Berea High School
Wade Hampton High School
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Carolina High School
J.L. Mann High School
Greer High School

Walter State Community College
Brevard College
Winthrop University
North Greenville College
University of South Carolina
Clemson University
University of South Carolina
South Carolina State University
Berea College
Erskine College
North Greenville College
Greensboro College
Greenville Technical College
East Tennessee State University
University of South Carolina
South Carolina State University
U.S.C. Spartanburg
U.S.C. Spartanburg
University of South Carolina
Johnson C. Smith University
Wake Forrest University
Wingate University

2002

David Gibson
Edward Strange
Maurice Brockington
Nakisha Bennett
Travis Irby
Tivarius Thompson
Timothy Carson
Jarvis Robinson
Martin Vernon
John Lawton
Travis Hawthorne
Kimberly Jamieson
Brandon Thomason
Michael Brockman, Jr.
Princess Putman

Southside High School
Travelers Rest High School
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Woodmont High School
Woodmont High School
Hillcrest High School

Antoine Freeman
Chinnesia Lee
Jonathan Jones
Tiffany T. Jones
Kelly Westermeier
Benjamin Bailly

2004

Allen University
Lander University
S.C. State
Limestone College
Clemson University
North Greenville College

2005

Southside High School
Greer High School

2006

Southside High School
Carolina High School
Mauldin High School
Southside High School
Greenville High School

2003

Brittany Whitaker
Julian Swinger
Koyett Miles
Zachary Grant
Victor Duck
Bobby Downs
Travis Morris
Jonathon Jackson
Margaret Williams
Brandon Williams
Lisa Jackson

Blue Ridge High School
Carolina High School
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Blue Ridge High School
Southside High School
Riverside High School

Amanda McKinney
Arthur Sitton

Nakiy Gardner
Jonathan Lee
Morgan McCain
Jarvis Pickering
Shadae Thompson

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Amber Joy Ryals Southern Wesleyan University \$1,000.00

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Beck High Panthers

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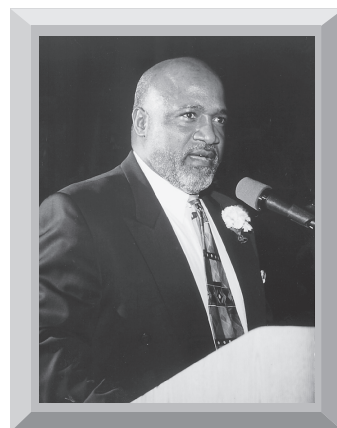
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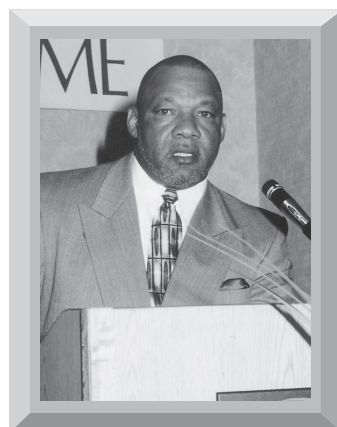
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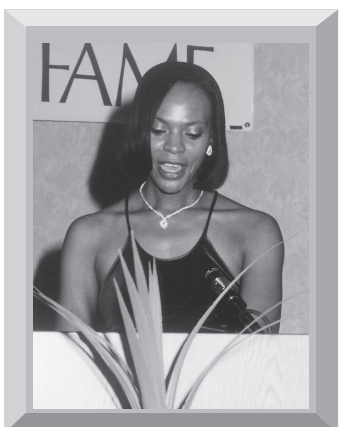
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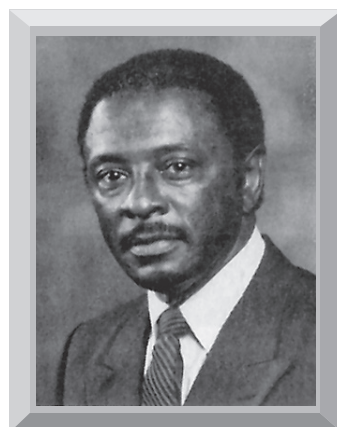
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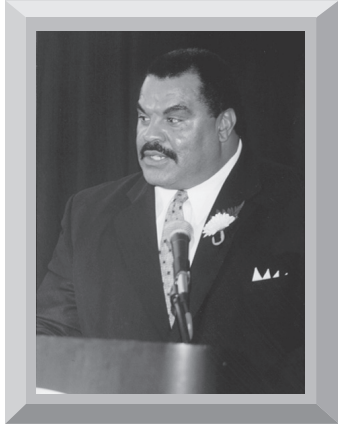
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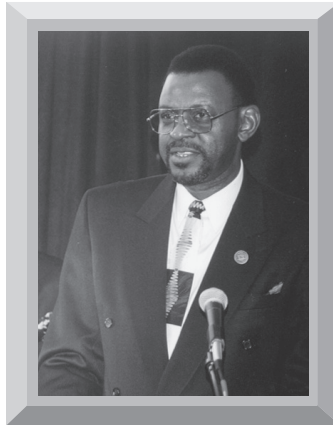
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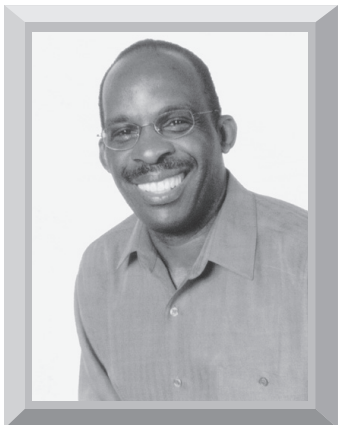
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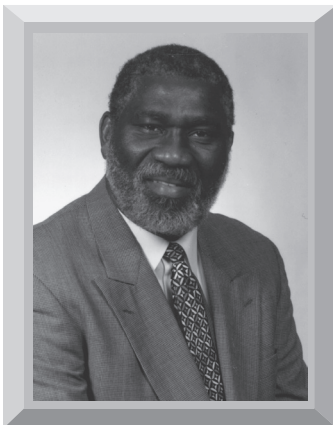
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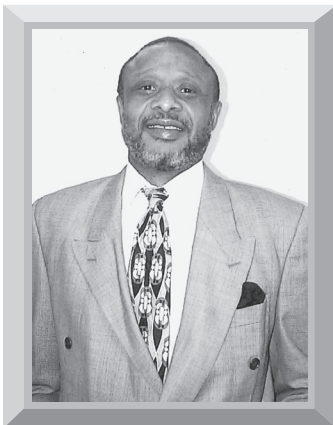
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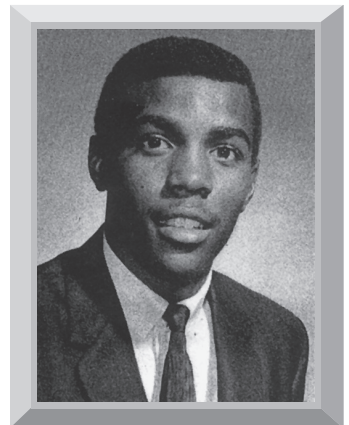
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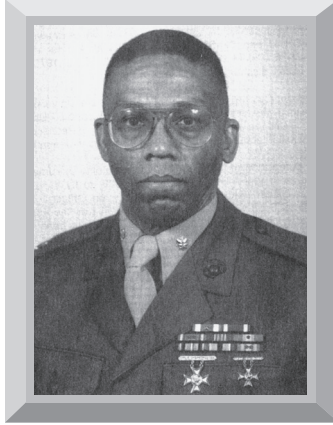
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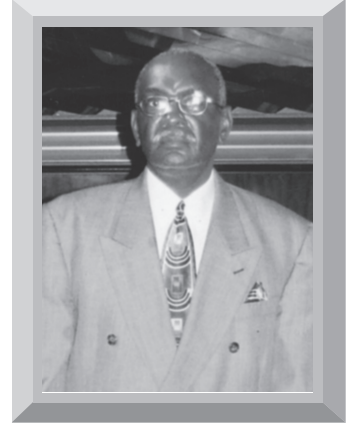
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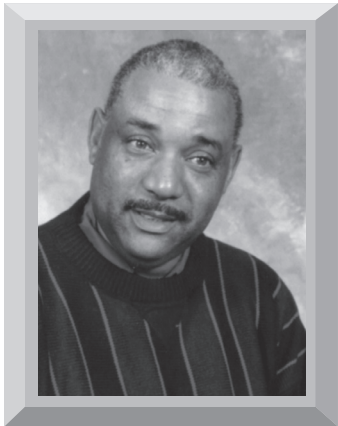
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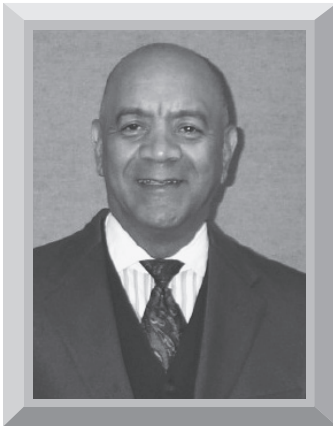
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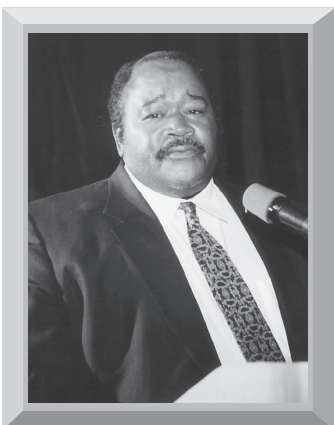
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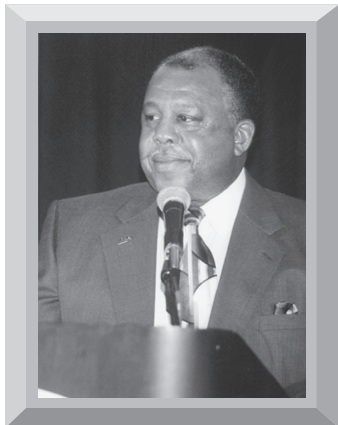
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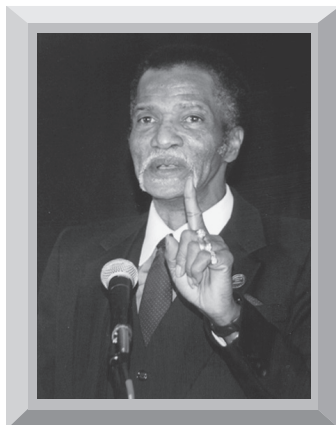
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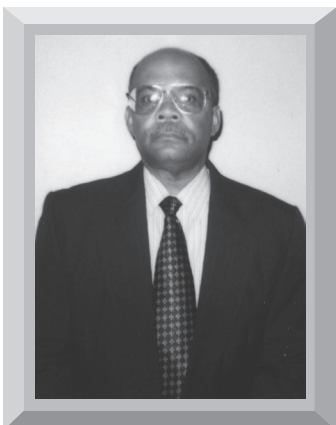
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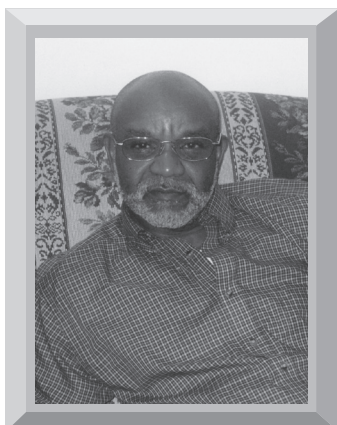
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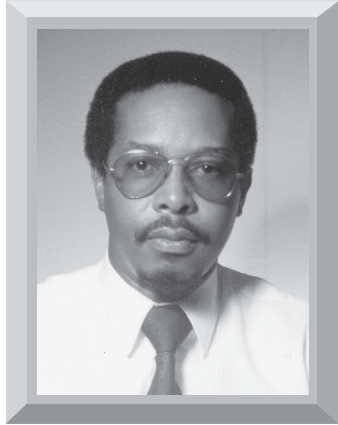
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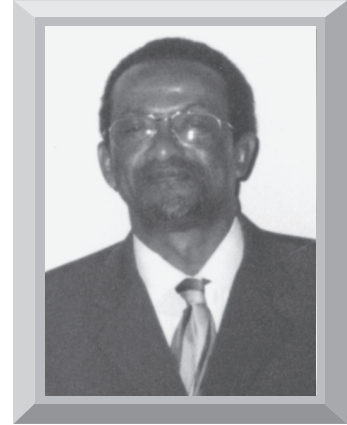
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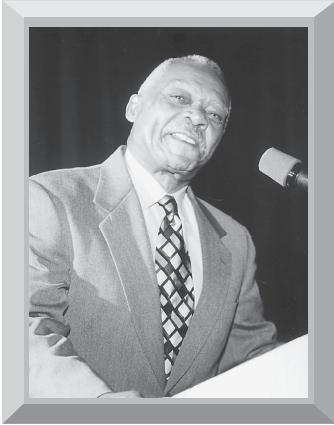


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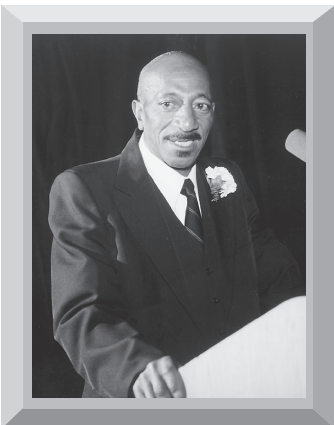
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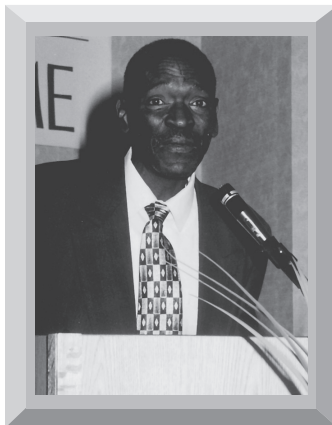
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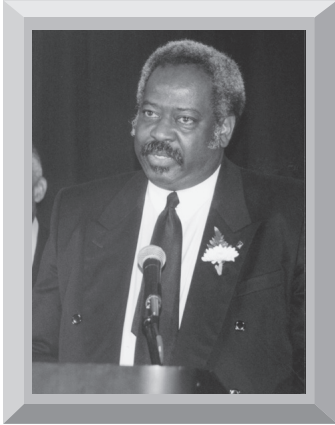
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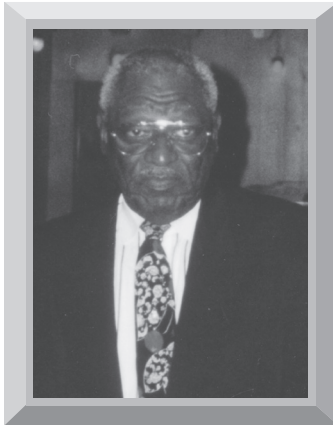
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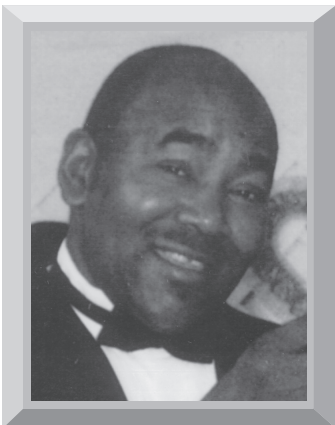
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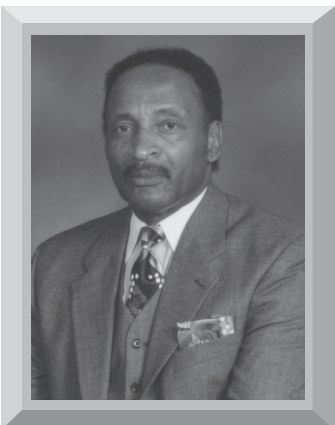
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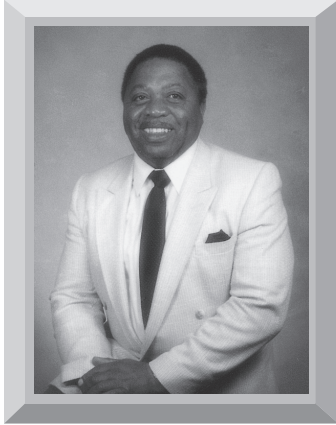
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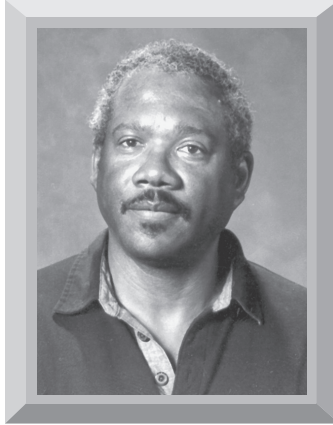
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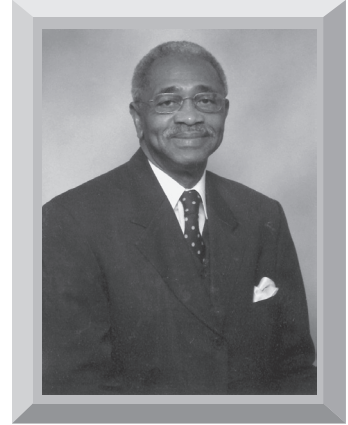
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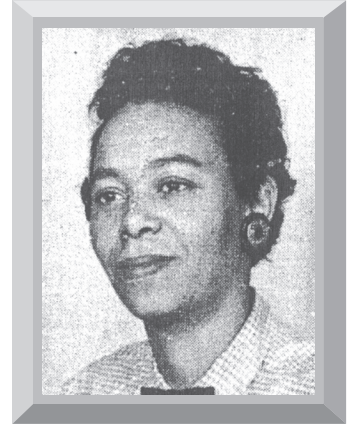
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The Maroon and Gold Hurricanes

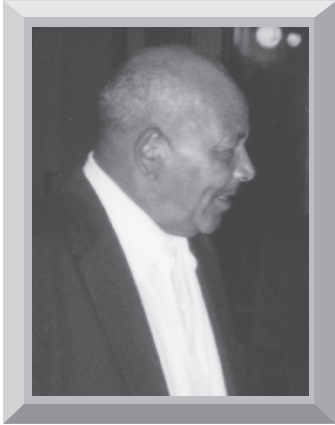


Bryson High Hurricanes

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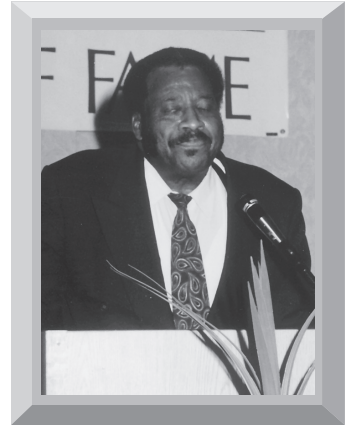
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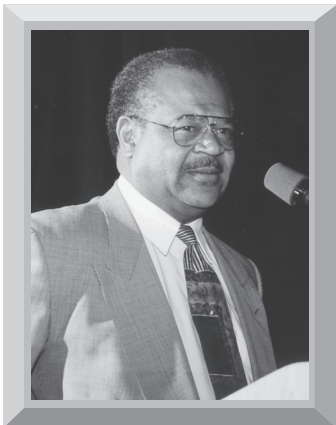
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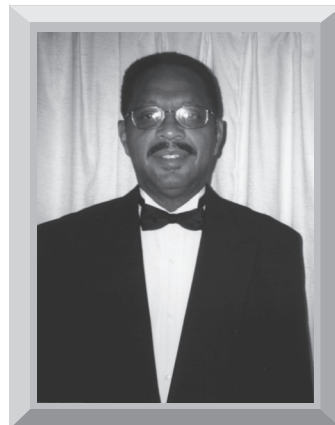
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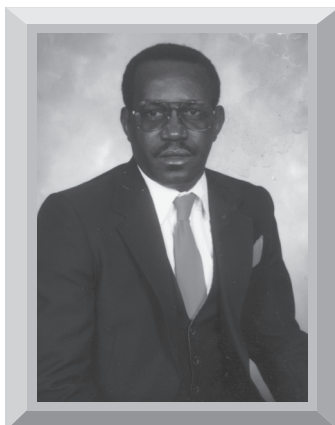
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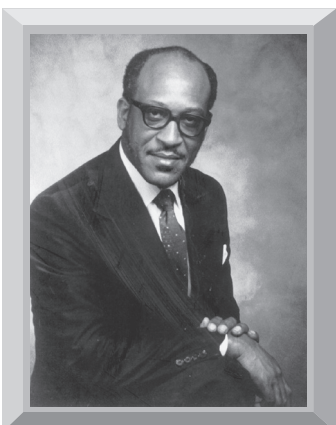
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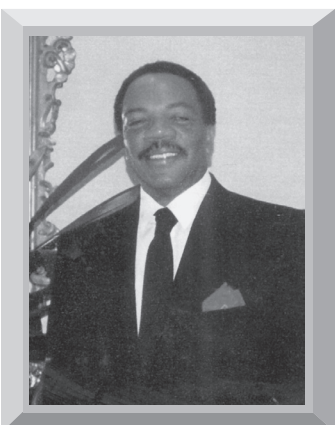
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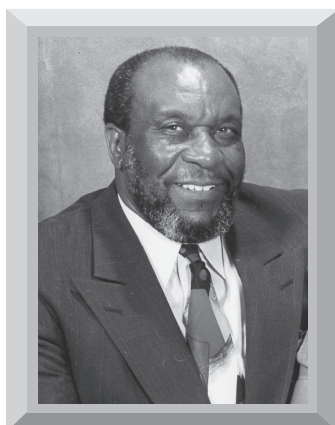
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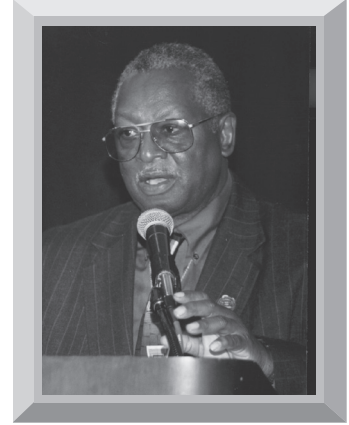
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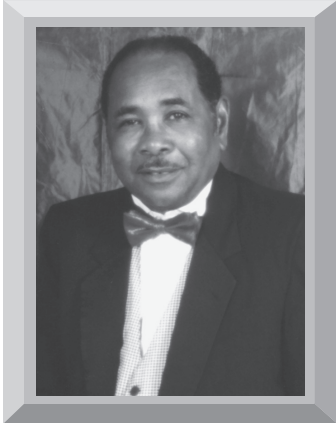
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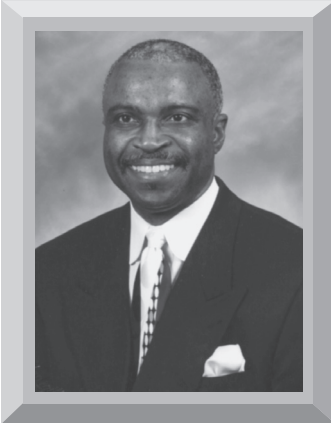
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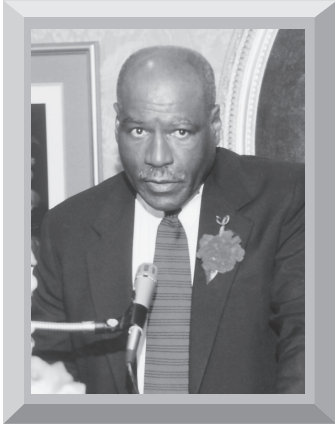
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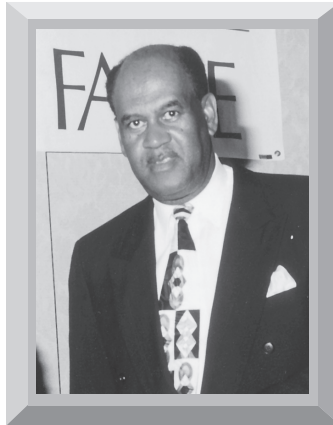
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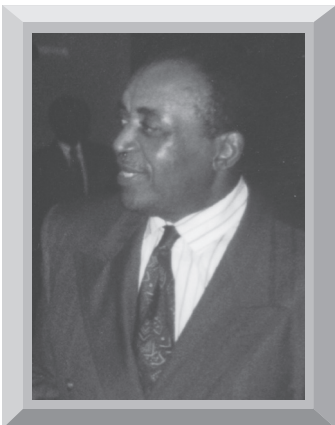
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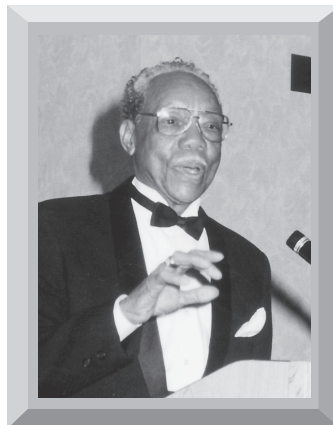
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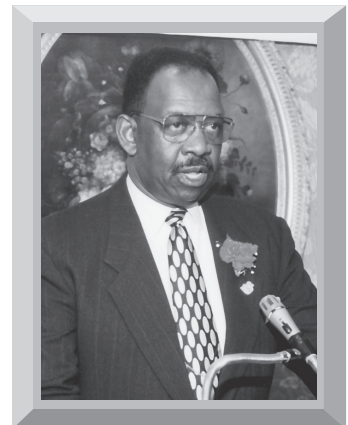
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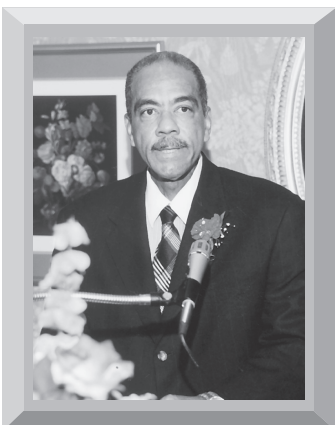
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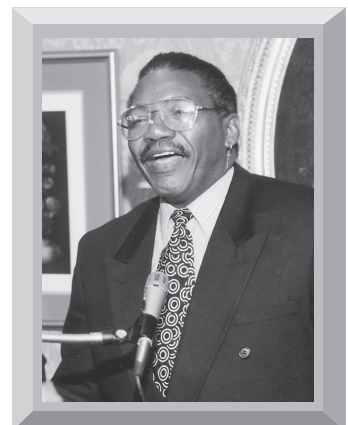
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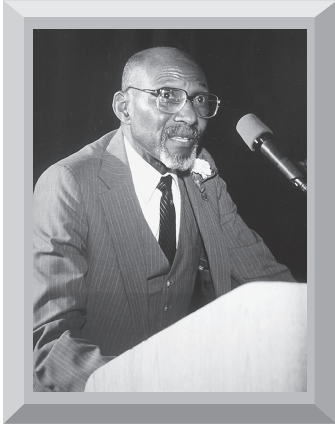
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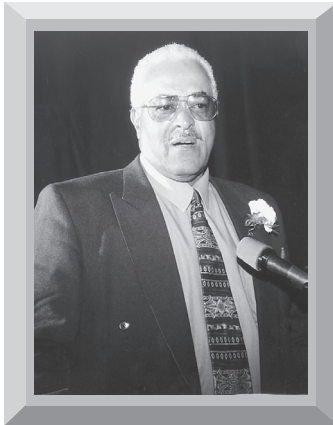
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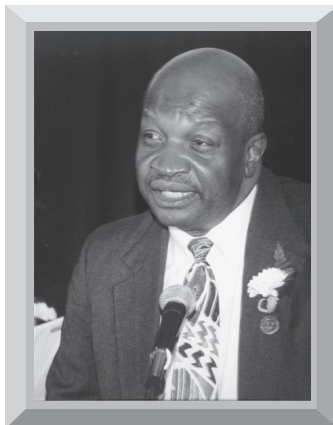
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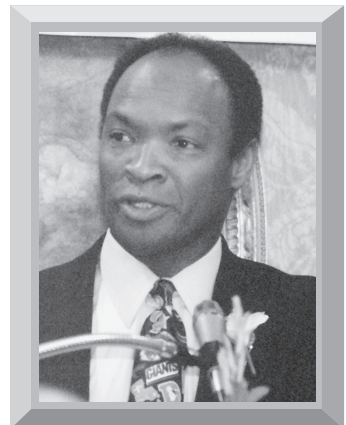
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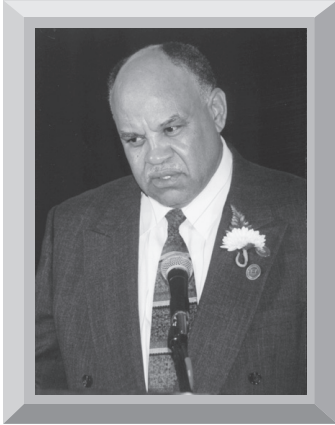
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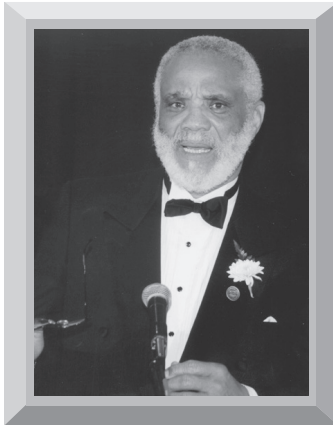
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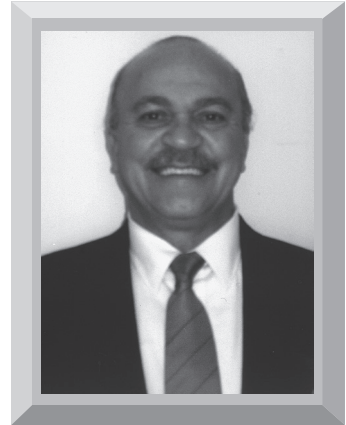
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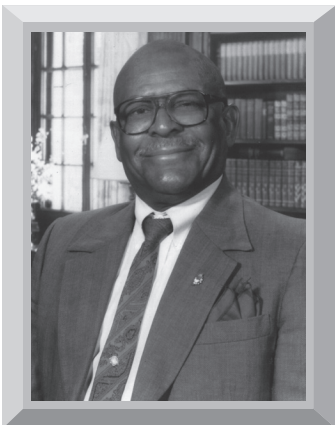
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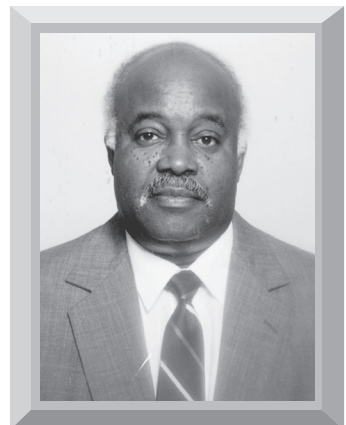
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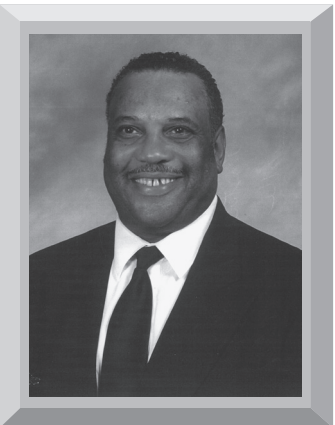
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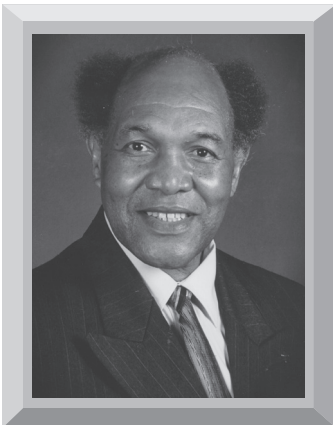
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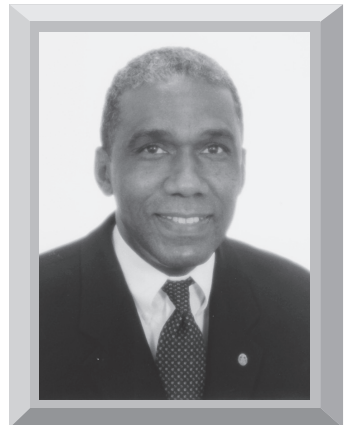
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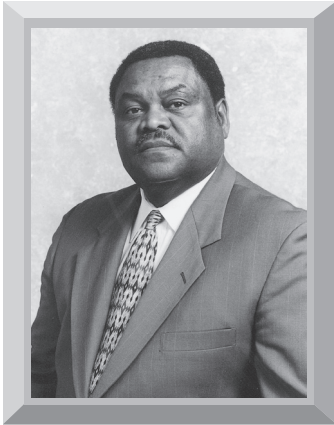
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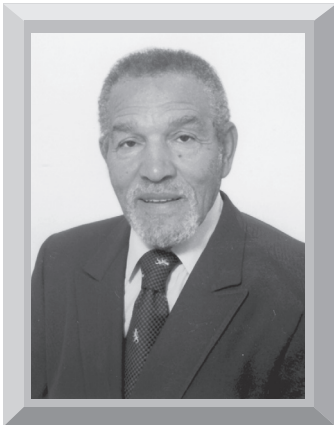
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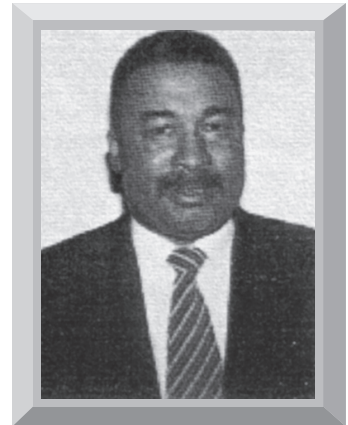
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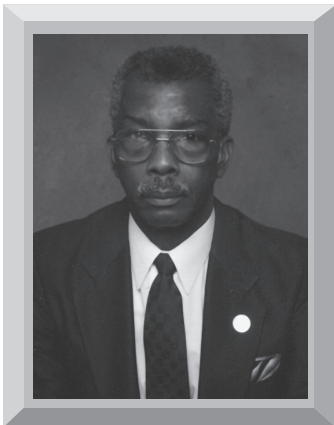
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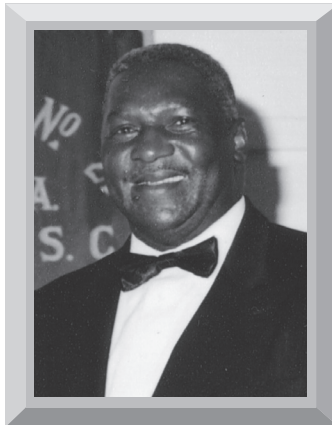
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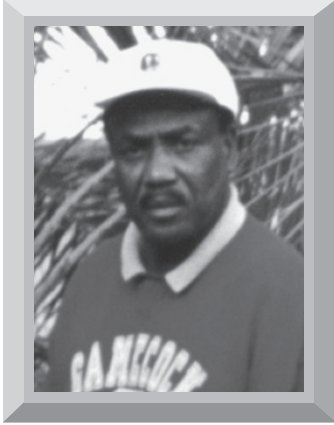
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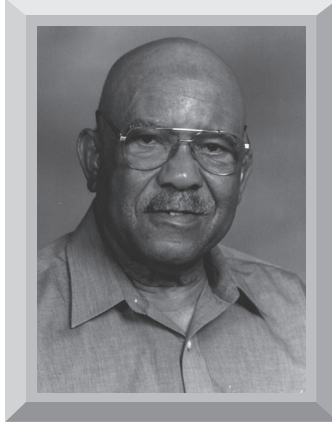
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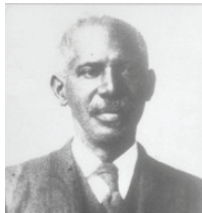
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SPECIAL LEGACY, HISTORY & CULTURE TRIBUTE: *Remembering The Historical Olde Black High Schools*

Sterling High School: *The triumphant story of Greenville County's first black public high school*

with Ann Butler

The record of Sterling High School, Greenville County's first predominately black high school, is a story of struggle and triumph. It spans a period of nearly seven-and-a-half decades. The story of Sterling High School began in the early 1890's, when Rev. D.M. Minus was appointed to the pastorate of the Wesley Church in Greenville, the beginning of his life's work.



REV. D.M. MINUS

Rev. Minus was born in Johnston County, South Carolina on June 15, 1848, of free parents; his father Elijah and his mother Sarah Minus. The oldest of thirteen children, Minus was brought to Greenville to accomplish two goals: (1) **John Wesley**

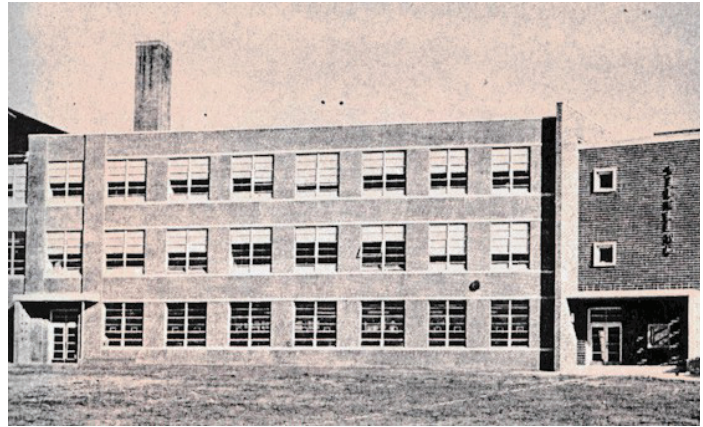
Church needed a new brick building; and (2) **the children needed a high school in Greenville so they could prepare for life's duties without leaving their hometown.**

Several churches in Greenville waited for Rev. Minus to establish the high school. Finally an educational association was organized. Each member was assessed a certain amount, an attorney was employed, and then a petition was presented to the Secretary of State asking for the privilege to establish such an institution.

After the charter was received from the Secretary of State in October of 1896, the trustees made arrangements with the officers of

John Wesley Church to open the school in the lecture room of the church. Rev. D.M. Minus was elected president of the new school called Greenville Academy.

It continued in the lecture room for two years, after which the school got too large for the room, and the trustees of the school bought the church. The church invested money from the sale to build their new brick building on Falls Street. Finally in 1902, the trust-



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A view of Sterling High School, as it existed in the 1960s.

ees decided to sell the church property on Silver Hill and purchase land for the school outside the city limits. Mr. B.M. McGee agreed to sell six acres of land, and Rev. Minus had to pay down a certain amount to secure the land until he could get the help and cooperation of the

trustees. Different individuals made donations. For example, Mr. James Maxwell gave \$5.00 to help meet the first payment. Rev. Minus suggested the name Sterling High School, a name that other good and influential white men, who, he thought

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to accept a place on the board. The man that he recommended accepted. Finally, he had seven of the white businessmen in Greenville on the Board of Trustees. Minus said these white men taught him more practical business sense than he ever learned. Mr. James H. Maxwell was his cashier at the bank for twenty-five years. He assessed himself \$20.00 a year for the school and also had lack of trustees assess themselves. Mr. Thomas F. Parker made the first donation to the school. He had a splendid two-story building, which was worth \$2,500, and gave the school a fine mule at \$250. He also provided aid for the institution and had bookkeeper teach Rev. Minus bookkeeping and how to balance the accounts of the institution each week. Additionally, he sent the president to the Georgia Institute in Alabama and a school in Durham, North Carolina, to study the methods of those schools. Mr. Parker also bought several acres of land around the school and divided it into lots and streets. He

was the leading black man on the Board of Trustees. Today, these are Sterling, Middleton, Minus, Malloy, and Valentine Streets. Parker sold the property only to black people, and gave them five to ten years to pay for it; this created a complete town consisting entirely of blacks. Mr. C.E. Graham was elected chairman of the finance committee. He donated \$100 to the school. For eight to ten years he served as one of the white trustees of the school. Another influential trustee was Captain James F. Mackey. Recognized as one of the most useful members of the board of trustees, he not only gave his time and experience to this institution, but also his influence, his means, and his best talent to help make the school a success. Every year he donated \$25 to the institution. Mr. T. O. Lawton, the youngest member of the board of trustees, was by no means the least. He donated \$10 to the school annually. Mr. T.P. Hayne was one of the most intelligent members of the board. For several years he was the secre-

ary. The most influential man on the board. Mr. W.G. Serrine, Attorney, also rendered priceless aid to the institution. The black trustees were: Rev. D.M. Minus, President; Rev. J.B. Middleton, Chairman of the Board (\$150); Rev. N.D. Maloy (\$150); Rev. W.G. Valentine (\$10); Mr. A.B. Davis (\$20); Mr. W.R. Sewell (\$10); Mr. T.J. Bryant (\$15); Mr. J.F. Cureton (\$5); Mr. J.W. Johnson (\$10); Mr. T.B. Simpson (\$10); Mr. A. Tolbert and Mr. Jones W. Thomas (\$20). Several names were suggested for the school. But finally it was voted to call it Sterling Industrial College in honor of Mrs. E.R. Sterling of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., the lady who paid for Rev. Minus's college education at Claflin University in Orangeburg, South Carolina. Rev. Minus said, "Mrs. Sterling was a great woman and she deserved all of the honor we could bestow upon her for it will take eternity to tell the good she has accomplished for the uplift and elevation of suffering humanity." Mrs. Sterling was consulted and

donation of \$75.00. At this time he was 87 years of age. The original building was signed and constructed by W.R. "William" Sewell, on Greenville's leading black contractors. Later, it was remodeled, additions, and a building especially designed for trades was added to the plant. With such worthy members, Rev. Minus's associates and workers, the institution continued to progress. Rev. D.M. Minus always be remembered as first founder and president. Due to the school's growth, Rev. Minus was asked to give his ministerial work and devote his time to the school at a salary of \$50 per month. He did this in November, 1913, when he signed the presidency and turned to ministerial work. He succeeded by President C. Jones. When he accepted and closed for a short period. In 1915, the Enoree River

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Association had bought four acres of land in the City of Greenville a nine-room building, an old and city water. They changed name to Enoree High School and Rev. E.C. Murray became the principal, with the Rev. E.E. Riley of York, S.C. the first principal. It was a boarding school and had a successful beginning. His successor, Professor E.H. Trezevant, became the principal in 1929. This school was operated for 14 years. In 1929, when the School District of Greenville County purchased the building for \$2,518.39 and changed the name back to Sterling High School. Sterling was the first public high school in the county. The board elected J.C. Martin as principal. He remained only one year in office.

In September, 1930, Dr. J.C. Martin was succeeded by Professor J. L. Hickson, who caught the vision as its founder. Under his 10-year leadership term, the school was widely known and expanded. The name Sterling High School became quite prominent throughout the country. During his administration, the school became famous as the Alma Mater of many students.

From 1930 to 1960, Professor J.E. Durkin, from Gettysburg, served as principal of Sterling. During his tenure, the school was located at 949 the

streets were extended from 11 to 15 years. The curriculum was expanded to include many trades and sciences. An extensive physical education program and various clubs of science and secretarial training were added. The Sterling High School yearbook, published in 1942, and a newspaper, named The Pinta, would be published later. Sterling was admitted to the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges in 1953.

Going to the famous "Huddle" (a Shop) became the pastime of the school for the students. The ball games were played at the Stadium, and all baseball games and track meets took place at Meadowbrook Park. Sterling, known as the Tigers, were classified as an "AAA" school and won many champion-



1941 Sterling High School Mid-term Graduation Class

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ship from 1935-1960, under the direction of Wilfred J. Walker, Sr. Singers from Sterling often won scholarships to college because of their talent.

In 1960, Rev. H.O. Mims became principal of Sterling. He was truly a home-grown product, having been a student, teacher, assistant principal, and then principal at the school. Under his leadership Sterling continued to grow, and the County School Board voted to renovate the building in early September of 1967.

Unfortunately, disaster would strike before this ever had a chance to occur. On Friday evening, September 15, 1967, the Sterling student body danced at a party sponsored by the Senior Class to raise money for the "Miss Homecoming" drive. At 10:40 p.m. the disc jockey from WHYZ announced this warning over the microphone, "An emergency has occurred. We urge each of you to leave the building quickly and calmly as possible."

Immediately, the students filed out of the building in an orderly and calm fashion, only to find their beloved Sterling had caught fire. Tears streaming down their faces, they watched the leaping flames engulf their school. Firemen from the Parker District fought desperately to extinguish the fire. They remained on the scene well into the next day and returned from time to time through-

out of the gymnasium, which miraculously escaped major damage.

There were numerous petitions, petitions and even marches to encourage the Board to rebuild Sterling. In addition to telephone calls and personal appearances before officials of the Greenville County School District, over one thousand parents and students signed petitions asking to keep the student body intact. Moreover, four-fifths of the student body marched on the County office protesting any hint that they would be disbanded.

Finally, the Board of Trustees agreed to house students on an interim basis at Greenville Junior High on Westfield Street, naming it Sterling Junior-Senior High School. Mr. Luke Chatman became the principal in 1968. He was the last principal of Sterling High School.

On February 17, 1970, the School District of Greenville County was integrated, and at the end of this school year there was no longer a school named Sterling. The edifice was torn down except for the gym, which has since been converted into a recreational facility operated by the Greenville County Recreation Department.

A realistic portrayal of the development and growth of Sterling High School can be revealed only in an account depicting the diligent and faithful service of many dedicated teachers and the achievements and successes of the students who bring honor and glory to their Alma Mater.

Although the physical plant is gone, fond memories of our school that served generations still lingers in the hearts and minds of scores of people near and far. Sterling High School lives on, in those who

older black population of Greenville County continue to identify with the site as former students or graduates. Sterling High will continue to live on.

These are just some of the notable former Sterling students and teachers who have significantly impacted the Greenville community beyond: Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.; Dr. Thomas E. Kerns; Wilfred Wal Alberta Tucker Grimes; Paul Adams; Lillian Br Flemming; Lottie Beal Gik Xanthene Norris; Tom Mitchell; Ralph Anderson William "Billy" Thompson Eskew Reeder, Jr. (a pianist who performed under stage name "Esquerita"); The I Hummingbirds (award-winning pep ensemble); John Arthur Jr. Lloyd Walker and Dr. Charles Whittenberg.

Rev. Jackson, who graduated from Sterling in the 1950s, is working with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at the epicenter of the Civil Rights Movement. Jackson would later become an icon in his own right establishing Operation Breadbasket in the early 1970s before relocating to Chicago, where he founded Operation P.U.S.H. and the Rainbow Coalition (now known as RAINCOAL P.U.S.H.). Widely recognized negotiator, he also ran for the Presidency of the United States in 1984 and 1988, becoming the first African-American male to run for national's top office.

Dr. Kerns, a 1949 Sterling graduate who later taught social studies and French there, became the African-American superintendent of the Greenville County School District. Dr. Kerns, who passed away this past November, served from 1989-1994. The district recently named an elementary school near I-85 after the school for the long educator.

Mr. Walker, the school's only living staff member, taught music at Sterling; his tenure there was of a remarkable career that saw him teach in the Greenville County School District for 40 years. Grimes, a former biology teacher at Sterling, became the first African-American school counselor in Greenville County and went on to become the first full-time African-American counselor in the state. In 1965, she established the first

Alma Mater

Sterling High School, Sterling High School

Sterling High School, Bless her name!

Whether in defeat or victory.

We are loyal just the same;

So we'll cheer for Sterling High School,

And for her we'll fight for fame

And we'll sing her praises loud in every land

Sterling High School, Bless her name!

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...the needs of young African-American students, one male and one female, descending down a set of steps, the male student sporting a sweater with an "S" emblazoned on the front.

On a bright, sunny Sunday afternoon, those dreams were finally realized. The sculpture was dedicated on Nov. 19, 2006 in an emotional ceremony, which took place at the statue site. A reception was held at the Westin Poinsett Hotel on South Main Street immediately following the ceremony.

Finally, Sterling was officially designated for inclusion in the registry as a historical landmark. The new marker, which will sit on the corner of Calhoun and Pendleton streets, was unveiled in a ceremony held January 21 at the old Sterling High gymnasium on Minus Street.

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a founding member of the Greenville Urban League (currently Urban League of the Upstate). Others embarked upon careers in public service. Mrs. Gibson, a nursing graduate, and Mrs. Norris, a former teacher, both serve on Greenville County Council. Mrs. Fleck, a Sterling graduate, served on Greenville City Council from 1981 to 1983. Mr. Mitchell, a former Senator, became the first African-American to win the Democratic nomination for governor in 1990. Mr. Anderson, a onetime City Councilman, currently serves in the North Carolina state Senate. Mr. Thompson became an All-Pro running back in the National Football League, playing 11 seasons for the Denver Broncos and appearing in Super Bowl XII. In his rookie season (1969), he became the first professional player (AFL, which the Broncos were a part of at the time, NFL) to lead the league in both yardage returns and punt returns, earning him a special teams award. Mr. Thompson, who lives in Fort Collins, Colo., works as the communications liaison for the Broncos. Through the years, the alumni and supporters of Sterling High School have worked hard to perpetuate the legacy lives on. In 1988, the class of 1955—the first reunion class to form a combined reunion—donated a monument and placed it on the site of Sterling High School. It lists the names of principals of the school. Another group of alumni and supporters, identified as the "Friends of Sterling," pushed hard to have a second monument erected in memory of the school's 74 years of existence. This one, located at the corner of North Main and West Main streets in downtown Greenville (the former site of the old Worth's drug store), would take the form of a sculpture that recognized the school's contribution to the West Greenville and Pendleton communities.

Created by Camden-based sculptor Maria Kirby-Smith, the sculpture, titled "Raise High the Torch," consists of two stu-

University in Richmond (where he was a member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society) and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

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Prestigious Historical Olde Black High School

Scroll of Honor

In our African-American Legacy & Culture Special Edition, titled *"Honoring, Remembering and Celebrating 'African-American Legacy and Culture' and the Accomplishments of 'The Historical Olde Black High Schools,'" The Upstate Citizen-Advocate* pays special tribute in honor of the Olde Black High School's history and its role in changing the lives of the people of our community. **The Upstate Citizen-Advocate** would like to thank the former students, teachers, staff members, principals and all employees, and the parents, grandparents and descendants of The Olde Black High Schools.

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Blue Ridge High School, Seneca

PICKENS COUNTY

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Pickens County Training School, Pickens
Clearview High School, Easley

ANDERSON COUNTY

Anderson County Training School (ACTS),
Riverside/Pendleton
McDuffie High School, Anderson
Reed Street High School, Anderson
Westside High School, Anderson
Spearman High School, Williamston
New Deal High School, Starr
Geer-Gantt High School, Belton

GREENVILLE COUNTY

Beck High School, Greenville
Sterling High School, Greenville
Lincoln High School, Taylors
Washington High School, Mauldin
Bryson High School, Simpsonville
Fountain Inn Colored School, Fountain Inn

SPARTANBURG COUNTY

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Lincoln High School, Spartanburg
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