

PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

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Special Dedicated Life Members

Anna Smith

**We are in the process of updating our Lifetime Members, and if by chance your name was left off this list, please accept our apology and see one of the following:

Emanuel Sullivan, Ernest Hamilton.

***Our Deceased Members

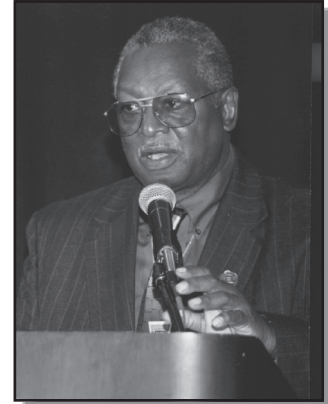
➤ GREETINGS ➤

From the **Executive Director of the Association**

April 2014

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome you to the Piedmont Athletic Association's Twenty Third 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 16 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

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PROGRAMME

TWENTY SECOND ANNUAL BANQUET AND INDUCTION CEREMONY

Saturday, April 5, 2014

Introduction of MC
Master of Ceremonies

Mr. Richard Dawkins
Lincoln High

PARADE OF PAST INDUCTEES

The Occasion
Memorial Tribute
Hall of Fame General Membership Drive

Mr. Ernest Hamilton
Bessie Young

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: VARDREY E. FLEMING, SR.

Grace

DINNER with Musician Joely Evrin PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES

The Mighty Great & Legendary Sterling High School Tigers

Sammie L. Hall
Eliza Ballentine
Walter Edward Henderson
Wallace M. Dillard

The Great & Legendary Bryson High School Hurricanes

James W. Meekins, Jr.
Annie L. Dogan Smith McClinton
Jimmy Young

The Great & Legendary Lincoln High School Rattlers

Lee Cox
Cora Dickey
Jerelean Bennett

The Great & Legendary Washington High School Falcons

Deborah Perry Jones
David Lee Massey
James Smith

The Great & Legendary Beck High School Panthers

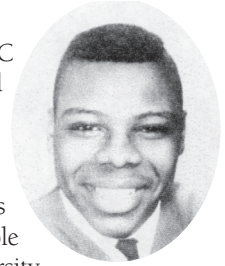
Calvin Edwards
Barry McCullough

Good Night and Thanks for Coming

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



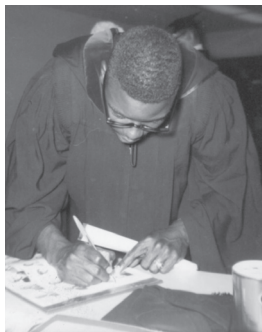
Dr. Vardrey E. Fleming, Sr. “Pastor”



Dr. Vardrey E. Fleming, Sr. was born in Greenville, SC to Izell & Clara Lee Fleming. Dr. Fleming attended Brutontown Elementary School, Sterling High School and graduated from Washington High School of Greenville County. He continued his education at Carver Bible College of Atlanta, GA, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Biblical Education. He attended Columbia Bible College, Dallas Theological Seminary, Clemson University, Greenville Technical College and other institutes of which he received numerous certifications. He received his Honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from International Bible College and Seminary of Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Fleming is married to the former Oleanthean Odell. They are the proud parents of three sons, Vardrey, Jr., (April), Justin (Stephanie) and Luron (Paige) and grandfather of seven grandchildren.

Dr. Fleming is founder and Pastor of Bethel Bible Missionary Church where he has served for the past 43 years. He served as Director of Bethel Bible Camp & Institute in Columbia, SC for 32 years. In 1992 the Board of Trustees Carver Bible College, Atlanta, Georgia asked Dr. Fleming to take the presidency of the college where he became the first black President after fifty years of existence. Prior to this appointment, Dr. Fleming was employed by Tri-County Technical College where he taught Personal Psychology, Complimentary and Employability skills as well as working with the labs of reading, math, and language. After four years of teaching, Dr. Fleming accepted an assignment with the school to work as a consultant on a special government project for the gifted and talented in computers, math, and science for persons desiring to change their field after having acquired their degrees in other areas.



In addition to his Pastorate, Dr. Fleming presently serves as Chaplain for the Greenville County Sheriffs Office and board member for Wisdom in Living Life Ministries, Surgeons for Sight and Community Works. Dr. Fleming also serves as a Consultant for Greenville Dreams, a partner of United Way and President of West Greenville Neighborhood Association.

Dr. Fleming has initiated and worked with a number of community service projects such as Adopt-A-Child Program, After-Care Program for women in crisis situations. After School Program & Computer Lab, Behavioral Modification for Alcohol and Drug Addition, Sharing and Caring Projects for the Elderly, and Summer School Academy Program.

Dr. Fleming has also been awarded the Special Recognition Exemplary Award by the Greenville County Human Relations Commission for his individual efforts in providing housing opportunities in home ownership and temporary housing for families and individuals who are starting over.

In 2011 Dr. Fleming was nominated and received the Isaac “Ike” Williams Award for the State of South Carolina for Leadership in Civil Rights and Grassroots Development by South Carolina Community Development Corporation in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina.

He was recently asked to serve and was recognized for his service in a two-day session at the City of Greenville Police Training Center on “Strategic Community Policing and Problem Solving.”

In addition to the services listed, Dr. Fleming has served on more than twenty Boards, Commissions and Committees such as United Way Board Chairman, Greenville Connect, City of Greenville, Alliance for Community Empowerment, Greenville County Human Relations, Greenville Homeless Coalition, South Carolina Alcohol and Drug Commission, United Neighborhood Economic Incorporation, Citizens Advisory Committee (Major Appointee) and City of Greenville Neighborhood Association Presidents.



INDUCTEES



REVEREND ELIZA HARRIS BALLENTINE

Reverend Eliza Harris Ballentine was born in Laurens County to the late Clarence and Josephine Harris. She was the fourth of seven children. The family later moved to Greenville County, where she attended Gower Street School during her elementary years.



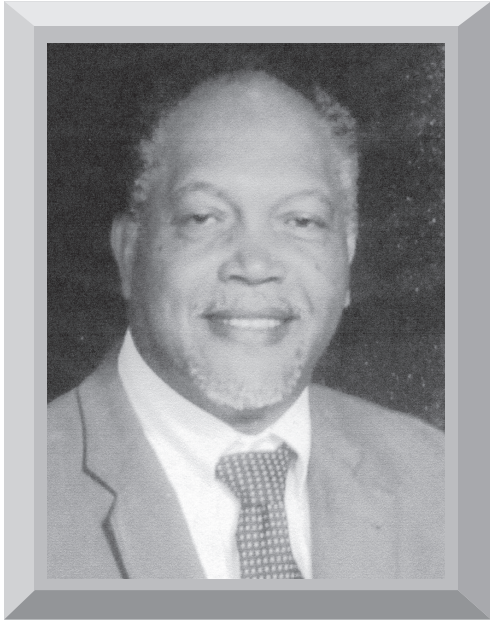
As she played back yard softball and other sport activities, she always had the dream of running track when she got to High School. However, after entering Sterling High School, she had to wait for one year until she was in the ninth grade which turned out to work in her favor since that was the year that Sterling High School Track Team was the State Champs.

Reverend Ballentine was married to the late John L. Ballentine for thirty-one years. She is the mother of two daughters, Kimberly Hardman and Elonda Wilson and one son, Bryant Ballentine. She has six grandchildren and one great grand-daughter. She is a member of Flat Rock Baptist Church in Piedmont, South Carolina.

She retired from Michelin after 32 years of service. She was the first woman to be ordained in the Tumbling Shoals Association and Pastor Christian Hope Baptist church in Ware Shoals, SC for eight years her motto is "If she can help anyone along the with preaching , teaching and living , then her work will not be in vain".

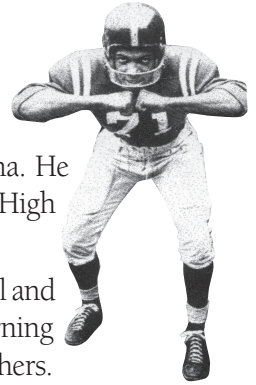


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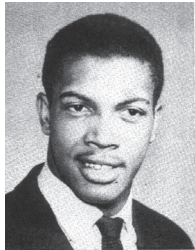
WALTER EDWARD HENDERSON "Barefoot"

Walter Edward Henderson was born January 17, 1937. the oldest of 13 children to the late Robert and Irene Henderson in Greenville, South Carolina. He attended Sullivan Street Elementary and Sterling High School where he graduated in 1956.



During Walters 4 years at Sterling he played football and track under the leadership of Coach Mathis learning discipline, skills and respect for teammates and others. He received an award for Best Sportsmen and became co-captain of the football team in 1956.

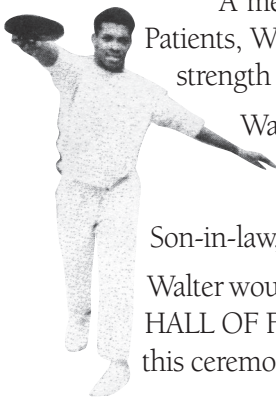
After graduation he became employed at the Meyer Arnold/Upton Company as a Maintenance Supervisor for 33 years. After retirement; Walter became employed as a bus driver for the South Carolina State



System retiring after 10 years.

He attended Greenville Tec and Martin Webb Learning Center receiving certificates at both school. Walter is a member of the Greater Mount Calvary Baptist Church, where he serves as a Deacon and President of the Brotherhood Ministry under the leadership of Pastor Winded Rodgers.

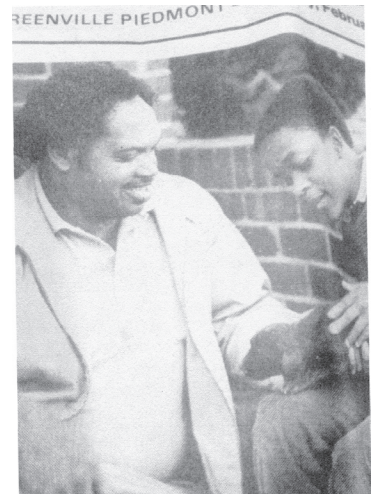
He also served as a volunteer with the good News club at Hollis elementary School.



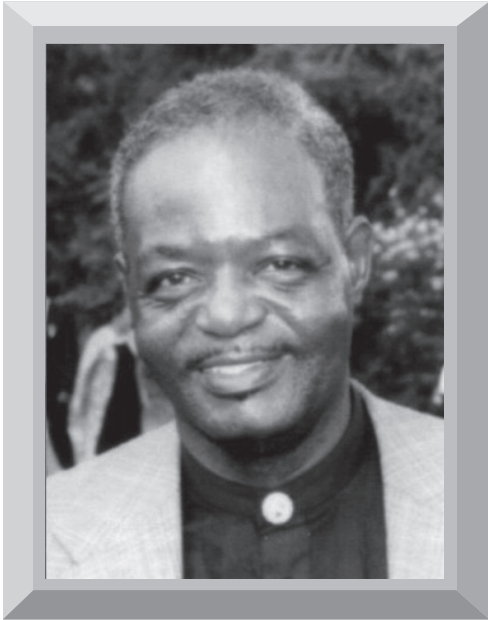
A member of the Outreach Ministry for the Convalesce Homes Patients, Walter will continue to serve others as long as God gives him strength because that is his goal because of his love of God.

Walter has been married to his high school sweetheart, Patricia Ann, for 57 years. They have two adult children, Gisete Ferguson and Dwayne Henderson, Daughter-in-law and Son-in-law, three grandchildren.

Walter would like to thank the PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME Members for this honor and opportunity to be part of this ceremony.



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WALLACE MICHAEL DILLARD

Wallace Dillard was born in Greenville, South Carolina on July 30, 1944. He was the first of nine children to Mose Sr. and Queen Dillard. He lived on Cherry Street until he was eight years old and then relocated Prospect Street, Greenville, SC.



He attended the all black Welcome Elementary School located on Hollywood Drive. This was a two room building with grades first through seventh. I had to walk to and from school every day. We did not have buses for transportation. We had to walk pass the white Welcome Elementary School to get to the colored school.

He went to Sterling High School in 1958 as a sub-freshman (8th grade) and started playing football in the 9th grade. Wallace also played in the 10th grade. His position during both years

was guard # 37.

Wallace graduated from Sterling High School in the class of 1962, and started to work at Dunegan Mill in June, 1962. He was the first black weaver at Dunegan Mill. He also worked at A&P Grocery Store Warehouse before enlisting in the U. S. Marines. He served for eighteen and a half years and had tours of duty in Hawaii, Japan and France along with several State side tours. Wallace was in the Infantry, a drill instructor and later a Drug & Alcohol Counselor.

Wallace is currently a Life member of VFW Post 6734, the President of the Sterling/Washington Alumni Class of 1962, and has been a Deacon for the last five years at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina. He is married to the former Sallie Scott and the proud father of Misty Dillard, step father of Charles E. and Cedric Scott, and grandfather of five grandchildren.

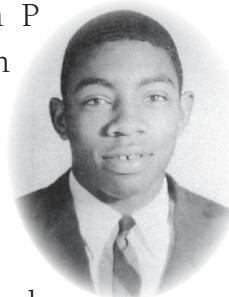


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JAMES W. MEEKINGS, JR.

James W. Meekings, Jr. attended Joseph P Burgess Elementary August, 1956 through June, 1963, Joseph R Bryson High School August, 1963 through June, 1968 and Voorhees College January, 1969 through December, 1973.

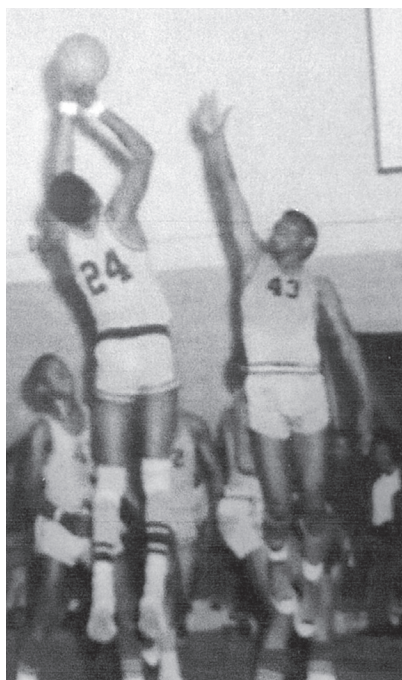
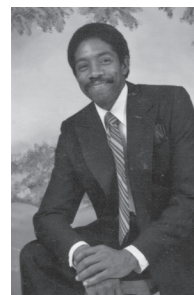


James was a Baseball player before he picked up a basketball during recess in the fifth grade because they had already picked softball sides. Ms. Tina Bell Sullivan asked why he was in the room. James told her they had already picked sides, she told him to look in the closet, get a ball out and get out of there; he was disturbing her time.

After shooting the ball, James really didn't want to play any other sport unless he had too.

In 1963, James met Clarence Webb, Lawrence Beasley, and Willie Griffin, who would later become his best buddies on the JV team. These guys either gave him a place to stay in the afternoon or a ride home.

James earned a Block "B" his Junior year, but never got to wear it because he couldn't afford the jacket. He shot the ball well that year.



He entered into coaching at the Happy Hearts Community Center; their teams did very well with help from Ashy Auto Service, Francis Produces, Stax's Restaurant and the Happy Heart Community. Washington City Athletics was a winning tradition.

James began his high school officiating career under the direction of George Fowler in 1982 and continued to officiate basketball for the SC High School League. He received the honor of Twenty Years of Service plaque under their director, Ms. Jenny Norris.

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ANNIE L. DOGAN SMITH McCLINTON

Annie L. Dogan is the daughter of the late John Henry and Kanzadie Hamilton Dogan. The sixth of eight children, she attended Joseph R. Bryson High School and was a starting forward on the girls' basketball team. She was coached by the legendary Nancy Pinckney, who is also an inductee of the PAA Hall of Fame.

Ann is the Mother of two children, Tracy L. Smith and the late Bennie H. Smith, Jr. She has six grand and seven great grandchildren. Having worked 40 years (10 at Beaunit Company and 30 at Michelin of America Tire Company) she is happily retired.

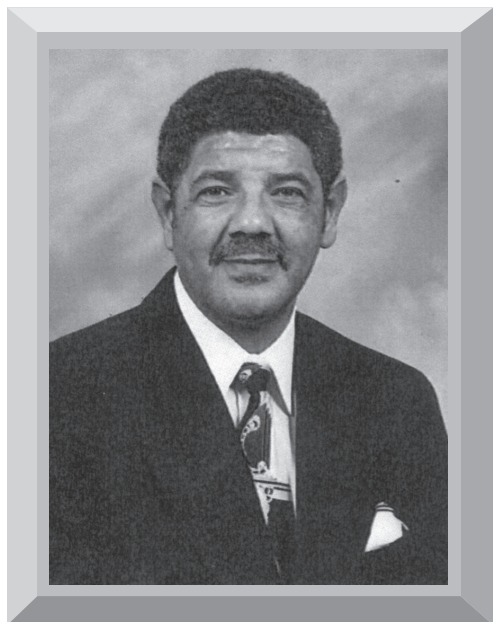
Ann is a member of Flat Rock Baptist Church in Piedmont, SC where the pastor is Rev. Christopher F. Scott. She serves as a Trustee, Chairperson of the booking committee and a member of the church's praise team. She is also a lead singer on the church's sanctuary choir. Her hobbies are singing and spoiling her grand and great grandchildren.

Ann's motto is "God will not lead you anywhere he does not want you to be"



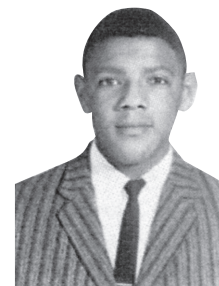
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JIMMY YOUNG

Jimmy Young was born and reared in Piedmont, South Carolina. He attended Burgess Elementary school through seventh grade. He started eighth grade fall of 1963 at Bryson High School and graduated in 1968. At Bryson High School, Jimmy was a bus driver, member of the Future Farmers of America, The Block "B" Club and Science Club. He was voted "Neatest" along with Bertha Johnson in the class of '68. Jimmy lettered in Football for his courageous moves and tackles and lettered in Track and Field for his quickness and speed. He played football under Coach Alfred C. Duckett. During Jimmy's football years, he played defensive tackle and was award the honor of Most Valuable Defensive Player. He participated in Track and Field where he ran the 100 yard dash, 220, and 440 relay coached by Alfred C.



Duckett. Jimmy Young was recognized for diligently going the extra mile, getting patrons and subscriptions for the yearbook and was given the title along with Bertha Fowler "Loyal Seniors" concerning themselves with Yearbook financing helping meet the financial needs for publishing THE HURRICANE . He was very creative in Shop under the leadership of teacher Mr. Edward M. Jamison. Jimmy studied about beef cattle production in Agriculture class taught by Mr. Edward M. Jamison and has continued in the farming area of raising Black Angus Cows and riding Quarter Horses on his farm on 140 Young Drive, Piedmont, SC. Jimmy attended Greenville Technical College.

Jimmy Young is a member of Flat Rock Baptist Church in Piedmont SC where he serves as Assistant Superintendent of Sunday School, Assistant Chairman of the Deacon Ministry, Director of the Youth Basketball Ministry, Budget Committee, Constitution Committee and past member of the Audio Ministry and Usher Board Ministry. Jimmy was inspired by the need for children to have activities in a spiritual atmosphere and started the Flat Rock Basketball Ministry and has been active for 18 years. He coached the first Mites team to victory.

Jimmy worked at Union Carbide Carbon Products division 18 years. He was employed at Michelin North America for 25 years before retiring.

Jimmy Young (voted Mr. Senior) married his high school sweetheart, Laura Johnson Young (voted Miss Senior). They have two children, a daughter, Attala Therese Young and a son, Tavis Amett Young.



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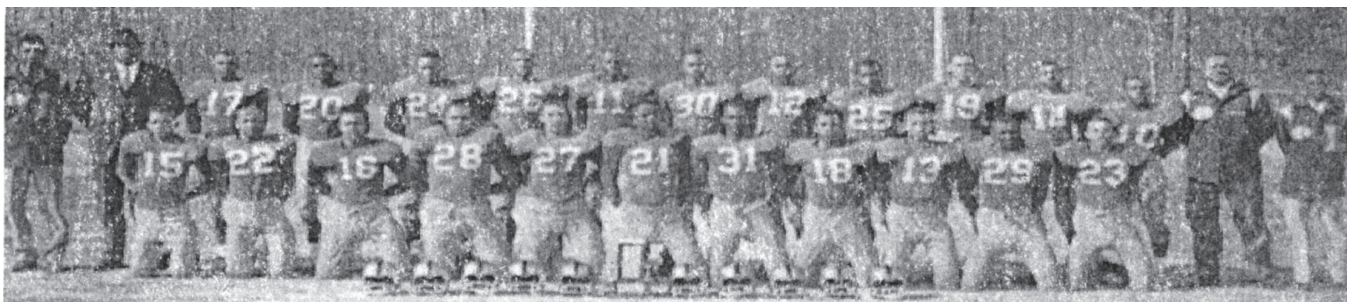
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LEE COX



Lee Graduated from Lincoln High School in 1962. He played running back and defensive back of the football team that won the 1962 upper state championship. He also lettered in football that year. Lee also played basketball and ran track where he ran the 100 yard and 200 yard dash. After graduating from Lincoln High School, Lee attended Morris College in Sumter, South Carolina for two years. Lee was later drafted in the United States Army and served two years in Germany and Fort Lewis Washington. Lee is a retiree of John Deere Consumer Products formerly Homelite Textron. While employed there for 31 years he worked as Production Control Scheduler and a Manufacturing Supervisor. Lee is a member of Maple Creek Missionary Baptist Church in Greer, South Carolina where he has served on the trustee board, usher board and the all-male choir. In his spare

time Lee likes to walk and go to the Y.M.C. A. He is married to the former Ruby Thompson and has three children and two stepdaughters, eight grandchildren and four great grandchildren.



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CORA WOOD DICKEY



Cora Wood Dickey was born to the late Van and Nellie Wood; she was the ninth child of eleven children.

She attend Lincoln High School class of 1963 and continued her education at Greenville Technical College there she studied business for two years.

She is married to Van Roy Dickey with whom she has three beautiful daughters and six amazing grandchildren.

She worked twenty years at American Hardware as secretary and computer operator.

Cora is the owner and founder of Dickey Boutique which is a dream come true.

Cora serves as secretary of the following: Staunton Community Baptist Church, Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame, 1963 Lincoln High Class Reunion Committee and Recording Secretary for Piedmont Temple #746.

In addition she is the Loyal vice Daughter Ruler of Poinsetta Council.

Cora's favorite activities are: Playing basketball, dancing and softball, she also like watching her grandchildren play baseball.

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" is not only her favorite scripture but her motto for life.

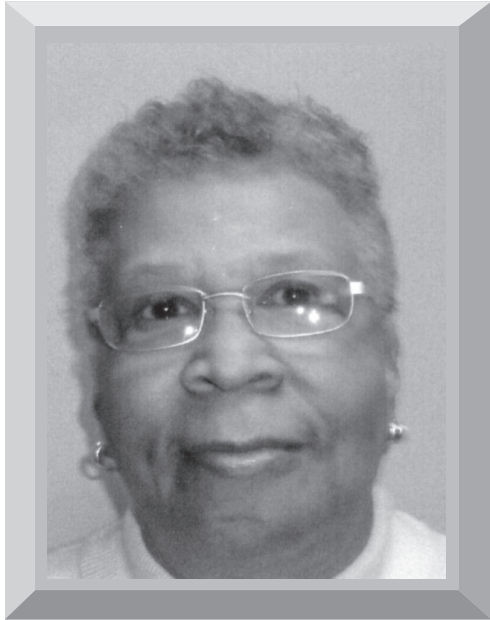


SENIOR VARSITY
UPSTATE CHAMPIONS

LEFT TO RIGHT: Miss Aliceteen Scurlock, Coach; Judy Jones, Geraldine Dawkins, Beverly McDaniels, Mildred Anderson, Joyce Smith, Mary Maryfield, Cora Wood, Joyce Brooks, Cassandra Talley, Loretta Sullivan, Jerelean Bennett, Marion Mach, Trainer. BACK: Patricia Bennett and Gall Wright. NOT PICTURED: Sallie Radde, Trainer.



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JERELEAN BENNETT

Jerelean Bennett was born October 1, 1946. She graduated from Lincoln High School, then attended SC State College 1964-65. After college she gave birth to a son, Sean E. Bennett

She went to Cleveland, Ohio to further her education and realized that her dream was in electronics. Jerelean started from the bottom and worked her way up through school and working in the field of electronics - such as IBM Tabulation equipment and wiring boards for other IBM Tab equipment. While living in East Cleveland, Ohio she played semi-professional basketball and softball. They won several tournaments. She and her son lived in Ohio for about 8 years.

Since she could not get into the hardware side of electronics Jerelean moved to Washington, DC and started working and continued her education at Capitol Institute of Technology. She worked for Digital Equipment Corporation as an Engineer IV and tech Instructor of engineers while at Digital Equipment Corporation.

A screenshot of the Facebook page for Lincoln High School. The page features a cover photo of the school building, a profile picture of a green and gold rattlesnake, and a bio stating the school was located in Taylors, SC, open from 1955 to 1970, and closed after integration. It also shows a post from July 6, 2012, where the school changed its cover photo, and a recent post by Gloria Hendricks Wms from April 13, 2013, about her high school rattlers.

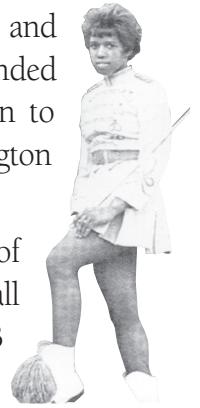
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DEBORAH (PERRY) JONES

Deborah Jones is the daughter of the late James and Bertha Perry, the third of eight children. She attended Saint Anthony Catholic School from kindergarten to fifth grade. From there she transferred to Washington Elementary School.



Deborah graduated Washington High School, class of '69. She was one of the top center forward basketball guards to play the game. She would block at least 3 shots a game and at least 4 steals.

Deborah was also a member of the Majorette Cheerleading dance group and many organizations.

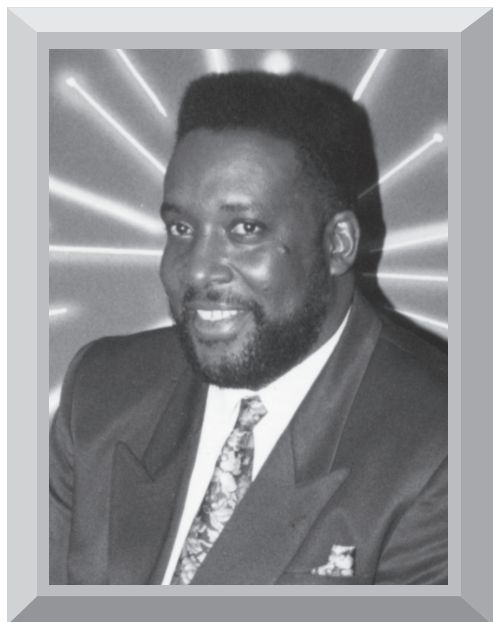
She spends her time helping at church and visiting her children, grandchildren and other family here in Greenville, SC. She now

lives in Birmingham, Alabama and attends a Catholic Church in Alabama.

Deborah had three children, one of which is deceased and 4 grandchildren.

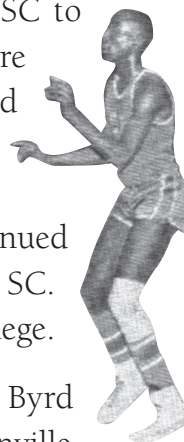


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DAVID LEE MASSEY

David Lee Massey was born in Greenville, SC to the late James Massey and Rev. Louise McIntyre Massey on January 31, 1950. He is the 6th child of 12 siblings. He attended Allen Elementary School and graduated from Washing High School of Greenville County in 1968. He continued his education at Morris College in Sumter, SC. David played basketball in high school and college.



After college, David pursued his career at Byrd Furniture Company and J P Stevens of Greenville County. He later went on to pursue better employment opportunities in Denver, Colorado.

David married Gladys Nance of whom a son, Carlos was born to this union. He also has another son, Sterling Ward. He is the proud grandfather of 4. David joined St. Paul Baptist Church at a young age. He sang on the choir and also with his family, the Massey Family.

He later joined Long Branch Baptist Church where he now attends. David is enjoying his senior years of which he states he is blessed to be honored with his status. He extends a heart-felt thanks to his family and friends for their love and support through his journey of life.



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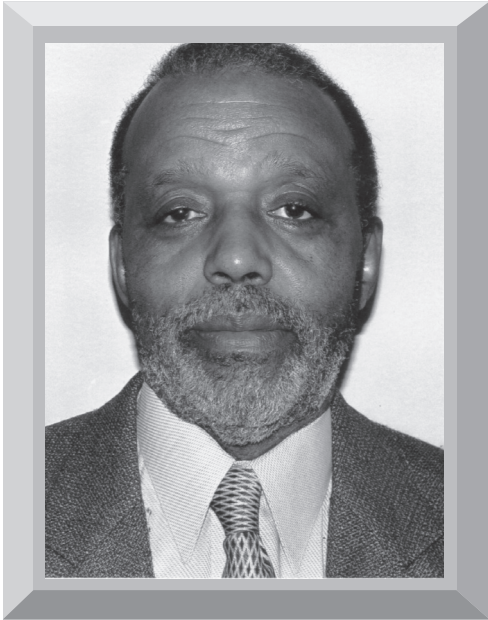
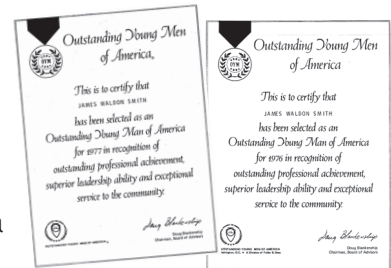
JAMES W. SMITH

James W. Smith attended Sterling High 1963-1965 and graduated from Washington High School in 1967. While there he lettered in Varsity Basketball.

After graduating high school James joined the U.S. Airforce where he played basketball from 1968-1972.

He is married to Claudia and they have 4 children, Linda, Darrel, Brandon and Tyrone and 4 grandchildren, Amari, Kojack, Myles and Kennedy.

James considers "Making the Team" his best athletic accomplishment and credits that to becoming a relative success in life.



THE STATE — Columbia, S.C., Monday, April 7, 1973



**JAMES W. SMITH
Smith Elected**
GREENVILLE — James W. Smith has been elected president of the Greenville Technical College student government association.
Smith, 25, is the first black to hold that position. He is a 1967 graduate of Washington High School and a pre-law college transfer. Other officers for the 1973-76 term are Ralph Phillips, vice president, and Johnny Whitmore, secretary-treasurer.

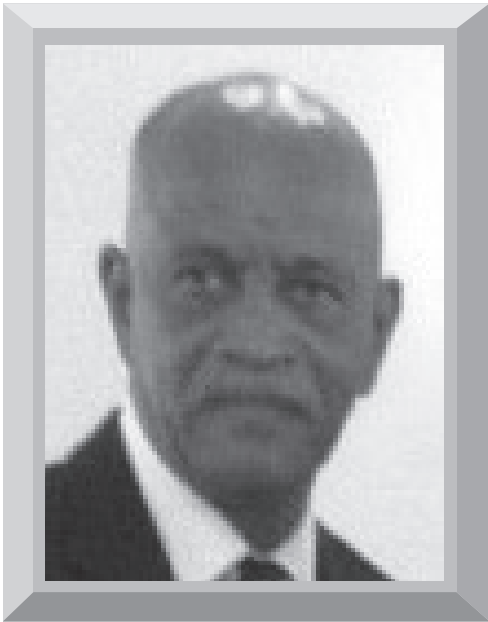


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CALVIN N. EDWARDS, JR.

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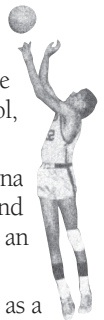


Calvin N. Edwards, Jr. is the oldest son of Mr. Calvin N. Edwards, Sr. and the late Freddie Jean Edwards. He is one of four surviving siblings: Winifred, Carol, and Charles “Chuck.” His youngest brother William is deceased.

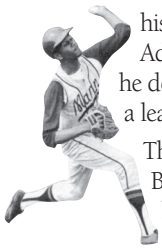
Calvin was born in Greenville County and lived in Taylors, South Carolina during his early years. His parents moved to Greenville, South Carolina and he was educated in the public schools there. He began his athletic career at an early age playing team sports in the Nicholtown Community.

In 1967 he entered Beck Junior/Senior High School and initially he served as a trainer on the football team. Later he played basketball, football and ran track. He lettered in basketball. He also participated in the Drama Club and traveled with the group to various churches and organizations.

In 1969 when Greenville County schools were court ordered to desegregate he was assigned to JL Mann High School and after the Christmas break in January 1970 he enrolled there. This was a very challenging time for him because he was faced with the reality of separation from



his beloved Beck High School where many life long bonds were formed with peers and teachers. Additionally he was separated from many of his fellow team mates on the basketball and football teams. After making the transition he decided to try out for the basketball, baseball and track teams and became a member of all three. He was a fierce competitor and a leader in all areas.



The Greenville Piedmont News named him the “Most Outstanding Athlete,” at JL Mann for 1970. He was also named “Most Valuable Basketball” Player and “Most Valuable Baseball” Player at Mann. He was a left hand pitcher and players had a very difficult time hitting his fast pitch! He also won the state championship in track and field for the long jump! Calvin was offered scholarships to play baseball and basketball at a number of prestigious universities and colleges but he decided to serve his country. After

graduating from JL Mann, during the summer of 1971 and on his 18th birthday he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He served two tours in Thailand and traveled to Vietnam. He returned to Greenville, South Carolina after he was Honorably Discharged four years later.



He attended Greenville Technical College and studied Industrial Engineering. He has held management positions in the food industry and insurance field. However, for the last 33 years he has work in the automobile sales business. He has been named #1 Sales Person, consistently receives the highest ratings on customer satisfactions surveys due to his excellent customer service skills and is acknowledged for being professional and knowledgeable of his products.



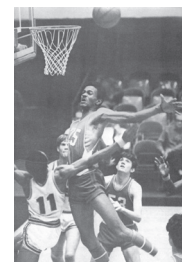
Calvin and his wife of 37 years, Patricia Clark Edwards who also attended Beck, are the proud parents of two children: Ashlee E. Barnes, Geoffrey N. Edwards and three (3) granddaughters: Camille, Claire and Katherine.

He is a member of St. Matthew United Methodist Church, “2507” in Taylors, South Carolina. Where he has served in various positions (Trustee, Charge Trustee, Chairperson of Stewardship) over the years; but he enjoys serving as an usher, greeter and praising the Lord! He loves Sunday school and is a very active member of the Senior Adult class.

Calvin extends appreciation and gratitude to the Piedmont Athletic Association for inducting him into The Hall of Fame.

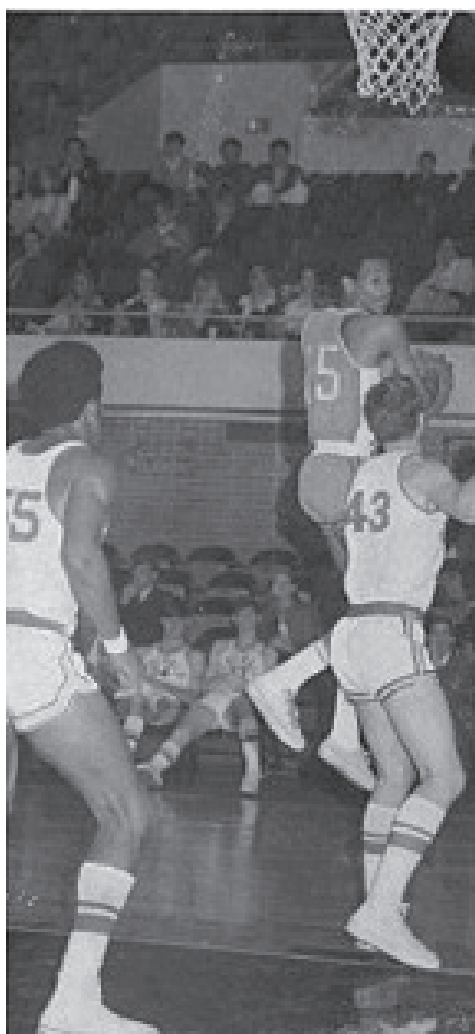


FIRST ROW: Theodore Wright, Clarence Fries, Jerry Beason, Samuel Roberts, Michael Copeland, Melvin May, Ernest Hamilton, Harold Brown, William Lloyd. SECOND ROW: Billy Yates, Charles Thompson, Thomas McDaniel, Joseph Wilcox, Charles Whitteberg, William Lindsay, Robby Acker, Daniel Simpson, William Lee. THIRD ROW: Cecil Louis Giddens, Alan Robert Hill, John Campbell, Charles Stevens, Donald Hamilton, Jerry Drey, Bobby Chapman, Louisa Yarbrough, Harry Walker, Johnny Fleming, Maxie Gantle, Head Coach J. T. Floyd. FOURTH ROW: Trainer Calvin Edwards, Perry Harrison, Donald Bibbs.



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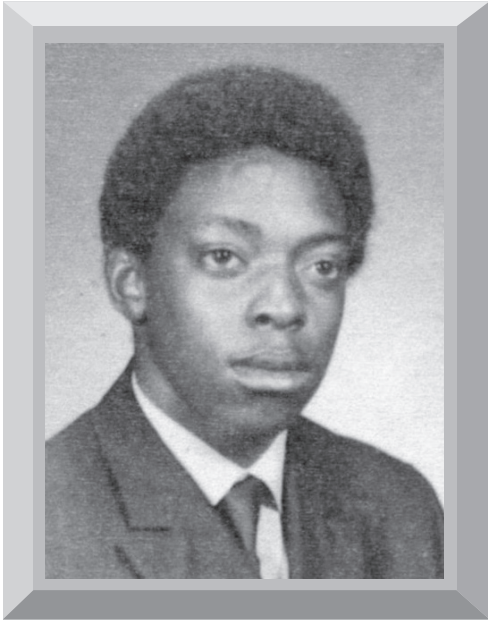
INDUCTEES



1969-70

PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

INDUCTEES



BARRY C. McCULLOUGH

Barry C. McCullough was the third son of Mrs. Mary McCullough and the late Mr. Odell McCullough, born in Greenville County on October 29, 1952. He attended Nicholtown Elementary School and Beck High School. He was in the last class (1970) of Beck High School.



While attending Beck, Barry played junior varsity and varsity basketball. He was also on the track and tennis teams.

After graduating Beck High School, Barry attended Greenville Tech and graduated with an Industrial Electrician Degree. He went on to play basketball with the 709 Military Police Battalion in Frankfurt, Germany where he won Best Sport and Sixth Man Award. After military basketball, Barry attended the Carolina School of Broadcasting and worked with the Greenville News for 10 years. He was also one of the first black firefighters of Greenville County.

Barry would like to say thank you to the Piedmont Athletic Association for this recognition and to God Be the Glory.



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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 had passed and the South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame was revitalized 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. The initial Founders 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.

Over the past 23 years seven coaches were inducted into the Hall of Fame under the Clyde Mayes administration and presently 225 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.



THE SECOND CLASS

The initial Founders put together the very first meeting of The Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame at The Ramada Hotel, 1001 Church Street, Greenville, SC. The following people were present:

Dr. E.D. Dixon*	Mr. Sam Zimmerman, Sr.*
Coach A.C. Duckett*	Mr. Wilfred Walker
Rev. J.D. Mathis*	Mr. Charles Gardner
Mr. Louie Golden	Attorney Ernest Hamilton
Mr. James Floyd	

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NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS HALL of FAME
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July 23, 1992

Brice B. Durbin
 Executive Director
 NATIONAL FEDERATION

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

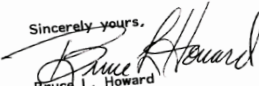
Dear Mr. Hamilton:

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
 Hall of Fame Director

BLH:pa


c: Louie Golden
 Al Duckett
 Thomas "Sporty" Williams
 Rev. J.D. Mathis
 James T. Floyd

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South Carolina High School League

H.A. PETE AYOUB, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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July 17, 1992

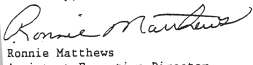
Mr. Thomas W. Williams
 1002 Diggs Avenue
 Columbus, Georgia 31906

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
 Assistant Executive Director

RM:bw

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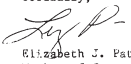
Mr. Eddie Jones
 5 French Lane
 Greenville, South Carolina 29603

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,

 Elizabeth J. Patterson
 Member of Congress

EJP:bw

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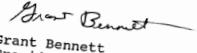

South Carolina Athletic Hall of Fame

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
 President

GB/tj

P.O. Box 21215 • Columbia, South Carolina 29221 • (803) 798-4270

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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 \$100,000.00 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-Rhyne 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
	2001	
Charlena Martin	Berea High School	Walter State Community College
Samuel Mattison	Wade Hampton High School	Brevard College
Charity Williams	Greer High School	Winthrop University
Clayton Smith	Woodmont High School	North Greenville College
Tiffany Jones	Hillcrest High School	University of South Carolina
Jamario Twitty	Berea High School	Clemson University
Brandon Smith	Wade Hampton High School	University of South Carolina
Rodney Taylor	Carolina High School	South Carolina State University

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❖ SCHOLARSHIP AWARD ❖

2001 Continued

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

Woodmont High School
 Woodmont High School
 Mauldin High School
 Southside High School
 Greenville High School
 Southside High School
 J.L. Mann High School
 Carolina High School
 Hillcrest High School
 Hillcrest High School
 Eastside High School
 Carolina High School
 J.L. Mann High School
 Greer High School

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
 Riverside High School
 Greenville High School
 Hillcrest High School
 Berea High School
 Riverside High School
 Southside High School
 Carolina High School
 Travelers Rest High School
 Mauldin High School
 Eastside High School
 Woodmont High School
 Woodmont High School
 Hillcrest High School

Amber Joy Ryals

T.C. McGreen
 Courtney Croft
 Karman Gaffney
 Lakia Mansell
 Alex Jamison
 Taylor Payne

Bradford Hamilton
 Keema Blakney

2007

Southern Wesleyan University \$1,000.00

2008

Travelers Rest High School
 Wade Hampton High School
 Greer High School
 Southside High School
 Hillcrest High School
 Riverside High School

2009

Eastside High School
 Southside High School

2010

Lauren Brailsford
 Chauncey Mattei
 Deonte Cargild
 Douglas Mack
 John Clark
 Sharonda Tate

Riverside High
 Greenville High
 Greer High
 Greer High
 Southside High
 Riverside High

Coker College
 Newberry College
 Coastal Carolina University
 Benedict College
 North Greenville University
 Spartanburg Methodist

2011

Jacob Ramiro
 Keziah Brown
 Quelere Mack
 Anthony Dickey
 McKinnely Leverette

Woodmont High
 St. Joseph High
 Greer High
 Berea High
 Carolina High

Anderson University
 South Carolina State University
 Coastal Carolina
 Printa College
 USC

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
 Southside High School
 Eastside High School
 Eastside High School
 J.L. Mann High School
 Berea High School
 Hillcrest High School
 Blue Ridge High School
 Southside High School
 Riverside High School

2004

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

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

Cortez Starks
 Dammond Duckett
 Alexis Miller
 Jaylyn Walker
 Marquiz Evans

2012

Greenville High
 Eastside High
 Greer High
 Southside High
 Hillcrest High

Garnder Webb
 USC Upstate
 Winthrop University
 Winthrop University
 Greenville Tec

2005

Amanda McKinney
 Arthur Sitton

Southside High School
 Greer High School

John C. Dogan
 Genesis Medina
 Delmy M. Salaza
 Andrew O'Neal Hunter
 Kayla M. Wyles

2013

Southside High
 Berea High
 Berea High
 Berea High
 Travelers Rest

Greenville Tec
 Greenville Tec
 USC
 Spartanburg Methodist
 Furman Univeristy

2006

Nakiy Gardner
 Jonathan Lee
 Morgan McCain
 Jarvis Pickering
 Shadae Thompson

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

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AND
"2" BALL SHOOTING COMPETITION**



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Beck High Panthers

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CLARENCE WHITTENBERG



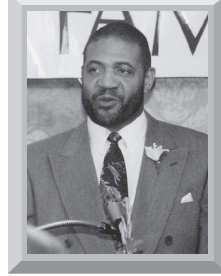
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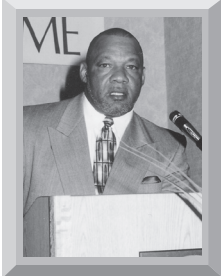
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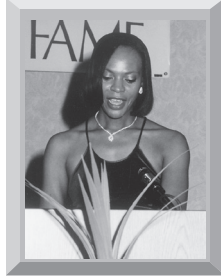
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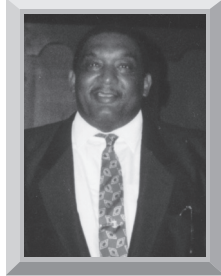
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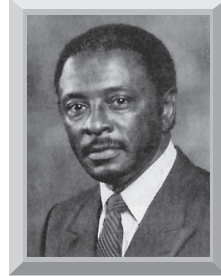
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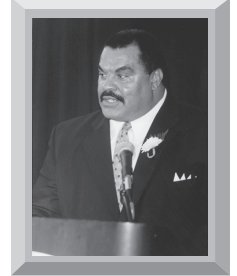
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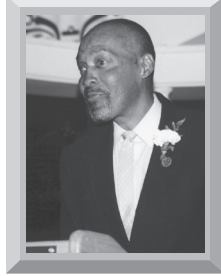
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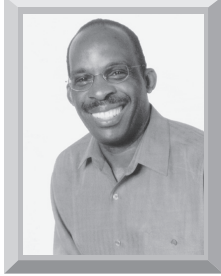
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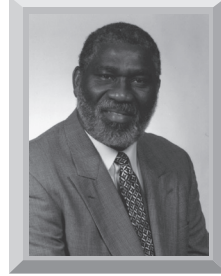
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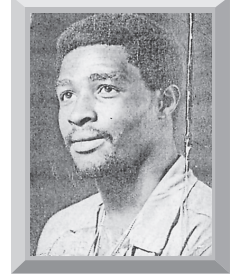
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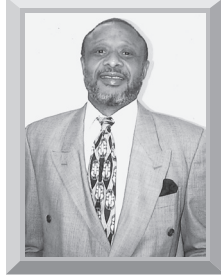
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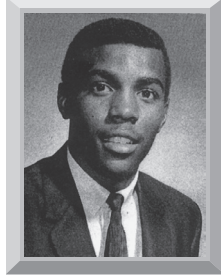
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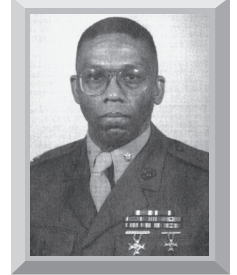
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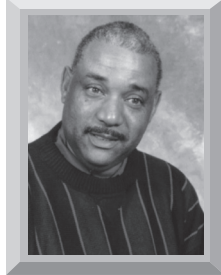
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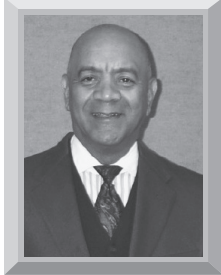
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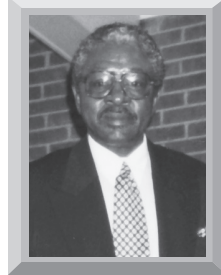
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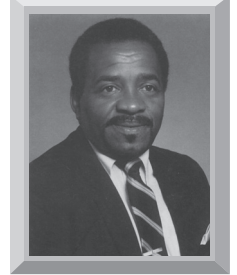
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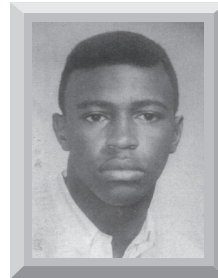
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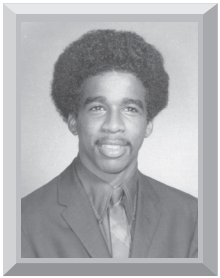
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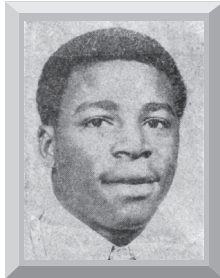
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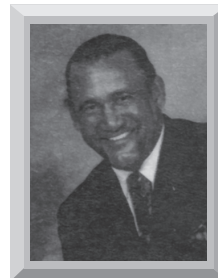
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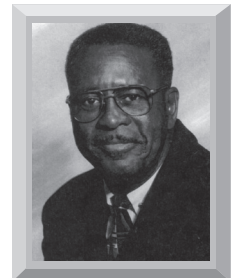
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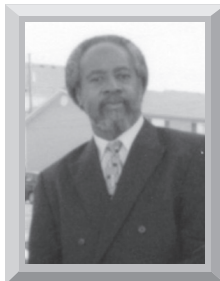
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BECK HIGH SCHOOL



A History of Joseph E. Beck High School

1965-1969

On March 12, 1963, the Board of Trustees of the School District of Greenville County approved a site upon which was to be built a new school called the Nicholtown Junior-Senior High School. The site included twenty-six acres of land in the Green Forest Park area along McAlister Road and was to be purchased from the city of Greenville for the amount of \$75,000.

There were several reasons why Greenville County needed this new school. First of all, the site of the plant was located in the most thickly populated Negro section of Greenville, which at that time had no junior-senior high school in the community. Secondly, Sterling High School was operating on double and triple sessions and was badly in need of relief. Thirdly, the entire Nicholtown area was steadily increasing in population, and future need would increase the demands for a new school. Finally, a school was needed specifically to take care of students in the Nicholtown, Allen, Backer's Chapel, Roosevelt, and Fieldcrest areas of Greenville.

After a building committee was set up and the final plans for the school were approved, the contract to build the new plant was given to the Triangle Construction Company. In a meeting on November 10,



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1964, the Board of Trustees of the Greenville County Schools voted to change the name of the new school from Nicholtown Junior-Senior High School to Joseph E. Beck High School in honor of the late Mr. Joseph Elbert Beck. Mr. Beck was an African-American educator who had spent thirty years in Greenville County school work including serving as principal of Sterling High School for twenty-one years.

The Joseph E. Beck High School was occupied for the first time in August of 1965. The new building's construction had cost \$1,425,715.65 and equipping the school brought the figure up to \$1,584,846.75. The McPherson Company served as the architect in the project.

The plant consisted of forty classrooms, library for 120 students, vocational shop complex, a 600 seat auditorium, science laboratories for science and home economics. The band, choral, and art departments were housed in areas that did not interfere with regular class activities. The gymnasium, which seated approximately 1500 people, was provided with an electrically operated panel that could divide the gym into two separate areas.



The principal chosen to lead Beck High School was Mr. Lemmon A Stevenson. His assistant was Mr. Albert A. Richburg, and the services of Mrs. Nancy G. Griggs were secured for the position of dean in charge of guidance.

Although Beck was built to serve at least a thousand students, only 700 were expected during the first year. However, almost all of that one thousand students came that first year, and in the following years there were never less than that number. The first faculty consisted of thirty-nine teachers, but due to a consistently high enrollment, the number was increased in following years. J.E. Beck High School had a total of 253 graduates: twenty-eight the first year, 105 the second, and 120 in 1968.

A student council functioned as the parent club of the school. Its first action was to adopt a school motto ("Service, Simplicity, Sincerity"), colors (black and gold), and an alma mater. The council also produced a student handbook containing rules, guidance, and activities for the student body. Other products of the active council was a monitoring system, clean-up plans, an annual homecoming festivity, and charters for various clubs and organizations within the school.

A school choir began at Beck in 1965, and the Beck High School Band had its beginnings in 1966 under the direction of Mr. J. A. Devore. The first band had sixty members, but the following year it doubled in size and became known as the "Marching 12." During its brief history, the band won top honors in several contests and festivals and it was the first organization to bring a trophy into the school.

During the 1965-1966 school year Beck High School had both a football and basketball team. The next year track and baseball were added, and in the 1967-1968 school year two junior varsity teams began in basketball and football. Beck participated as a AAA conference school in 1968 with its basketball team that year becoming the Class AAA State Runner-up team.

The Panther, Beck's yearbook, was published in the spring of 1966. It continued during the following years under the leadership of various faculty members and student staffs. In 1968 the school added a completely equipped dark room and developing lab to its facilities. This was a great advantage to the yearbook staff since the audiovisuals director of Beck was engaged to take and develop all the pictures to be used for the yearbook.

J. E. Beck High School was always a forward looking institution, seeking to improve the quality and the quantity of the education available for its students. Each year there were improvements made in the school's facilities and in the courses offered. In its second year, Beck added for its students courses in band, art, auto mechanics, masonry, industrial art, trigonometry, shorthand, comparative government, advanced typing, and advanced cosmetology. In the 1967-1968 school year, Beck began offering a program in health education led by the school nurse. Further additions included courses in Spanish, business math, economics, and journalism. Later courses were added in developmental and remedial reading, driver education, office practice, speech, sociology, string music, advanced French and Spanish, business math, economics, and journalism.

During this time, school accreditation was not the only thought in the minds of the faculty and administration of Beck. They were becoming aware of national and local concern over the problem of school integration. Before 1967-1968 there were no white personnel at Beck. Preferring to achieve integration on a voluntary basis, Beck's staff began working toward another goal - integration of school personnel. In the fall of 1967, a part-time school nurse who was white was employed. In February of 1968 a white social studies teacher was added. Then, in the fall of 1968, Beck's staff included eleven white persons, all of who were employed before district pressures were placed on schools to have them integrate their faculties. This achievement was the outstanding one in the integration of school faculties in the state of South Carolina.

Beck's history was relatively short, having seen only four years of operation, but the advances the school made in its educational program and in the programs of the district and the state in such a short time had been remarkable. If past performance and effort could have been continued within the school and coupled by full administrative and financial support from the School District of Greenville County, Joseph E. Beck High School could not help but have become one of the outstanding high schools of South Carolina.



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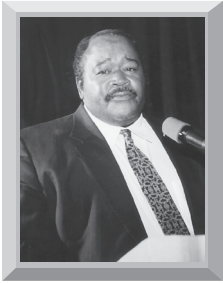
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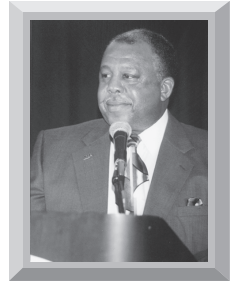
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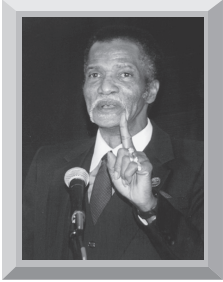
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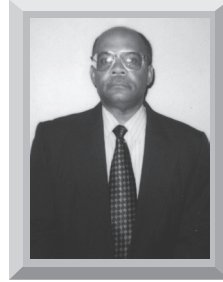
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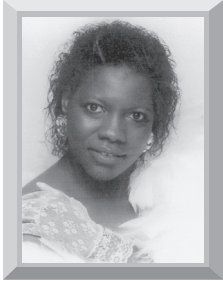
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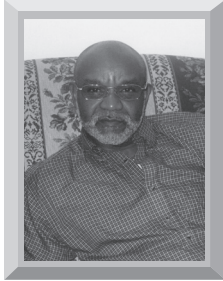
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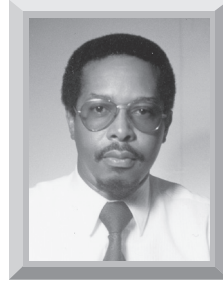
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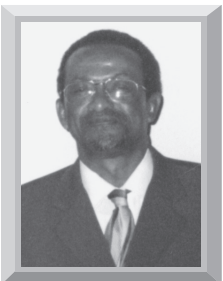
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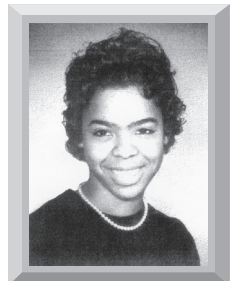
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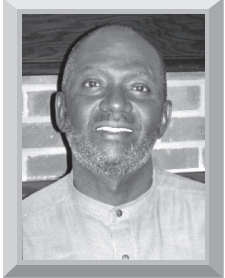
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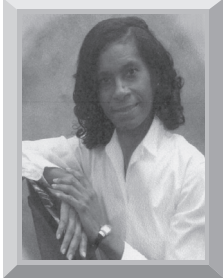
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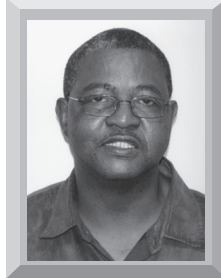
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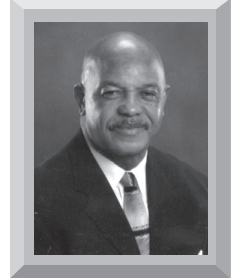
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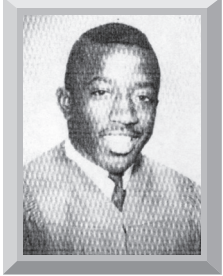
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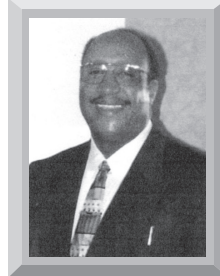
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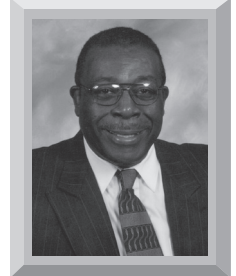
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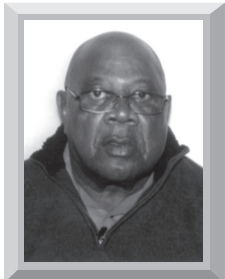
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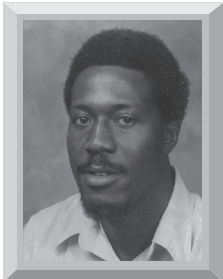
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WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



A History of Washington High School

1961-1970

Originally called "Happy Hearts" elementary and high school, it was later officially named Washington Elementary and High. In 1971, the building was abandoned as an elementary and high school. For many years afterwards it served as a school providing special education services for handicapped children. The building is currently unoccupied.

The first to graduate was the 1961-1962 class and the last to graduate was the 1968-1969 class. In January of 1970 students from Washington would integrate into other schools in Greenville County as would many of the Teachers and Administrators. Mr. J. Wilbur Walker was the Principal and Mr. Jesse C. Beck would serve as Assistant Principal.

Washington was the last of the 17 school projects to be completed in 1961. It replaced the old Brutontown School and was built to take some of the load from Sterling High School. Some students came from nearby Lincoln High School. Originally Washington had 36 teaching stations, including 14 elementary and 22 high school classrooms. It was planned for 1020 students. In addition to the



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traditional studies, the school provided classes for drafting/ welding, industrial arts and auto mechanics. Later, additions would be made to the school to expand the elementary and high school areas and completion of new sections to accommodate classrooms for music, cosmetology and electronics. Long after the school closed, many continued to achieve much in life built on the education and skills taught and learned at Washington. Also, the school had an Adult Education Program designed to help adults take their places adequately in a complex society.

The school served the surrounding communities and the people of the communities took even greater pride in serving and supporting Washington High School. A PTA was quickly organized to promote child welfare, to raise the standards of living, to secure legislation/ and to develop intelligent co-operation between parents and teachers in meeting the children's needs. Organizers moved quickly to adopt the School Alma Mater, to select a Mascot/ and to choose the original school colors as red and gray. Later/ the school would use a combination of red, white/ and blue. Another purpose for the building was for it to be designed in anticipation of use as a community center. Years later it was briefly used as a summer recreational facility. During the early years parents made some of the Cheerleading and Majorette uniforms and helped in other ways to outfit the Band until uniforms could be purchased.

Many teachers and students have gone on to many noteworthy accomplishments after Washington officially closed. While at Washington, Eddie Jones served as coach, teacher, athletic director and department head. Coach Jones was inducted into the First Piedmont Association Athletic Hall Of Fame in 1992. He would become the first head football coach at Eastside High School and later would serve as both Assistant Principal and Principal. Throughout his career in the Greenville County School District he would serve as a motivator and demonstrate a degree of caring and understanding of the problems many of the students faced because of their environment and economic conditions. In 1989 he was nominated for the William B. Harley Administrator of the Year for Outstanding School Administrators.

Reverend James W. Johnson taught English and Social Studies at Washington High School in addition to being Director of Student Activities,



Advisor to the Student Council, and Chairman of Homecoming parade and activities. Reverend Johnson retired as a Guidance Counselor from the Greenville County School District with 30 years of service. He was given Special Recognition by the PAA in 2009 for his achievements and outstanding service.

Dr. Margaree Crosby taught elementary school at Washington and her adult years have been filled with achievements. She was a full professor of reading and language arts at Clemson University. She received the first South Carolina Women of Achievement award given by the Miss South Carolina Pageant and she was the first female of any race to be appointed to the Greenville Hospital Board of Trustees. Dr. Crosby was a pioneer of the civil rights era. She was one of several students whose protest led to the integration of the Greenville County Public Library System.



In its brief existence Washington would excel in several sports. Boys completed in Football, Baseball, Basketball and Track and the girls competed and participated in Basketball, Track and Cheerleading. The 1968-69 Falcons would reach the pinnacle of success by winning the State 1A Football Championship with victories over schools in

North Carolina and South Carolina, Also, two members of the Mighty Falcons Football Team, Roy Kirksey and Willie Belton attended Maryland State University and later played in the National Football League. The Girls Basketball Team captured the 1965-1966 District AA Championship.

From the beginning until the final days of operation Washington had Great Marching and Concert Bands under the direction of Mr. Cleodis Brown. The band participated in several Christmas and Homecoming Parades. One member of the band, James Thompson (class of 67-68), was one of three students from South Carolina invited to participate in the Macy's Day Parade held annually in New York.

If you happen to drive past Washington High School on a cool autumn Friday night near the vicinity of Poinsett Highway, Rutherford Road, or Pleasantburg, and you look and listen closely, you might see the bright lights and hear:

Oh Red and Blue you look so good to me!

Fly Strong, Fly High, Fly Proud, MIGHTY FALCONS!



The Marching Falcons

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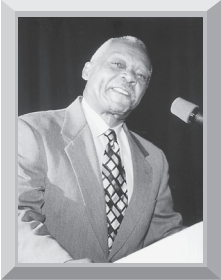


Lincoln High Rattlers

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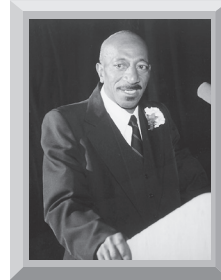
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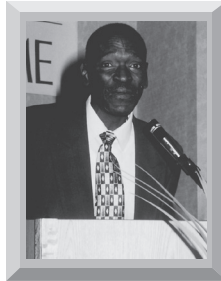
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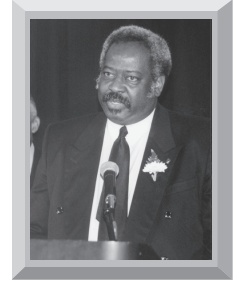
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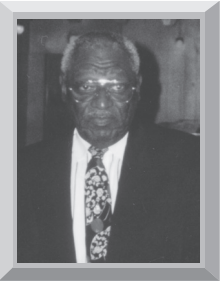
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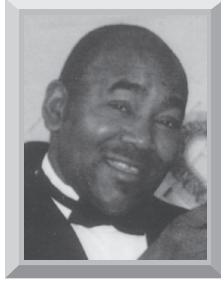
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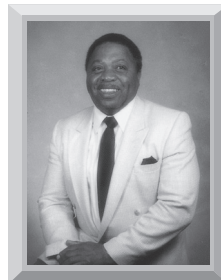
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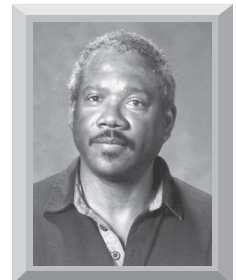
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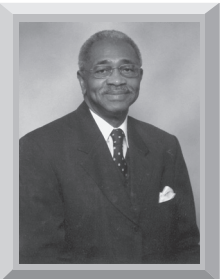
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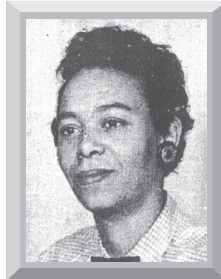
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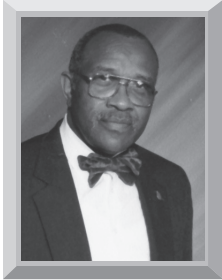
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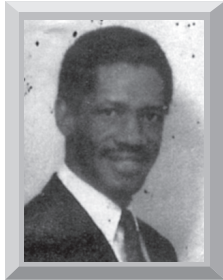
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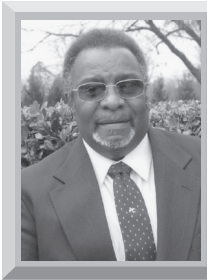
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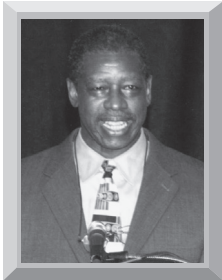
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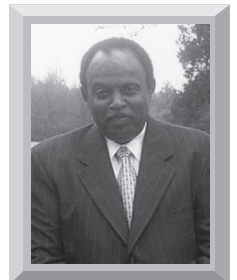
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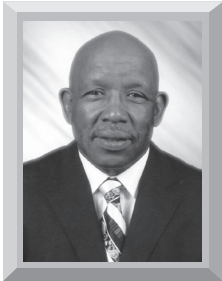
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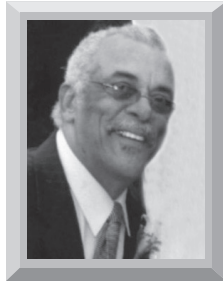
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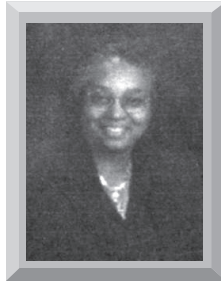
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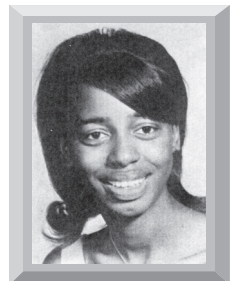
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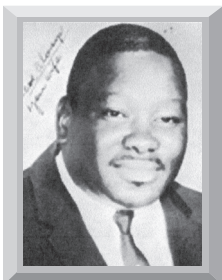
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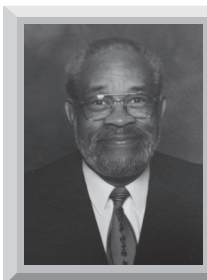
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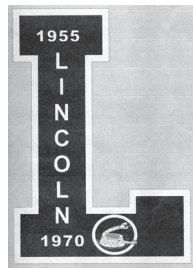
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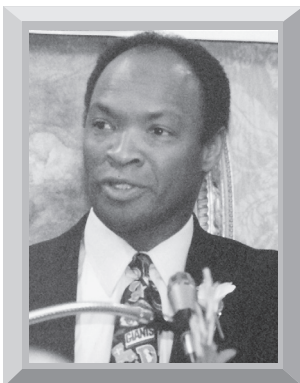
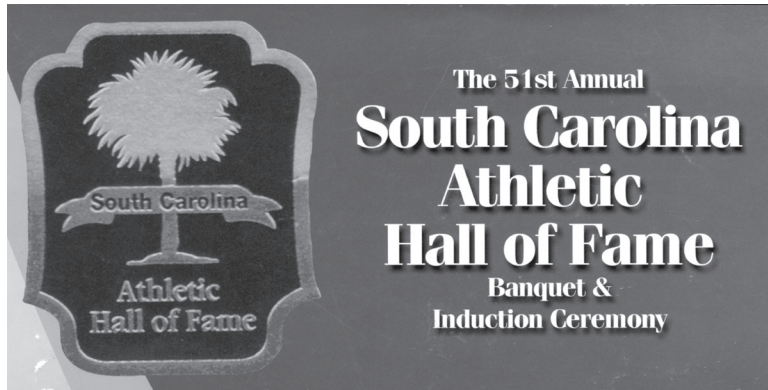
In the fall of September 1955, Lincoln High School opened its doors for education. It was the only school that offered grades 1-12. The land was owned by Mrs. Daisy Gray Thompson and Robert Anderson. The school served the community proudly for 15 years. At the end of 1970 the doors closed on Lincoln High for good.

School color: Green and Gold (1956)

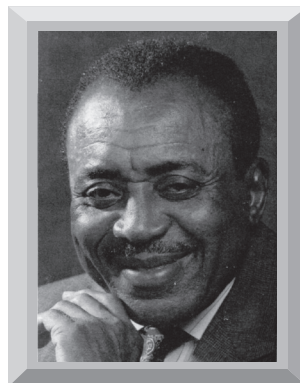
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- A-Ability
- T-Truthfulness
- T-Tnacity
- L-Loyalty
- E-Eagerness
- R-Reliability
- S-Service



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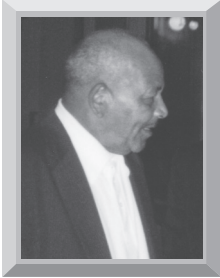


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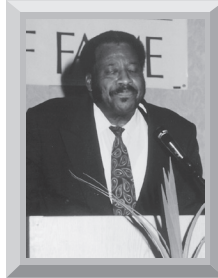
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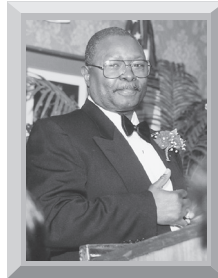
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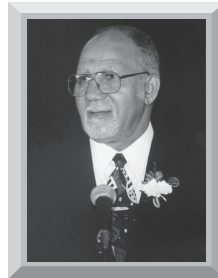
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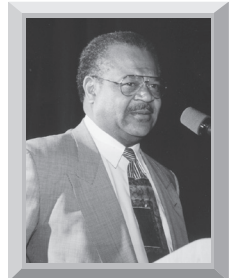
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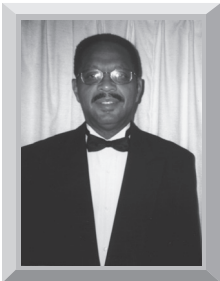
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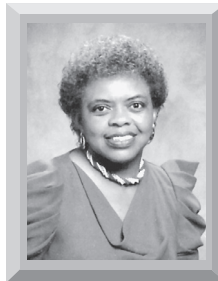
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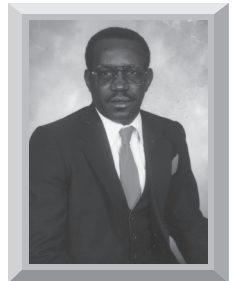
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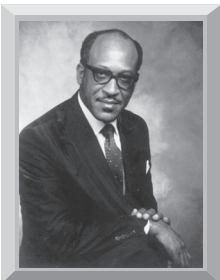
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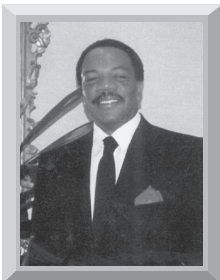
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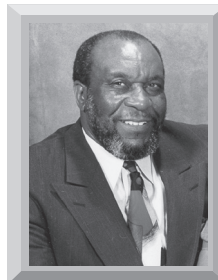
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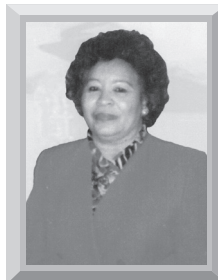
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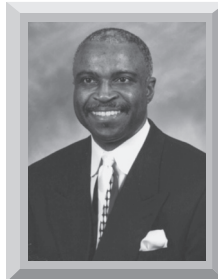
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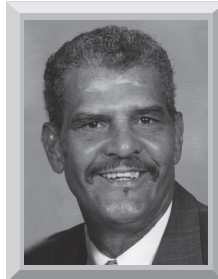
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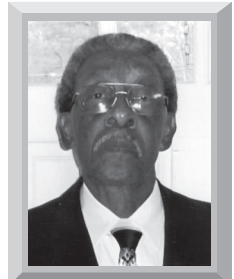
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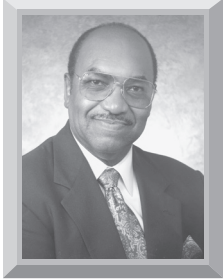
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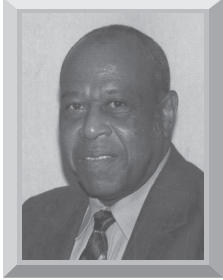
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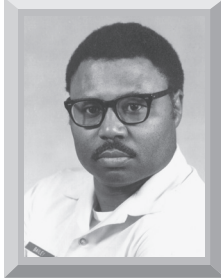
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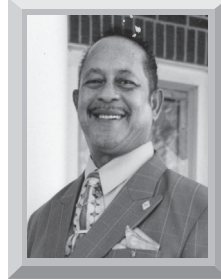
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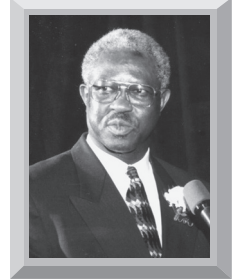
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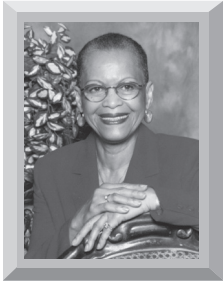
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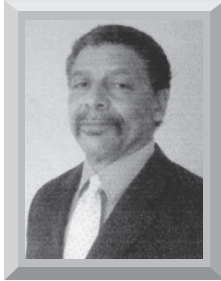
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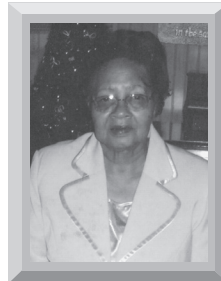
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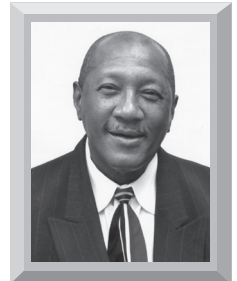
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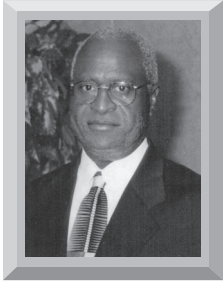
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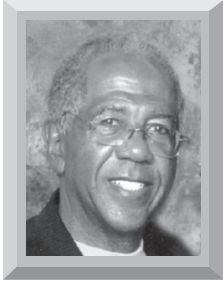
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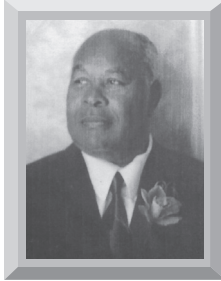
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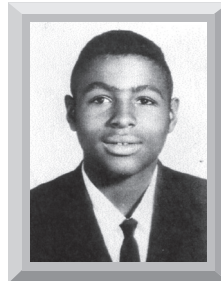
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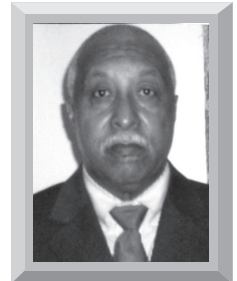
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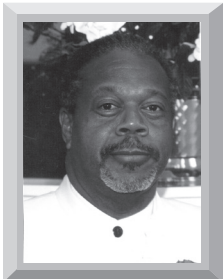
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A History of Bryson High School

1954 - 1970

In 1868 the South Carolina General Assembly enacted legislation providing for a state superintendent of education, who would be elected biennially, and who would have general supervision of the state's public school system. The act by the General Assembly wisely put the people of Greenville County in control by providing that a commissioner of education in each county be elected by popular vote, along with a local board of trustees for each school district.

The people of Greenville County elected a county commissioner of education biennially until 1896 following the action of the general assembly. It is interesting to note that the city of Greenville did not establish a free school system until 18 years after the General Assembly enacted legislation providing for a state superintendent of education. Mr. A. D. Asbury, in his paper, "The Little Red Schoolhouse," dated March, 1961 stated that the first public school system was estab-

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lished in Greenville on May 3, 1866, with school board composed of five members, one of who was black (S. S. Thompson).

It might also be interesting to mention briefly that some two years before the action by the General Assembly, black people in Greenville County had begun efforts to establish the first private school for their children. Their efforts were led by a black man from the lower part of the state named Charles Hopkins. An ordained minister, Hopkins raised \$300 from among black and white citizens of Greenville County and purchased a storehouse that was no longer needed by the army. He later took a three-year lease on land that was located on the outskirts of Greenville and build a schoolhouse there from materials taken

from the abandoned army storehouse. (Asa H. Gordon, *Sketches of Negro Life and History in South Carolina*, Univ. of SC Press, 1971, p. 103).

Correspondence between Hopkins and various officers of the Freedmen's Bureau indicated that the school's enrollment eventually reached 300, and the school's staff grew to five, including two white teachers. The school started by the black man is believed to have become Allen Elementary School and was taken in the city school system.

Annual reports of the state superintendent of education in 1870 Greenville County had seventy-eight free common schools with an enrollment of 2,060 white pupils and 597 'colored' pupils. By 1878 the county reported 136 schools with an enrollment of 5,274 white and 2,697 black pupils.

- the previous information came from Dr. J. Floyd Hall's *Highlights of Education in Greenville County: 1811 to 1975*.

Upon the recommendation of the John's Survey that a study be made of school facilities for the Greenville County and outlying attendance areas of surrounding counties, Englehardt, Englehardt and Leggett was employed to make a study of the building needs to accommodate the school district. This study recommended that two high schools for Negroes be established outside the city of Greenville and that one would serve the lower part of our county. It was recommended that this school be located in about the center of the area which it would serve.

The administrative staff and board of education Greenville County began to seek a location for a high school in the lower part of the county. After considering several locations, the present site was selected because of the utilities that were available on what is known as the "Golden Strip." The school was located off State Highway 14 between Simpsonville and Fountain Inn. The school was named by the County Board of Education for the late Joseph Raleigh Bryson, who served as a United States Representative from this Congressional District from January 3, 1939 to March 10, 1953.

Bryson High School opened its doors for the first time on Sept. 3, 1954. Five hundred and sixty-seven students were enrolled in grades seven through twelve. This enrollment represented a combination of five small inadequate high schools that served this area. Growth in student population made it necessary in the fall of 1958 to have only grades eight through twelve. The feeder schools were Bryson, Burgess, Laurel Creek, and Morton.

In 1954 in Greenville County, there were four high schools serving the African American population. Lincoln High served the upper part of Greenville County, Sterling and Washington High served the city of Greenville, and Bryson served the lower part of the county. Beck High School was later added in 1966 to serve the Fieldcrest and Nicholtown areas.

Bryson High School was built fully equipped with a gymnasium, auditorium, administrative area, vocational, agriculture and industrial education shops, three home economics laboratories, two science laboratories, music room, cafeteria, business laboratory and library with modern furniture and equipment in all these areas. The adopted mascot was the Hurricane and the school's newspaper was officially named *The Hurricane Times*.

The late Dr. A.M. Anderson served as principal during the entire existence of Bryson High School's 14.5 year history. Known by many names: "Chief", "Prof", "Mr. or Dr. Anderson", this man was the school's leader. He inspired his students and his teachers to become the best that they could. During his tenure, students were encouraged to think of high school as a stepping stone to greater heights. The evidence can be found in the many directions students took in positions of leadership in their diverse fields. Not only have Brysonians become good citizens, but also teachers, preachers, musicians, medical doctors, educational doctors, lawyers, business professionals, service men and women, and areas beyond. Much of this success can be attributed to the inspiration of Dr. Anderson. When integration of schools occurred in 1970, the teachers from Bryson who were placed in other schools were most often the holders of Master's degrees in the schools to which they were assigned. From Bryson High eight teachers became principals, five became assistant principals, one became Associate Superintendent for Greenville Country Schools and one became State Supervisor of Librarians. All of these person give credit to Dr. Anderson for inspiring them to a professionalism that caused their promotions.

The school was staffed with qualify educators, who were dedicated to their profession. This all Black school represented an outstanding part of the Fountain Inn and surrounding Black communities. Graduating over 1,000 students, instilling in them self motivation, a will to succeed, and a challenge to improve upon the quality of life for all Black Americans. Making Bryson High School a proud chapter of the Black American History.

As a direct result of the 1960s civil rights movement for a racial equality and a right to a quality education in this country, the United States Supreme Court in the winter of 1969 ruled that "Segregation of public schools in unconstitutional" and "Separate but Equal" does not work. The Supreme Court ordered that all public schools be desegregated in this country, and the school district of Greenville County, South Carolina be the first to comply with this court order, with implementation beginning by spring of 1970.

In the spring of 1970 Bryson High School ceased to exist as a high school. All students enrolled except for 9th and 12th graders were transferred to Hillcrest of Woodmont High, both tradition all white high schools. The seniors were allowed to graduate from Bryson, making the class of 1970 the last graduating class of Bryson High School.

With emphases on high standards of education, social behavior and a belief in God as the creator was a positive image set and executed by parents and faculty, giving Bryson High Alumni Family a proud tradition of winning during school years and after graduation. The success of these efforts are given proof by the outstanding accomplishments of individual alumnus in their various professions, as they continue to achieve goals that were inspired at Bryson High. Today Bryson remains a s a middle school, but the Joseph R. Bryson High School Hurricane spirit will remain forever carved in the page of a proud history.

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Est. 1896

The former High School was destroyed by fire in 1967 and moved to the old Greenville Junior High building until 1970. The original Gym still stands and is regularly used today for all types of community activities and games

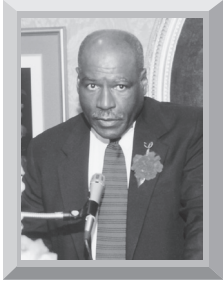
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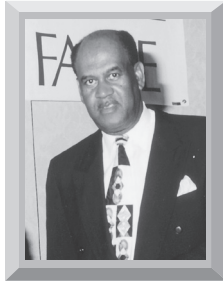
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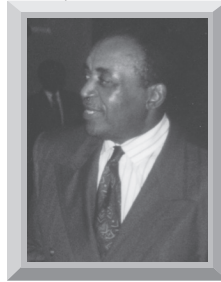
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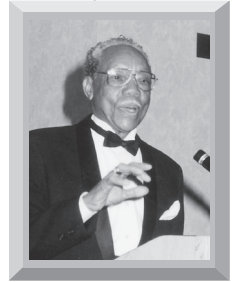
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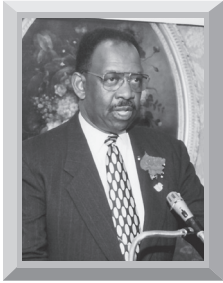
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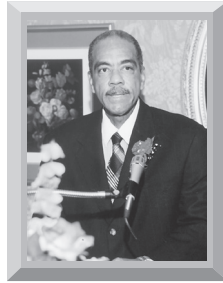
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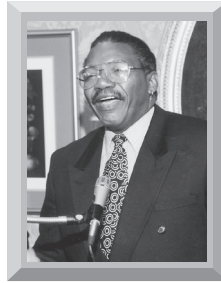
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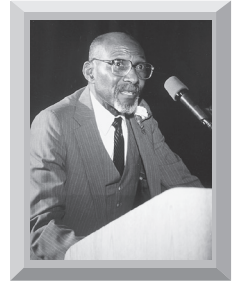
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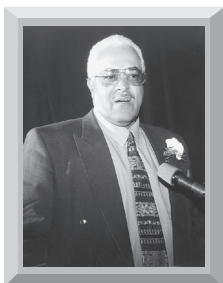
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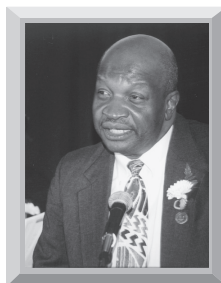
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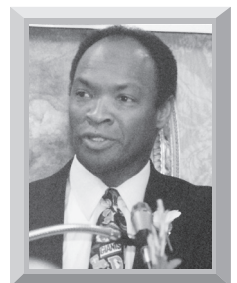
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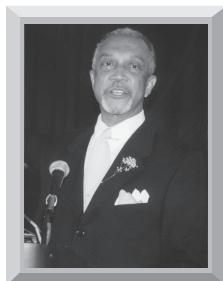
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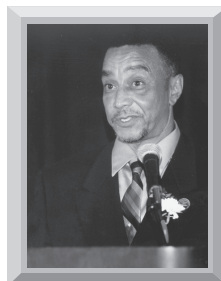
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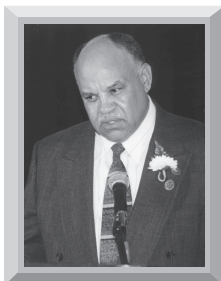
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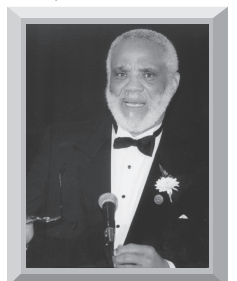
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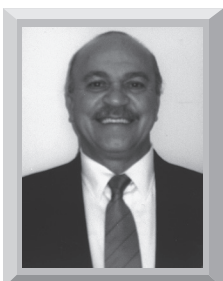
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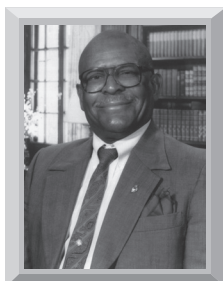
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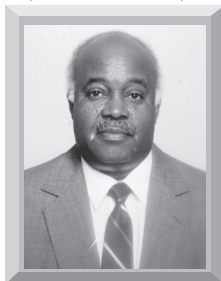
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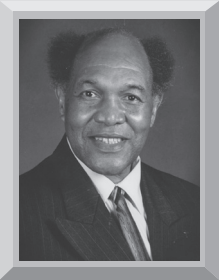
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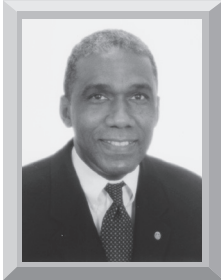
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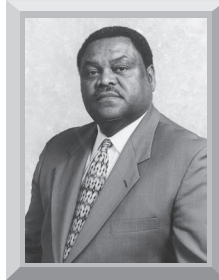
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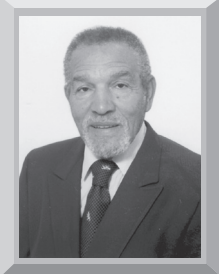
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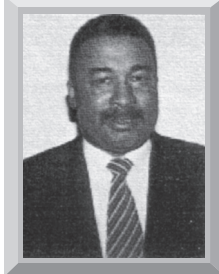
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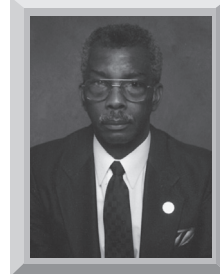
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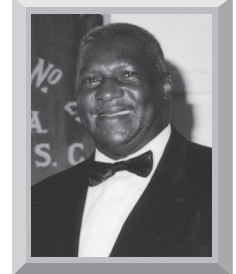
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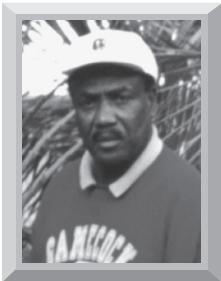
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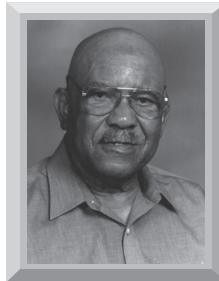
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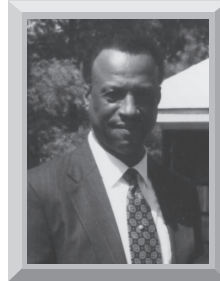
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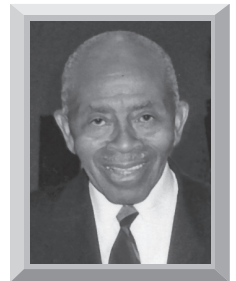
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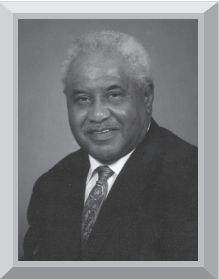
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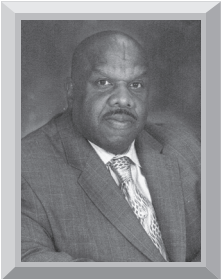
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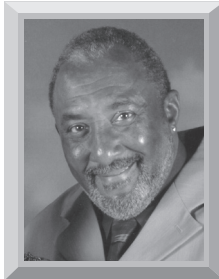
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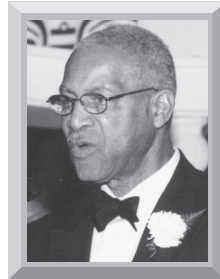
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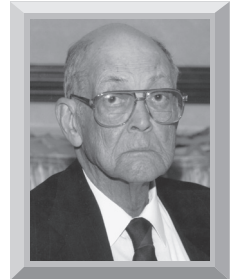
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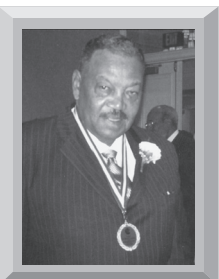
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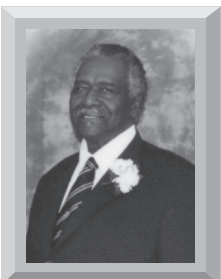
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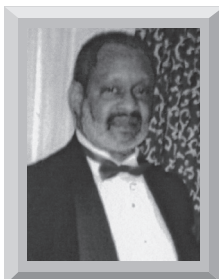
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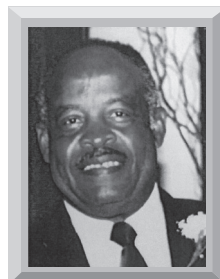
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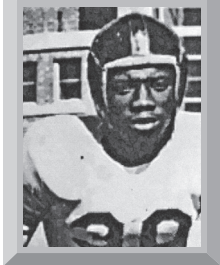
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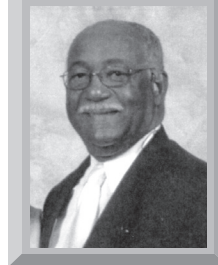
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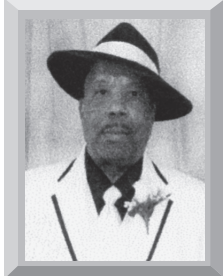
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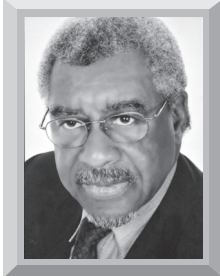
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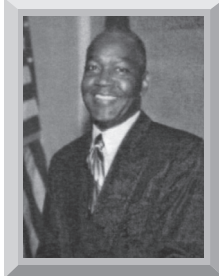
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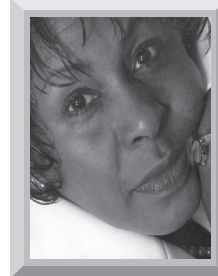
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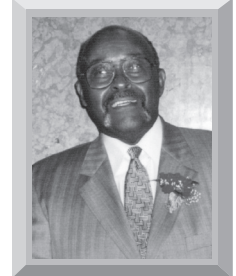
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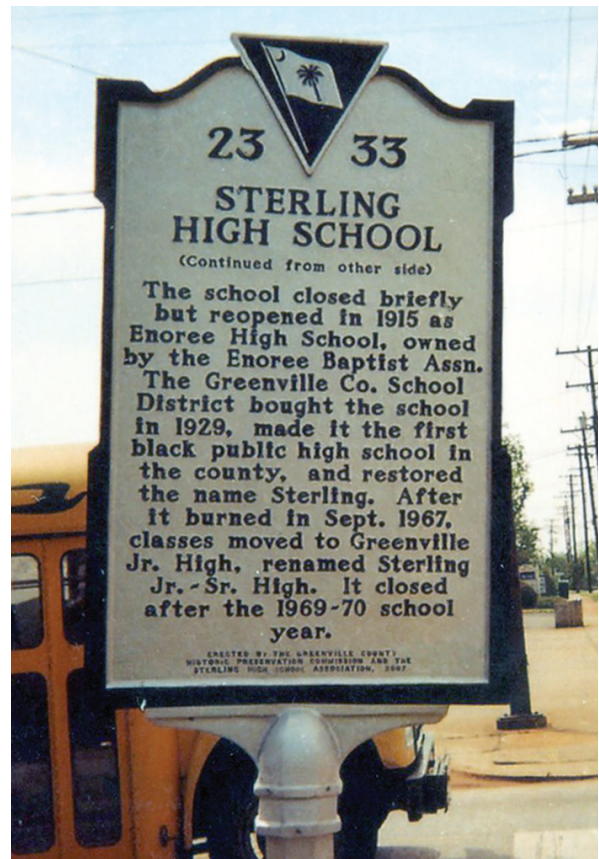
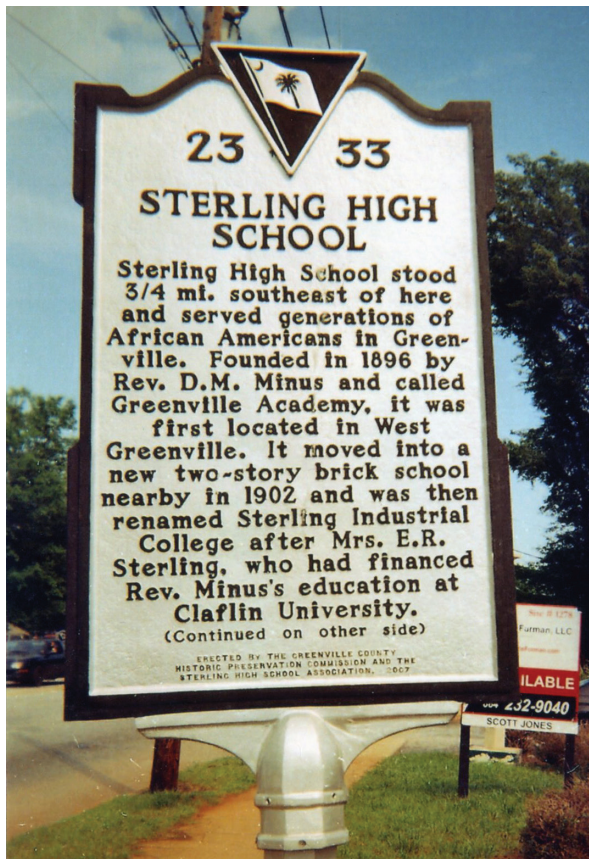
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Remembering The Historical Olde Black High Schools

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

By Ruth Ann Butler

The record of Sterling High School, Greenville County's first predominately Black high school, is that of struggle and triumph. It covers a period of nearly seventy-five years. The story of Sterling began in the early 1890's, when the Rev. D.M. Minus was appointed to the pastorate of John Wesley Church in Greenville, the beginning of a great work.



REV. D.M. MINUS

Rev. Minus was born in Colleton County, South Carolina, on June 15, 1848, of slave parents; his father was Elijah and his mother was Sarah Minus. The oldest of thirteen children, Minus was brought to Greenville to accomplish two things: (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-



(Photo courtesy of Greenville Cultural Exchange Center, via www.hereahigh.org)
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 names of other good and influential white men, who, he thought,

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would accept a place on the board. Every man that he recommended accepted. Finally, he had seven of the best white businessmen in Greenville on his Board of Trustees. Minus said that these white men taught him more practical business sense than he ever had. Mr. James H. Maxwell was his endorser at the bank for twenty-five years. He assessed himself \$20.00 per year for the school and also had the black trustees assess themselves.

Mr. Thomas F. Parker made the largest donation to the school. He erected a splendid two-story building, which was worth \$2,500, and gave the school a fine mule at \$250. He also secured aid for the institution and had his bookkeeper teach Rev. Minus bookkeeping and how to balance the accounts of the institution each week. Additionally, he sent the president to Tuskegee Institute in Alabama and a school in Durham, North Carolina, to see and study the methods of those great schools.

Mr. Parker also bought several acres of land around the school and divided it into lots and streets. He named the streets for the President and Founder of the school, and also

for the leading black men 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 10 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 secretary of the Board of Trustees for the City Graded Schools, and per-

haps was 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 donated \$280; 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 finally agreed to have the school named for her, and she gave the first

donation of \$75.00. At this time she was 87 years of age.

The original building was designed and constructed by Mr. W.R. "William" Sewell, one of Greenville's leading black contractors. Later, it was remodeled, with additions, and a building especially designed for trades was added to the plant.

With such worthy men as Rev. Minus's associates and co-workers, the institution continued to progress. Rev. D.M. Minus will always be remembered as the first founder and president.

Due to the school's growth, Rev. Minus was asked to give up his ministerial work and devote all his time to the school at a salary of \$50 per month. He did this until November, 1913, when he resigned the presidency and returned to ministerial work. He was succeeded by President Carey Jones. When he accepted another position, Sterling was forced to close for a short period.

In 1915, the Enoree River Bap-

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tist Association had bought four acres of land in the City of Greenville with a nine-room building, an orchard and city water. They changed the name to Enoree High School and the Rev. E.C. Murray became the president, with the Rev. E.E. Riley of Seneca, S.C. the first principal. It was a boarding school and had a very successful beginning. His successor, Professor E.H. Trezevant, was 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 black public high school in the county. The board elected J.C. Martin as principal. He remained only one school term. In September, 1930, he was succeeded by Professor Robert L. Hickson, who caught the same vision as its founder. Under his 10-year leadership term, the reputation of the school was widely acclaimed, and the physical plant was expanded. The name Sterling High School became quite prominent throughout the country. During his administration the famous Alma Mater was written.

From 1940 to 1960, Professor J.E. Beck from Georgetown, SC served as principal of Sterling. During his tenure, in 1949 the grades were extended from 11 to 12 years. The curriculum was broadened to include many trade courses. An extensive physical education program and various branches of science and secretarial training were added. The Torch, Sterling's high school yearbook, was first published in 1942, and a newsletter, named The Pinta, would be added later. Sterling was admitted to the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges in 1953.

Going to the famous "Huddle" (Soda Shop) became the pastime after school for the students. The football games were played at Serrine Stadium, and all baseball games and track meets took place at the Meadowbrook Park.

Sterling, known as the Tigers, became classified as an "AAA" school and won many championships and awards in all areas of the educational system. The Male Glee Club and Quartet were active from



1941 Sterling High School Mid-term Graduation Class

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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 throughout the weekend.

The fire destroyed the entire physical plant, with the exception

of the gymnasium, which miraculously escaped major damage.

There were numerous pleas, 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 walked its halls and benefited from the lessons taught within its walls. Meanwhile, with a large part of the

older black population of Greenville County continuing to identify with the site either 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 and beyond: Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr.; Dr. Thomas Elliott Kerns; Wilfred Walker; Alberta Tucker Grimes; LTC Paul Adams; Lillian Brock-Flemming; Lottie Beal Gibson; Xanthene Norris; Theo Mitchell; Ralph Anderson; William "Billy" Thompson; Eskew Reeder, Jr. (a singer/

pianist who performed under the stage name "Esquerita"; The Dixie Hummingbirds (award-winning gospel ensemble); John Arthur Jones; Lloyd Walker and Dr. Charles Whittenberg.

Rev. Jackson, who graduated from Sterling in the 1950s, began 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 Rainbow/P.U.S.H.). Widely recognized as a negotiator, he also ran for the Presidency of the United States in 1984 and 1988, becoming the first African-American male to run for the nation's top office.

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

Mr. Walker, the school's oldest living staff member, taught masonry at Sterling; his tenure there was part of a remarkable career that saw him teach in the Greenville County School District for 40 years. Mrs. 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 Head Start Program in Greenville, and later

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was a founding member of the Greenville Urban League (currently The Urban League of the Upstate).

Others embarked upon careers in public service. Mrs. Gibson, a Sterling graduate, and Mrs. Norris, another former teacher, both serve on Greenville County Council. Mrs. Brock-Flemming, a Sterling graduate, has served on Greenville City Council since 1981. Mr. Mitchell, a former state Senator, became the first African-American to win the Democratic nomination for governor in 1990, while Mr. Anderson, a onetime City Councilman, currently serves in the South Carolina state Senate.

Mr. Thompson became an All-Pro defensive 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, or NFL) to lead the league in both kickoff returns and punt returns, establishing him as a special teams threat. Mr. Thompson, who lives in Aurora, Colo., works as the community relations liaison for the Broncos.

Through the years, the alumni and supporters of Sterling High School have worked hard to permanently ensure the legacy lives on. In 1988, the class of 1955—the first known class to form a combined class reunion—donated a monument and placed it on the site of Sterling High School. It lists the names of the 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 Washington streets in downtown Greenville (the former site of the old Woolworth's drug store), would take shape in the form of a sculpture that recognized the school's contributions to the West Greenville and Upstate communities.

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

dents, 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.

Ruth Ann Butler, an alumna of Sterling, is president and founder of the *Greenville Cultural Exchange Center*. **Wanda Stokes** provided additional information for this article.

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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We bring to you, all our love.
And as we stand before thy doors,
Sons and daughters arms unfold;
To welcome those who have not told,
That our hearts are made of gold.
Oh Bryson High, Dear Bryson High,
We'll love thee more as days go by.
And as the years go passing by
Your memories will never die.*

*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!*

*From the hills of the Blue Ridge
To the waves across the sea,
Let us hold aloft thy banner,
And proudly sing of thee.
Let us keep the spirit glowing
Throughout eternity;
May thy sons be ever loyal
And stand for liberty.
Let us greet the Green and Gold
With a strong and cordial cheer,
May our hearts be ever loyal
To our Alma Mater dear.
As we stand here at thy portals,
In our hearts the echoes dwell;
It's ever onward forward
From the school we love so well.
Though thy walls are gray and hoary
And our stories are so old,
We will cherish every memory
Of our colors green and gold.
Yes we love our Alma Mater,
Dear old Lincoln is so true.
Thou shalt dwell within our memory
As we love to think of Thee.
We have roamed these hills together
While our hearts were young and free
And as life goes on forever,
We shall always think of thee.*

*As we stand here at your portals,
Dear J. E. Beck High.
Singing loud your hymns of praises
Till they reach the sky.
Hail O Hail dear J. E. Beck High,
Hear the echoes ring;
Hail to thee our alma mater,
Hail O Hail we sing.
As we go along life's byways
We'll always be true;
Heart and mind will always cherish
Fond memories of you.*

*Washington, dear Washington
the pride of all our hearts
Washington dear Washington
to thee we'll never part
we will love and cherish thee
as long as we shall live
so, give three cheers to our dear
school, dear Wash-ing-ton*

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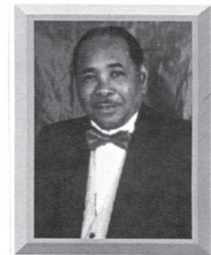
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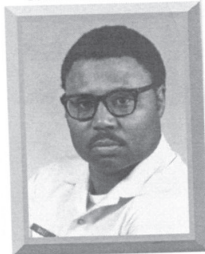
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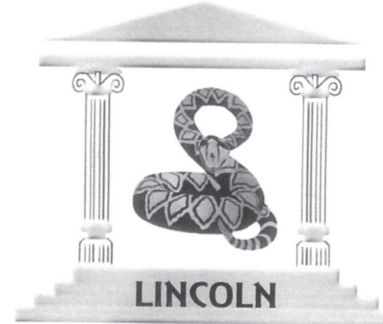
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The Honorable Judge Willie T. Smith, Jr.



Willie T. Smith, Jr. was born in Sumter, SC. and was educated in the public schools of Columbia and received a high school diploma in 1936. He was drafted in the United States army during World War II and served in the European and African Theaters, as well as in Japan. Later, he served in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

Having a desire to influence change in his city and state, he returned to school after the wars and earned a *Juris Doctorate* Degree in 1954, and began practicing law. He served as cooperating attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and handled the *Whittenburg vs. the School District of Greenville County* - the case that desegregated Greenville schools.

As evidence of his continuing interest in quality, equal and just educational opportunities for all students, he was responsible for the sit-in case of *Peterson vs. the City of Greenville* that led to the repeal of all city ordinances requiring segregation of races in public facilities. He also participated in the *Harvey Gantt vs. Clemson College* case.

Willie T. Smith, Jr. also co-chaired the Greater Greenville Chamber of Commerce Bi-racial Committee that was responsible for the smooth and orderly desegregation of all public accommodations in Greenville County.

Willie T. Smith, Jr. served as senior attorney and later as executive director of Legal Services of Greenville, and was unanimously elected by the General Assembly as Family Court Judge for the 13th Judicial Circuit of South Carolina in 1977.

Judge Willie T. Smith, Jr. received many honors and awards including the Order of the Palmetto for his tireless service to his city, county, state and country. His church, Mattoon Presbyterian, where he worked diligently as an elder, also honored him. He also received The Richland County School District Number One Public Service Award posthumously in 2007.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME ON YOUR 2014 BANQUET.

The Historic Washington High School building is slated to be demolished. Even though the brick and mortar will cease to exist, the *Mighty, Mighty* Falcon Spirit will continue to live on.

A historical legacy monument will be erected on the old school site to memorialize the WHS Legacy, the role it played in the lives of the New Washington Heights, Brutontown, Piney Mountain neighborhoods and the hundreds of students who attended. When Washington High School was in operation, it was the heart-beat of the community, as it housed both elementary and high school students. The Legacy monument will be a place where visitors can touch & experience tangible, authentic history... a spot where segregation ended...a reminder to future generations of a place where the non-violent civil rights movement began and heralded in the end of segregation.

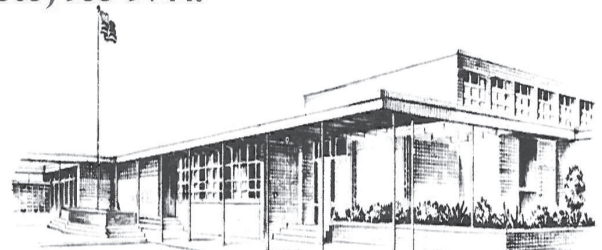
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As you can see from the picture of the WHS Alumni Board of directors, the old athletes and the school spirit



Celebrating Spirit weekend (2013) from left to right are: Frank Moultrie (football), Joyce Miles, Thelma Bailey, Rosa Foster Devlin (cheerleader) Rundstedt Devlin (football, basketball) Veronica Jamison, Simone Devlin-Teague, (cheerleader, basketball) Concheettia Russell, Bob Poole (football) and Robert Jones



52nd Reunion Weekend Celebration

We will kick the event off on Friday June 6th with an old school picnic in New Washington Heights on the old school grounds, a Saturday night dance at the Embassy Suites Hotel and culminate with Worship Services at Friendship Baptist Church and brunch at

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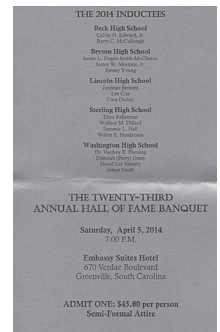
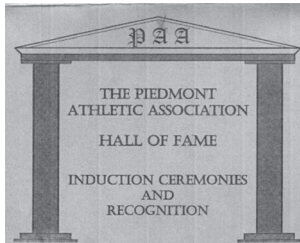
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