

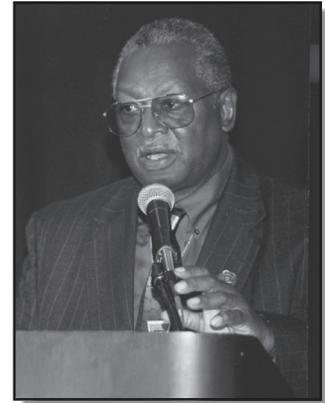
➤ GREETINGS ➤

From the **Executive Director of the Association**

March 2012

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I welcome you to the Piedmont Athletic Association's Twenty First 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 15 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

PIEDMONT ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION HALL OF FAME

PROGRAMME

TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET AND INDUCTION CEREMONY *Saturday, March 24, 2012*

Introduction of MC

Mr. Richard Dawkins
Lincoln High

PARADE OF PAST INDUCTEES

The Occasion

Mr. Ernest Hamilton

Moment of Silence

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: WILLIE JEFFRIES

LIFETIME

Grace

DINNER

PRESENTATION OF INDUCTEES

The Mighty Great & Legendary Sterling High School Tigers

Thelma W. Mike-Pinson
U.J. Thompson
Lillie Ruth Workman
Richard Curry

The Great & Legendary Bryson High School Hurricanes

Jerome Summers
Menton Berry
James E. Summons, Jr.

The Great & Legendary Lincoln High School Rattlers

Annie Bell Hunter
Frankie E. Whiteside
Sandra Anderson Williams

The Great & Legendary Washington High School Falcons

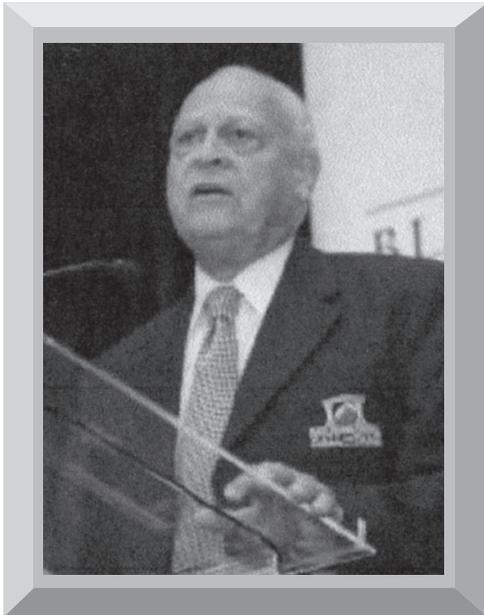
Janice Beaty
William McIntyre
Rayford Nance

The Great & Legendary Beck High School Panthers

Bobby Chapman
Carroll Austin

Good Night and Thanks for Coming

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



Willie Jeffries

SIMS HIGH SCHOOL

High School Sports in which Willie lettered: Football; Basketball; Baseball

Personal Athletic Honors: All Conference Baseball, SC State College
Others: Co-Captain - Football, SC State College; Most Valuable Player-Baseball, SC State College; SC Athletic Hall of Fame; College Football Hall of Fame; State of Kansas Hall of Fame; SC State University Hall of Fame; Union High School Hall of Fame; Wichita Kansas Hall of Fame; Black College Football Hall of Fame; HBCU Alumni Hall of Fame; Operation Push Life Time Achievement Award; Black College Coaches Association Life Time Achievement Award; 100% Touchdown Club Life Time Achievement Award; and City of Orangeburg, SC Citizen of the Year.

Athletic Participation and Achievements in Sports Following High

School Years: 1973: MEAC Coach of the Year; SC Coach of the Year; NAIA District 3 Coach of the Year. 1974: MEAC Coach of the Year; NAIA District 3 Coach of the Year. 1975: NAIA District 3 Coach of the Year 1976: MEAC Coach of the Year;

NAIA District 3 Coach of the Year. 1977: MEAC Coach of the Year. 1987: MEAC Coach of the Year. 1994: MEAC Coach of the Year; 1964, 1965 and 1966 Granard High State Football Championships.

College Attended: S.C. State College

Professional Athletics Career/Affiliation: American Football Coaches Association; Black College Coaches Association; and NCAA Football Rules Committee.

Community Services: Board of Trustees - SC Ports Authority; Mathematics Tutor - Williams Chapel AME; Board of Trustees ~ Williams Chapel AME; and Mentor of 20 High School young men at Orangeburg Wilkinson High School ninth grade year through graduation.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

PAA Hall of Fame Inducts Willie Jeffries
Greenville, S.C.

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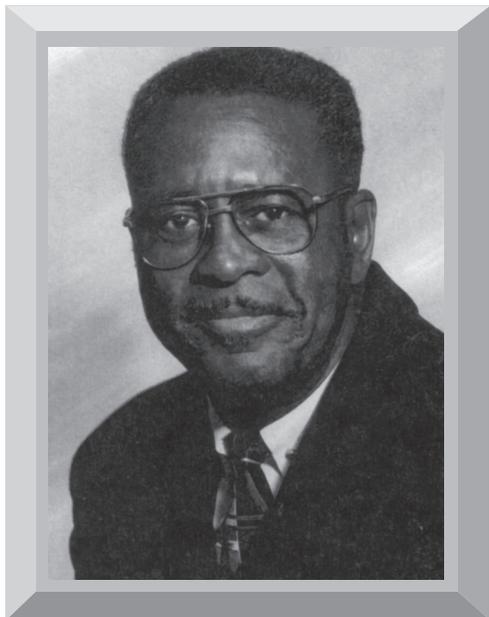
After twenty years of enshrining only players, coaches and faculty from the five former all black high schools in Greenville County, the PAA Hall of Fame has now expanded Statewide.

The PAA's 2012 class includes special recognition into the Hall of Fame's "Ring of Honor", retired S.C. State University Coach Willie Jeffries. In high school Coach Jeffries lettered in football, basketball and baseball at all black Sims High School in Union, South Carolina. Sims High School was a respected opponent and conference arch rival for the Greenville County Schools, that teams had to get by for the State Championship.

2011 inductee and charter Board Member Ernie Hamilton said, " Previous inductees are exceedingly euphoric about this expanded vision and its embracing level that the Board of Directors have taken the Hall of Fame ceremony into this year " While there are still hundreds of Greenville county players to be recognized, the inclusion of opponents outside of Greenville creates so many more avenues for historical and cultural research into South Carolina's often mythical athletes and sport icons that make the PAA Hall of Fame induction banquet so memorable for the community every year.



INDUCTEES



CARROLL AUSTIN

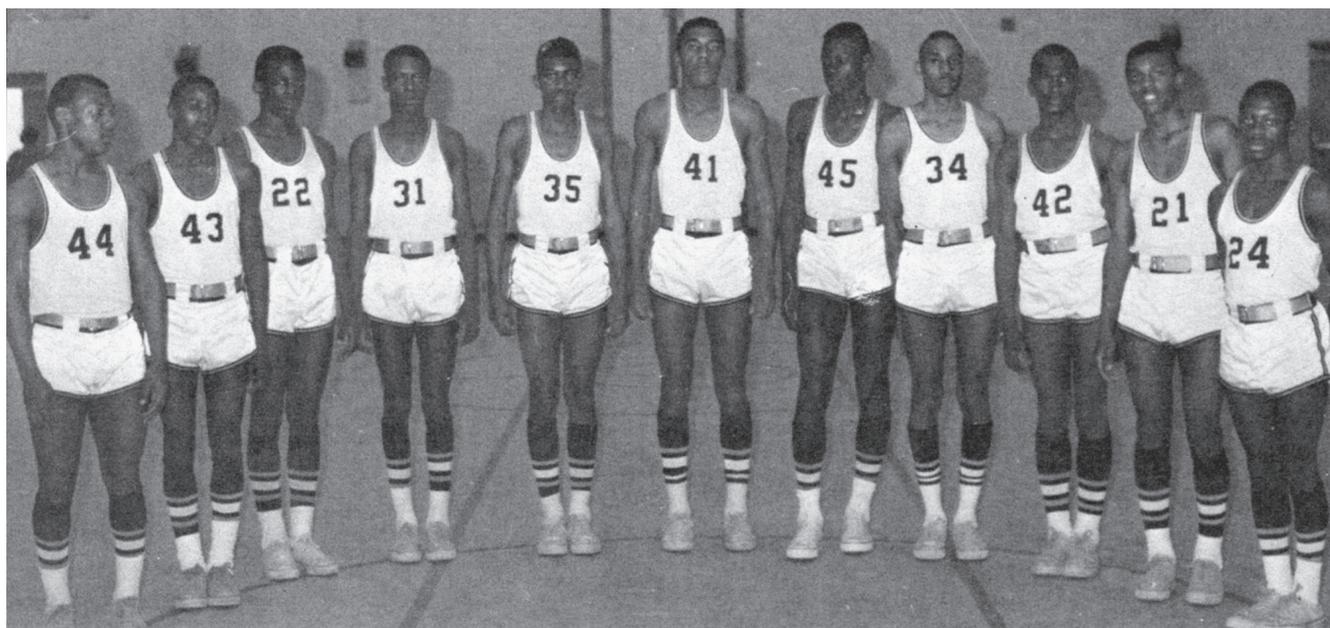
Carroll Austin was born in Greenville County to the late Preston and Alberta Austin.

His first three years of high school he attended Sterling High where he participated on the track team. He is a 1966 graduate of J.E. Beck High School where he played on the basketball team. He is also a graduate of Columbia Bible College and Morris College Extension in Seminary Studies.

He is married to the former Elizabeth Williams. He is the father of three children, six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

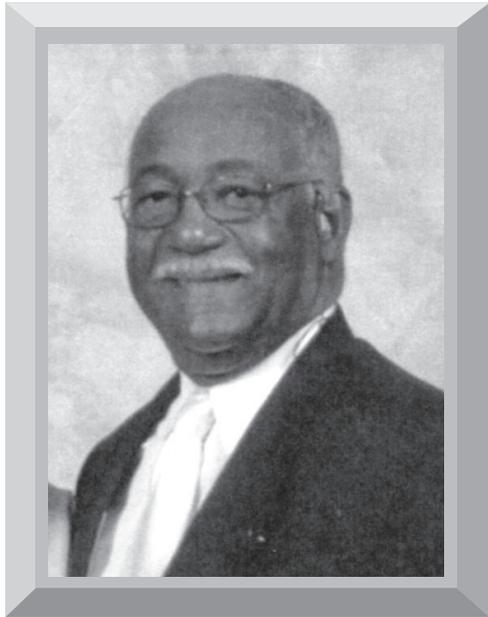
For the past 28 years, he has served as Pastor of the Griffin Ebenezer Baptist Church in Pickens, SC.

Thank you, Piedmont Athletic Association.



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U.J. THOMPSON "Hooker"

Ulysses Jerome "Hooker" Thompson, was an all athletic member of the Sterling High School football and basketball teams. He earned the block letter "S" for four consecutive years, with participation on two (2) champion teams where he played as a running back and power blocking guard (both offensive and defensive). He is a member of the SHS Class of 1959. Ulysses showed excellent acting-drama skills during his tenure.



Though there was no swimming, tennis and golf while at Sterling High, Ulysses was taught and developed in these sports by J. Edgar Smith and Jiles Edwards through the Phyllis Wheatley Association's After School Programs.

Existing high school, Ulysses, was educated at Antelope Valley Junior College (State of California), Morris Brown College, South Carolina State University, Clemson University, South Carolina Judicial Academy and the National Judicial College at the University of Nevada at Reno.

Ulysses J. Thompson is a retired Justice of the County of Greenville, South Carolina in 2000. He served on



the Miss South Carolina State Pageant Committee in many capacities and Advisor to other Miss South Carolina local pageants. He is also a certified member of the local, state and national pageant judges.

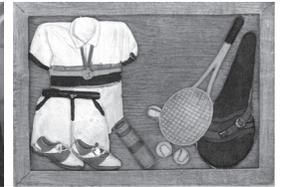


He serves on the Advisor-Board Council to the Salvation Army/Boys and Girls Club in Greenville. He is an original member of the organizing and developing team for the KROC Center - Salvation Army.

Past Advisor to the Boy Scouts Troop #29 at Springfield Baptist Church and a certified water safety instructor. Ulysses attends Springfield Baptist Church, where he serves as a Senior Deacon, Gold Star member. Tenor - Soloist, Actor, Cook and Brotherhood member.



He is married, a father, grandfather, great-grandfather and caretaker for his mother. He presently enjoys golfing, swimming, water snow skiing, tennis, gardening and traveling.



After a long day of dining, we make our three city departures.
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JANICE BEATY

Janice was born June 15, 1950 and was raised in Greenville, SC the youngest of 10 children, the daughter of Corine Butle Wright and Dewhitt Wright. Janice started school at Allen Elementary School 1st through 6th grade, until Washington High school was built in 1962. She played basketball scoring an average of anywhere between fifteen and twenty points per game, approximately 5 to 6 steals and 4 to 5 assists per game. She was MVP in basketball, she was also a cheerleader, Block W Club, homecoming runner up and sang in the choir.



Janice is a member of St. Paul Baptist Church. She worked in the textile industry for forty years until 2007.

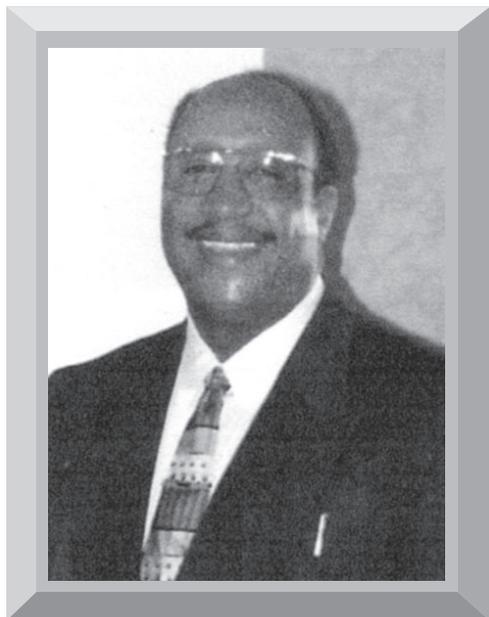


She is the mother of 2 daughters, 5 grands, 2 great grands. She likes to play cards and just have some fun and spending time with her family.

Janice would like to thank Shirley Wilson and the Piedmont Athletic Association for this honor of being inducted in the PAA Hall of Fame 2012.



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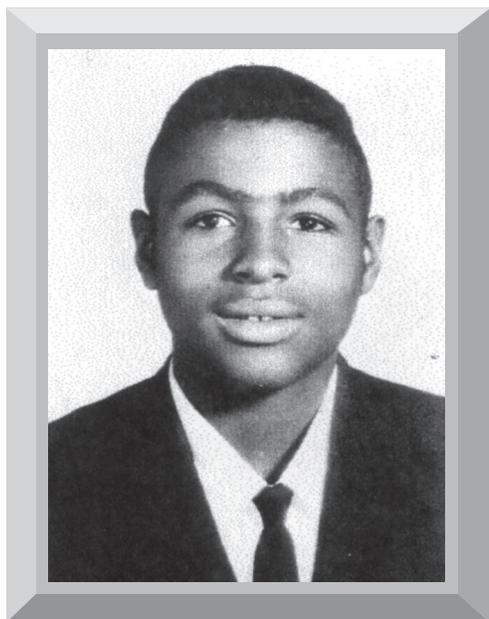
WILLIAM MCINTYRE, SR.

William E. McIntyre, Sr. a native Greenvillian, attended Washington High School, where he played basketball and football.

William is married to me former Mattie Neal, of Easley SC, they are the parents of five children, one daughter and four sons, and the grandparents of fifteen grandchildren and two great grands.

William is an active member of St. Paul Baptist Church, Michael Miller, Pastor. He currently has held the office of Chairman of the Board for the past thirty years, teacher of the Adult Sunday School Class.

William is a retired owner/operator of FedX Ground, as a retiree William spends more time studying God's word. Fishing, traveling and the local high school basketball and football games.



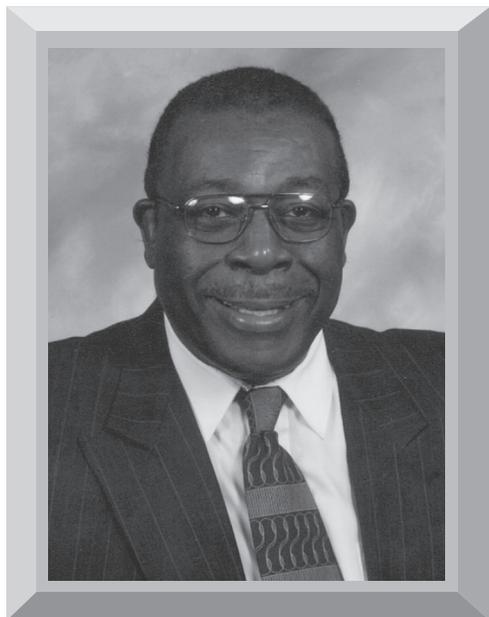
JAMES EDWARD SIMMONS, JR.

“Simp”

James Edward Simmons was a 1968 graduate of Joseph R. Bryson High School. While attending Bryson he lettered in football and Track.

James is still residing locally where he is the manager of the Pantry #6 Foodbank. He is also active in the Brotherhood group and on the trustee board.

INDUCTEES



RAYFORD NANCE

Born in Greenville, SC, Rayford C. Nance is the son of the late Mr. West Nance and Mrs. Cleora Nance.

He was educated in the public schools of Greenville, SC, graduating from Washington High School in 1964.

His vocation as a minister began in 1992. In 1994 he became an ordained minister at the Jackson Memorial Baptist Church where he served as a Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Bereavement Minister, and Sick and Shut-in Leader. He attended seminary classes that were given by ITC at the Jackson Memorial Baptist Church.

He retired from Bell South Conference Center in July 2008 where he worked for thirty (30) years. He was a Conference Service Manager. He now has an easy retirement job where he just sits and watches the day past away as a Security Officer. He ministers to anyone who comes his way and always lets people know that he loves the Lord and how God has been a blessing in his life. He always shares the fruit of the Spirit: Love, Joy, Peace, Long-Suffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance as he travels through the day.



He has received many awards in the ministry as well as Community Service.

He has been married to Mrs. Joyce Nance for twenty-five (25) years. He has three (3) children; Christie, Richarta, and Delorio Nance. He has three grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.



INDUCTEES



ANNIE BELL HUNTER

Ms. Annie Bell Hunter is the daughter of the late Carey and Annie Mae Hunter of Greer, SC. She is the ninth child of 9 children. She was born and raised in Greer, SC where she still resides today. Annie Bell attended public school in Greer, attending Dunbar Elementary and Lincoln High School in Taylors, SC where she graduated in 1964. While attending Lincoln High School, she was captain of the girls basketball team voted most valuable player, most athletic of the girls basketball team, where she set a record in basketball and most popular of her senior class.



After graduating she attended Area Trade School (Denmark Tech) in Demark, SC where her trade of choice was barbering. Annie Bell is still barbering 45 years later at Means Barber Shop in Spartanburg, SC.



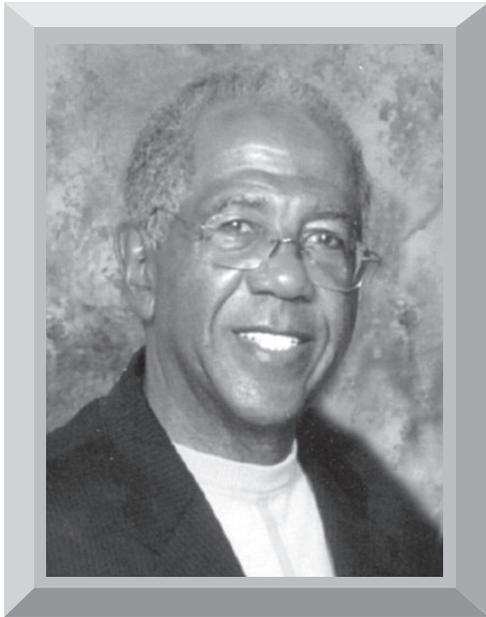
Her hobbies are fishing, cooking and card playing (spades), also she enjoys watching sports on television and attending games when time permits. Her football team is the Pittsburgh Steelers, basketball team is the Los Angeles Lakers.

Annie Bell attends Victory Temple Missionary Baptist Church where she is a member of the Pastor's Aide.

Annie Bell extends her thanks to the Piedmont Athletic Association for the honor of being inducted into the PAA Hall of Fame.



INDUCTEES



JEROME SUMMERS

Charles Jerome Summers was born March 25, 1939, the eldest son of the late Joe and Lydia Summers. He has four sisters, Larvenia, Jestine, Mary Ann, Synita and one brother, Tommie Summers, most of whom, at one time or another, attended Bryson High School.



He was born and raised in Greenville, SC, attended Chapel Grove Elementary School and graduated from Joseph R. Bryson High School, class of 1957. Jermone was an excellent athlete performing on a high level in a variety of sports. However, he concentrated on basketball and football and started varsity for three of his high school years in these sports.

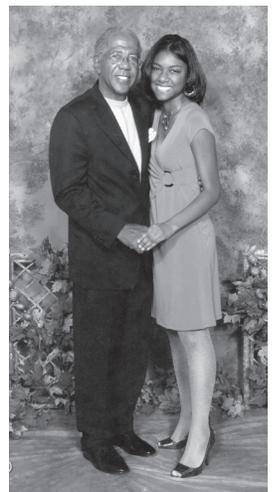
After graduation, he remained active in sports as a coach and mentor to his family, friends and members of the community. He understood the importance of competitive athletics and how these skills could be transferred into the classroom. As a result, his emphasis upon being a “student athlete” has led to a host of his family members and associates successfully completing numerous degrees of higher education.

He was named “Fan of the Year” at his sons high school in 1980. His presence and the sight of his Cadillac Eldorado was a fixture at neighborhood playgrounds, practices and games. He provided support financially, emotionally and transportation for all that were in need, especially the underprivileged. He was and still is considered a father figure to many aspiring student athletes. He demanded that his mantra of “Do Right” be applied on the court and in the way you conducted yourself in life.

Jerome has four children, seven grandchildren and one great grandson.

The seed of his legacy began on the sports fields at Bryson High but has blossomed into a lesson of academic achievement in the classroom, as well, through the scholarly and personal achievements of his legacies.

“I cannot think of a better way of celebrating my birthday. This is a blessing. It is truly an honor to be inducted in to the Piedmont Athletic Association Hall of Fame class of 2012”



INDUCTEES



BOBBY CHAPMAN

Bobby J. Chapman is a lifelong native of Greenville, SC . Born June 1, 1947, the youngest of fourteen children to Hule and Hallie Chapman. Bobby attended Nicholtown Elementary School and attended two years at Sterling and was a member of the 1967 graduating class of J.E. Beck High School.

He was very active in high school. He play on the basketball, football team and the track team as disc thrower.

After high school he went to work for a painting company for ten years and have just retired from the City of Greenville after serving 22 years. He attends the Reedy Fork Baptist Church where is on the finance committee.

Bobby would like to thank the Piedmont Athletic Association for recognizing and inducting him in the Athletic Hall of Fame. May God continue to bless the association in all of their future endeavors.



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FRANKIE E. WHITESIDE "Sky King"

Frankie was born on March 26, 1949 to the late Carlin Greer and Lillian Durham Greer in Tigerville, SC. Frankie is the youngest of seven siblings. Frankie attended Dunbar Elementary School in Greer, SC and Lincoln High School. She developed a love for sports at an early age. In 1964, Frankie played and lettered in basketball, track and cheerleading. She won her respect of her teammates by setting an example. In 1967, Frankie was captain of the basketball team. She taught 6 to 8 year old girls basketball at YWCA and the Marietta softball team. She was a member of the Dramatic and French club. She attended Greenville Tech for two years.



Frankie was employed at the post office in a wide variety of jobs for three years, City Heights Rental Apartments for six years as a Secretary and CTI-BMW as an Auditor. She was married to the late Charles Whiteside. They had three talented children, Bryant Whiteside, Charles, Jr. and Ashley Whiteside. Frankie attends New Salem Baptist Church where she served on the usher board and enjoys working with women day program at church.



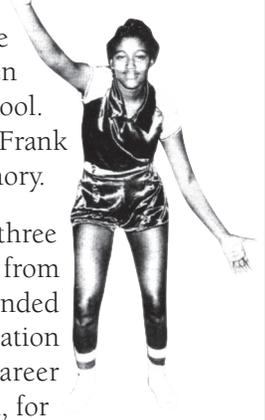
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THELMA W. MIKE-PINSON

Thelma Williams Mike-Pinson is the daughter of the late Lanis and Rachel Williams. She is one of seven siblings who are all graduates of Sterling High School. Thelma was especially close to her brother, the late Frank Williams, and she dedicates this award to his memory.



Thelma was an honor student and lettered for three years in basketball at Sterling. After graduation from high school, she moved to New York where she attended Mandl -The College of Allied Health. After graduation from Mandl, she experienced a very exciting career working in the hospitals of Long Island, New York, for over ten years.

During her time away, her parents became ill and needed some assistance. Thelma came home to give a helping hand. She returned home to Greenville just before Sterling High School ceased its existence as part of the Greenville County School District. By the time her parents' health had improved, Thelma had decided to stay in Greenville and joined forces with Southern Bell. The name later changed to Bellsouth and is now currently AT&T. Thelma was able to reap the benefits of her hard work and retired from Bellsouth and traveled for several years.

Thelma held five positions with the company and was the first black female in Greenville to hold three key positions. During her over 30-year tenure at Bellsouth, this highly energized lady was able to express herself through her athleticism and played basketball, volleyball and softball on company-sponsored teams. In the community she simultaneously sponsored a youth football team and organized, sponsored, and played on a young women's basketball team. She was also active in Allen Temple AME church where she served on the usher board and was a member of the choir.

Thelma remains very focused and active with her Sterling High School class of 1956 and serves as the Treasurer. She is also an active member of the Sterling High School Alumni Association and serves as the Financial Secretary.

Thelma and her husband, Julius, have known each other since the second grade and currently reside in Mauldin. They attend St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. She is the very proud mother of two children; she has six grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren.



INDUCTEES



LILLIE RUTH WORKMAN

Ms. Lillie Mims Workman' was born in McCormick South Carolina to the late Edward Miaas and Bessie Polly Mims.

She grew up in Greenville South Carolina and attended Sterling High School where she was a member of the Basketball Team and a star athlete from 1955-1957 where she received Athlete Letters. She also was a member of the Cheerleading Squad but didn't receive letters because letters were not given for cheerleading.

To further her education she attended Clemson University Extension and the Martin Webb Learning Center. She also attended the Chris Login School of Cosmetology For Instructors where she received her Instructor's License.

She has four children, Tim ,Lynette, Roderick, and Eugene.

Lillie is a member of the National Council of Negro Women, a member of the South Carolina Foster Parent Association, and a Cosmetology Instructor. Presently chaplain of the Sterling High School Alumni Association, president of the 1957 Sterling High School Class Reunion, Member of the N.A.A.C.P, a C.N.A., an Associate Minister of the LLInternational Ministry Anderson, the Superintendent of the Sunday School under the leadership of Apostle Leverette. She retired from the Greenville County School District in 2008. Her lifelong passion for mentoring and counseling is still a passion of hers.

Some of her hobbies are deer hunting, reading and Bridge. "Through all my adventures, I give God All the Glory, and thank Him for the journey."



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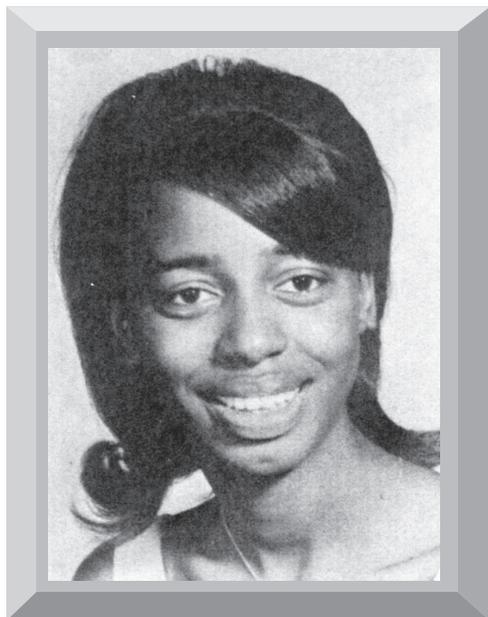
SANDRA ANDERSON WILLIAMS

“San”

Sandra Elizabeth Anderson Williams graduated from Lincoln High School in 1968. While there she lettered in basketball.

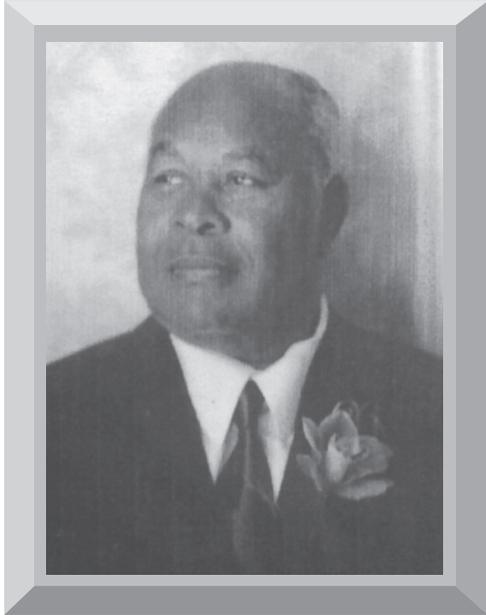
After graduation Sandra attended Greenville Technical College.

She attends Maple Creek Baptist Church.



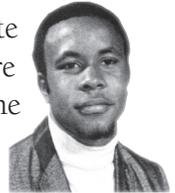
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MENTON BERRY

Menton was born on July 10, 1952 to the late Henry and Lucille Berry Sr. Henry and Lucille were highly regarded by many and loved by most in the community of Fountain Inn, SC. Menton attended Fountain Inn Elementary School and later graduated from Bryson High School. He excelled at the sport of basketball and became one of the most outstanding players. He developed a positive relationship with his teammates, which allowed him to be voted as team captain. Menton played under the leadership of Head Coach Mr. Alfred C. Duckett.



After graduation, at the young age of eighteen, Menton felt compelled to spread his wings. He left Fountain Inn South Carolina and moved across the country with his sister to live and make his final home in Orange



County, California. There he attended Long Beach City College. This preparation helped him to initiate his career in accounting at Boeing Aerospace Company (formerly McDonnell (Douglas)). With hard work ethics he finally retired after thirty seven years of service to the company.



He accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and joined in fellowship at Friendship Baptist Church in Yorba Linda, California. He later acquired his deaconship at Gospel Light Church Of God in Christ in Santa Ana, California.

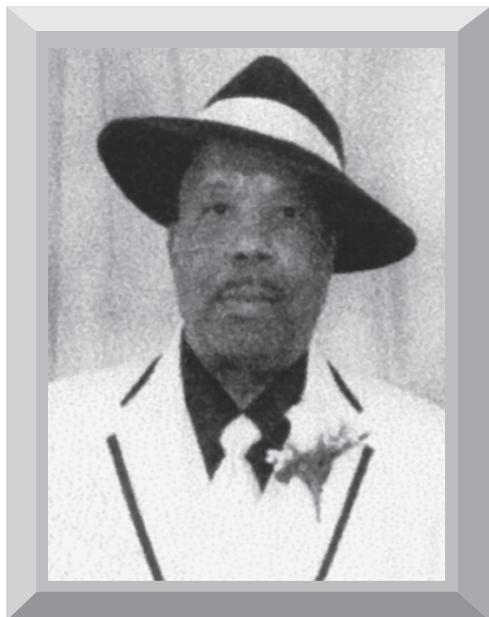
Menton was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. His greatest joy was spending time with his family, Bianca, Vodrick, Anthony and his grandchildren. As a tender hearted man he exemplified how and what it truly meant to LOVE unconditionally by giving of himself for the well-being of another. His charismatic personality followed



him everywhere he went and touching the lives of every person he met. On Monday, March 23, 2009 Deacon Menton Owens Berry was called home to be with his Heavenly Father.



INDUCTEES



RICHARD CURRY "Chop Chop"

Pastor Richard L. Curry, originally from Greenville, South Carolina, presently resides in Virginia Beach, VA with his wife, Deborah Phillips Curry. He is a 1962 graduate of Sterling High School where he excelled in sports with baseball being his favorite. Pastor Curry attended Sterling High School from 1957 to 1962. His sports achievements during this time were as follows:



Baseball-

- Eight RBI's in one game against Lucy Lane High School of Augusta Georgia in 1959.
- Team captain from 1960 to 1962.
- Sportsmanship Award-1962
- Awarded a 4 -year baseball scholarship at South Carolina State College
- Awarded a 4-year baseball scholarship to Elizabeth City Teacher College in Elizabeth City North Carolina.

Football-

- Manager from 1957 to 1960
- Defense and offense positions played from 1960 to 1962
- Captain for the school year 1961 to 1962

Basketball-

- Trainer and manager for the boys team from 1957 to 1962



After completion of high school, Pastor Curry joined the United States Navy where he served his country faithfully for 20 years. He later earned a BS Degree in religious studies from St. Leo University. He also completed

a two year certificate program of leadership in the black churches from Virginia Union School of Theology. He attended Norfolk State University and Liberty University preparing for his Masters Degree in Counseling.

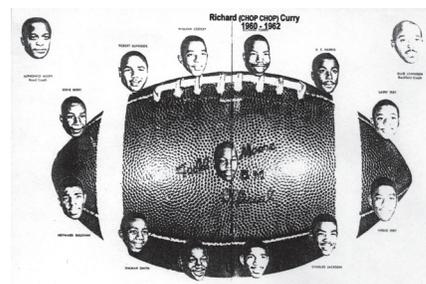
Pastor Curry served as Associate Minister and Sunday School teacher of the Lynnhaven Baptist Church in Virginia Beach, VA under the leadership of Reverend Matthew Lewis. For the past 27 years, Pastor Curry has served as Shepherd over the flock of New Piney Wood Chapel Baptist Church in Gates, North Carolina.

He married Deborah D. Phillips from Trenton, New Jersey in 1995. Deborah is an educator and Department Chairperson in Lynnhaven Middle School in Virginia Beach, Va. She is also CEO and founder of a girls organization, called CAPS. Pastor Curry often assists his wife with the CAPS organization.

He, and his wife, Deborah are the founders of Christian HomeBoy Ministries, Inc. (CHBM, Inc.) of Virginia Beach, Virginia. CHBM, Inc is a ministry designed to recruit, encourage, and empower Christian "HomeBoys" who will share their faith with men who are lost, offering them salvation and hope while keeping watch over them as their brothers' keeper.

In his spare time, Pastor Curry, enjoys golf, "working out" at Bally's gym traveling, and cooking. Pastor Curry is an excellent chef and baker. He also enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and family. He is the father of one son, Eric and three daughters, Tara, Monica and Carolyn. He also has a step daughter Brittany A. Phillips who is an actress and model in Los Angeles, California as well as a step son Quincy O. Phillips (deceased).

Pastor Curry firmly believes that God is the center of his life, and we can do all things with God who strengthens us.



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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. Mr. Carol Hill (Bryson High) 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 20 years seven coaches were inducted into the Hall of Fame under the Clyde Mayes administration and presently 164 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



Mr. Carol Hill

Mr. Carol Hill 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
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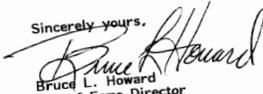
Dear Mr. Hamilton:

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

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c: Louie Golden
 Al Duckett
 Thomas "Sporty" Williams
 Rev. J.D. Mathis
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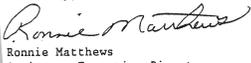
Mr. Thomas W. Williams
 1002 Diggs Avenue
 Columbus, Georgia 31906

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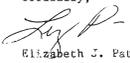
Mr. Eddie Jones
 5 French Lane
 Greenville, South Carolina 29603

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

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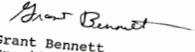
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July 31, 1992

Mr. Ernest Hamilton
 Piedmont Athletic Association
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 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

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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.

Corey Boggin	1996 Riverside High School	Greenville Tec. College
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Terry Young	1997 Travelers Rest High School	Benedict College
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William C. Staggs	1998 Blue Ridge High School	USC-Spartanburg
LaShanda Maxwell	Carolina High School	Denmark Tec. College
Andre' D. Brantley	Wade Hampton High School	Benedict College

Christopher H. Harvey	1999 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

Roderick Henderson	2000 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

Charlena Martin	2001 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
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 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
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 Mauldin High School
 Eastside High School
 Woodmont High School
 Woodmont High School
 Hillcrest High School

Nakiy Gardner
 Jonathan Lee
 Morgan McCain
 Jarvis Pickering
 Shadae Thompson

Amber Joy Ryals

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

2006

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

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	Riverside High	Coker College
Chauncey Mattei	Greenville High	Newberry College
Deonte Cargild	Greer High	Coastal Carolina University
Douglas Mack	Greer High	Benedict College
John Clark	Southside High	North Greenville University
Sharonda Tate	Riverside High	Spartanburg Methodist

2011

Jacob Ramiro	Woodmont High	Anderson University
Kezial Brown	St. Joseph High	South Carolina State University
Quelere Mack	Greer High	Coastal Carolina
Anthony Dickey	Berea High	Printa College
McKinnely Leverette	Carolina High	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

2005

Amanda McKinney
 Arthur Sitton

Southside High School
 Greer High School

Greenville County
2012 High School
All-Star Game



Woodmont



J.L. Mann



Southside



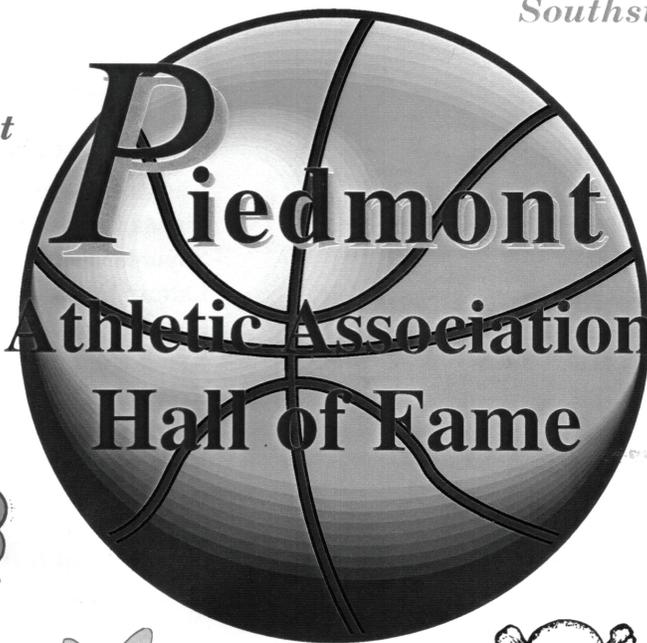
Hillcrest



Christ Church



Riverside



Wade Hampton



Berea



Mauldin



Greer



Greenville



Carolina



Eastside



Blue Ridge



Travelers Rest

East vs. West

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BECK HIGH SCHOOL

Est. 1965 thru 1970

The former High School is now
Beck Middle School
The Academy of Languages

The Black and Gold Panthers
School's Motto:
"Service, Simplicity, Sincerity"



Beck High Panthers

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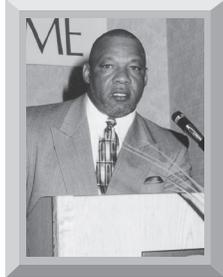
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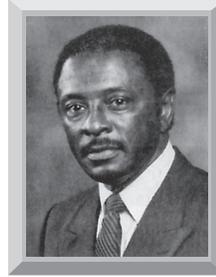
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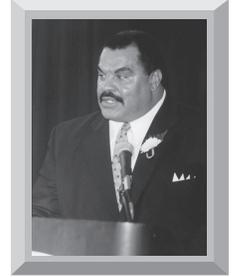
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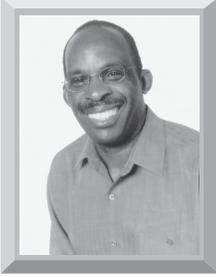
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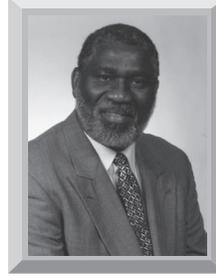
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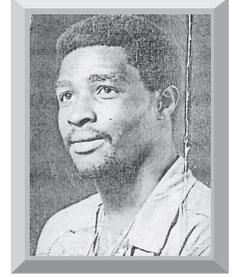
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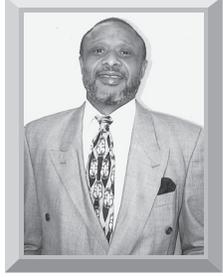
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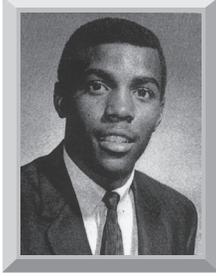
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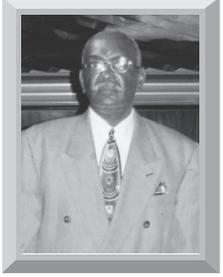
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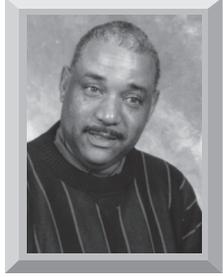
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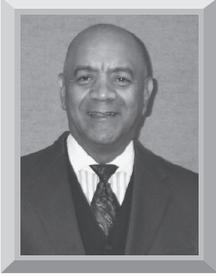
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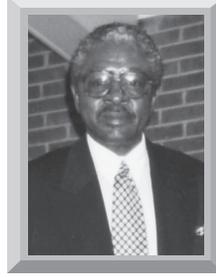
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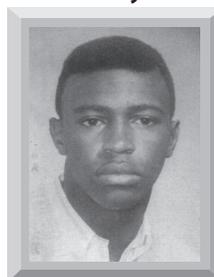
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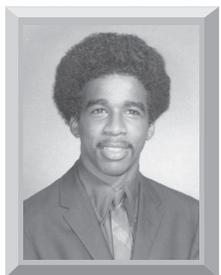
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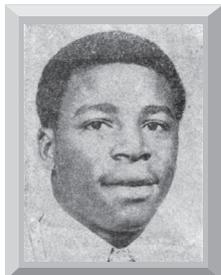
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BECK HIGH SCHOOL



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, 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.



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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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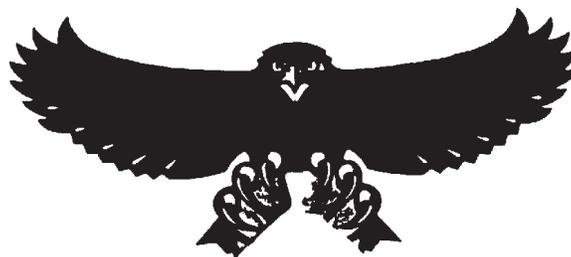
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WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

Est. 1962 thru 1970

The former High School is now
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The Blue and Red Falcons

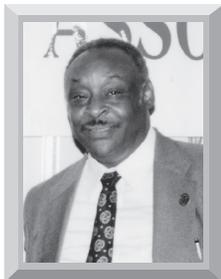


Washington High Falcons

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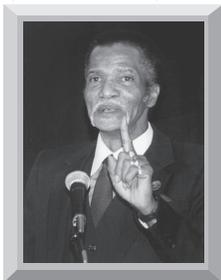
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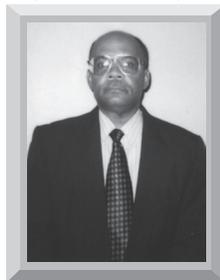
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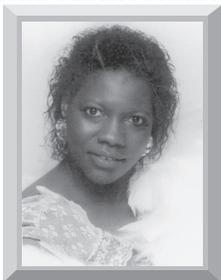
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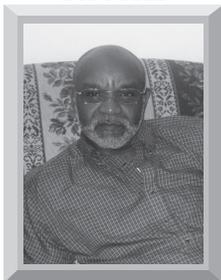
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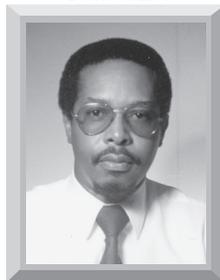
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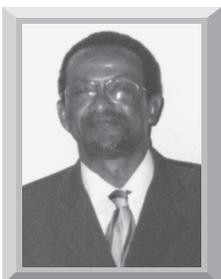
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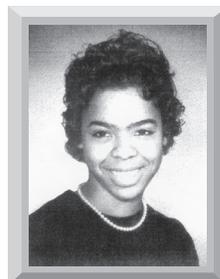
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BRENDA MCBEE SCOTT



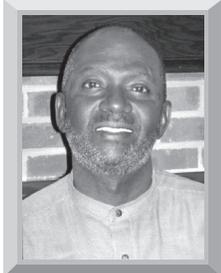
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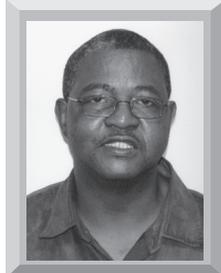
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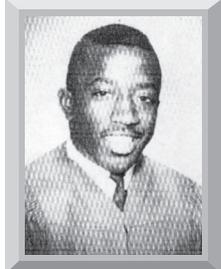
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WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL



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 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



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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.

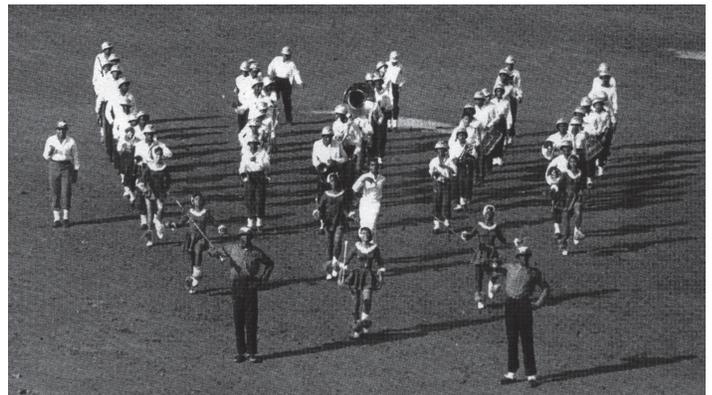


From the beginning until the final days of operation Washington had Great Marching and Concert Bands under the direction of Mr. Cleodis Brown. The band participated in several Christmas and Homecoming Parades. One member of the band, James Thompson (class of 67-68), was one of three students from South 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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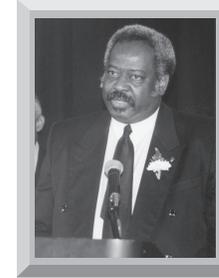
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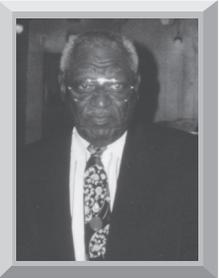
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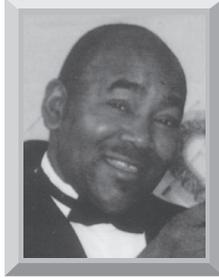
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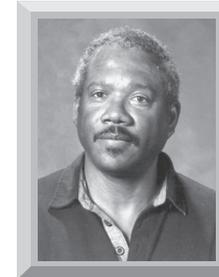
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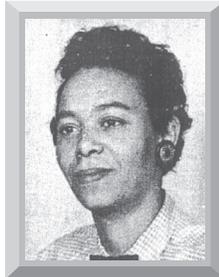
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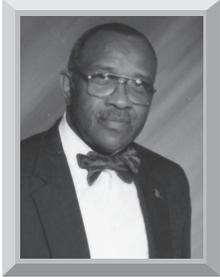
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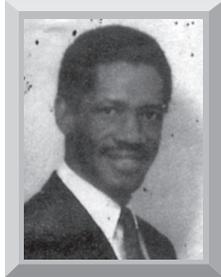
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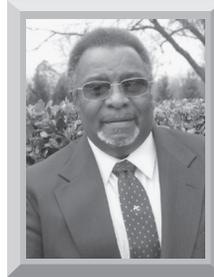
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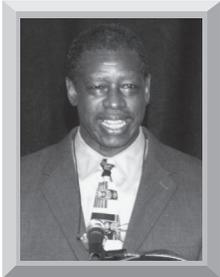
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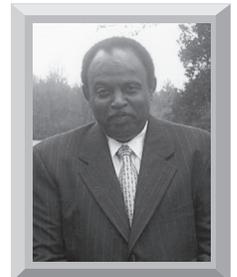
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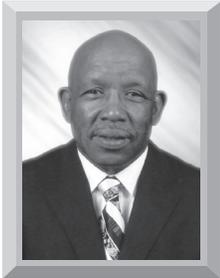
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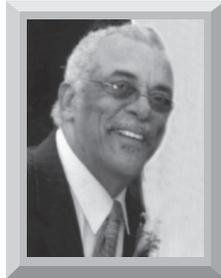
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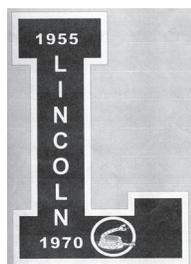
A History of Lincoln High School

1954 - 1970

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)

Mascot: The Rattler, a product of Mr. Nathaniel Hartman patterned after Florida A&M. The name Rattler is a symbol of power and beauty, both of which was found at Lincoln.



- R- Readiness
- A- Ability
- T- Truthfulness
- T- Tenacity
- L- Loyalty
- E- Eagerness
- R- Reliability

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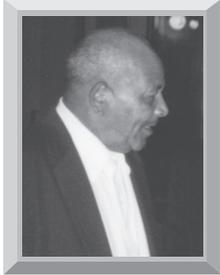


Bryson High Hurricanes

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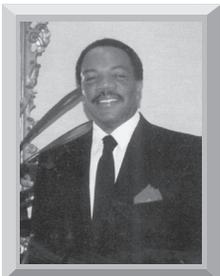
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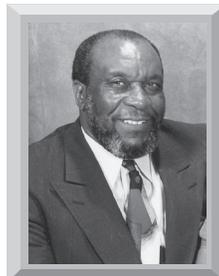
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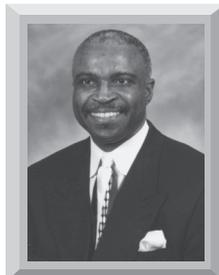
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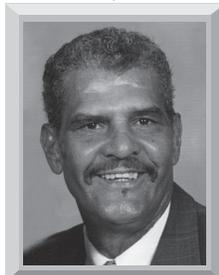
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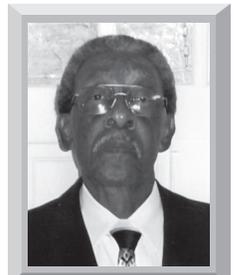
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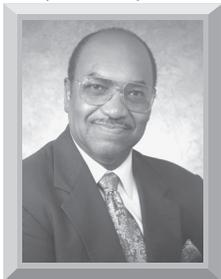
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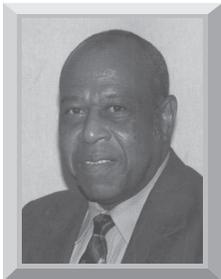
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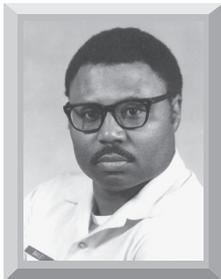
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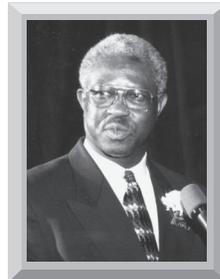
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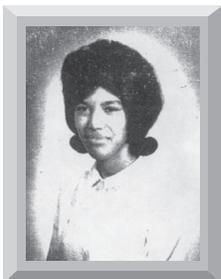
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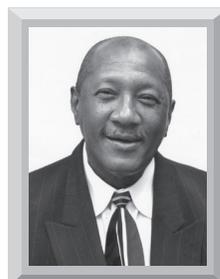
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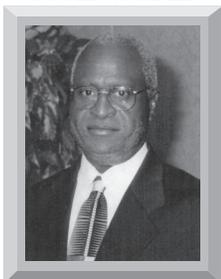
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BRYSON HIGH SCHOOL



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 established 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).

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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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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

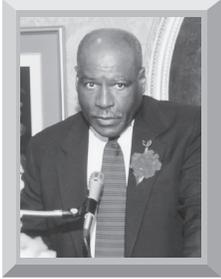
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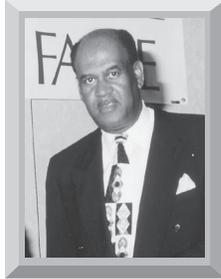
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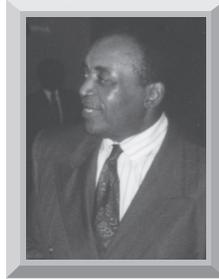
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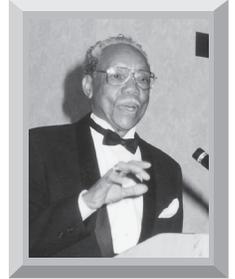
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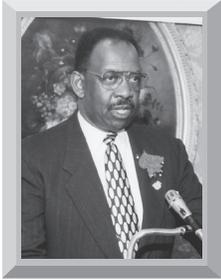
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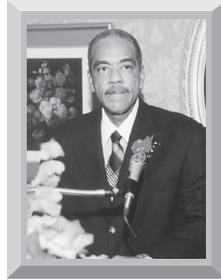
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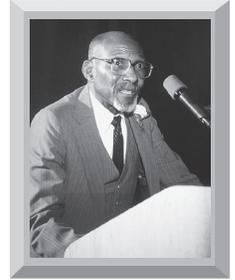
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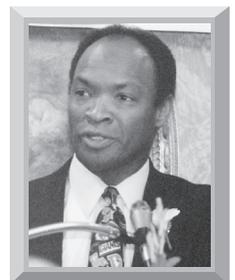
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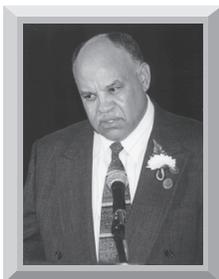
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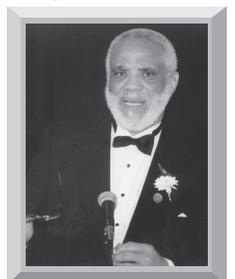
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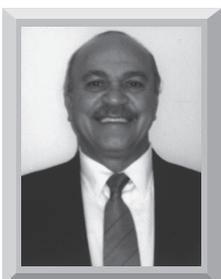
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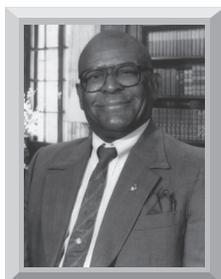
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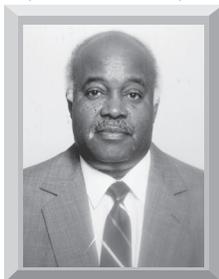
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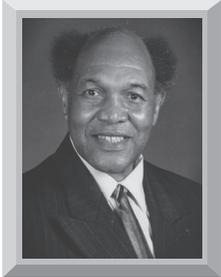
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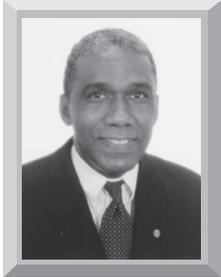
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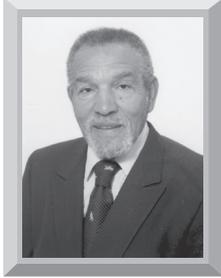
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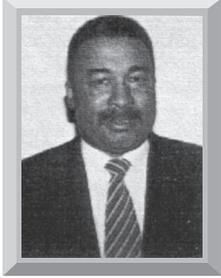
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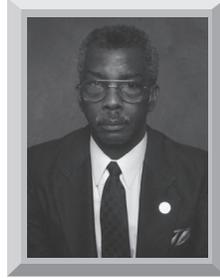
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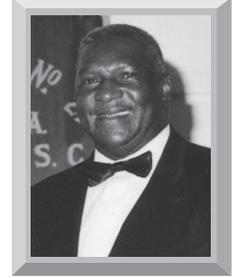
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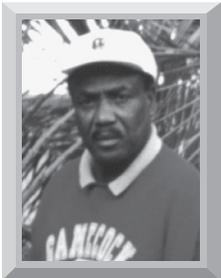
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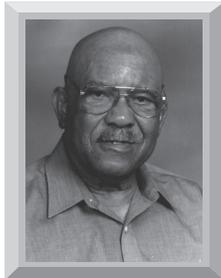
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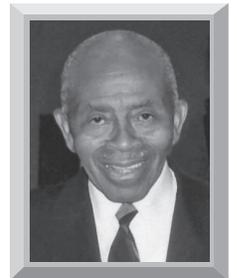
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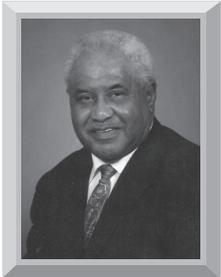
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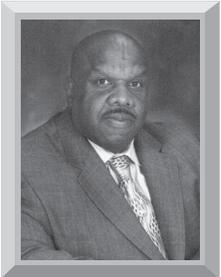
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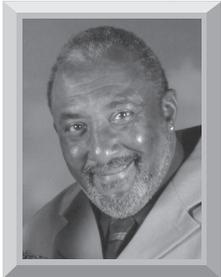
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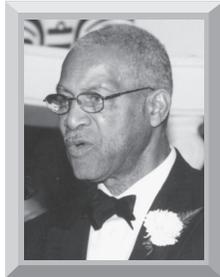
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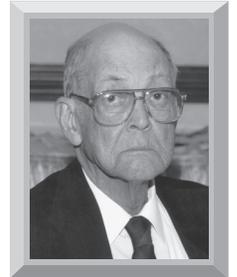
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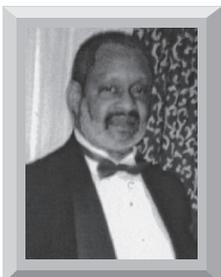
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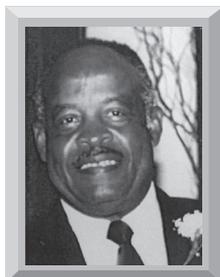
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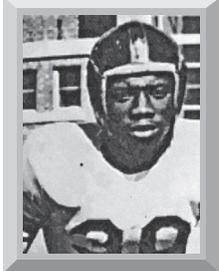
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SPECIAL LEGACY, HISTORY & CULTURE TRIBUTE: *Remembering The Historical Olde Black High Schools*

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

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.bereahigh.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

(Photo courtesy of Greenville Cultural Exchange Center, via www.hereahigh.org)

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; Xanthe 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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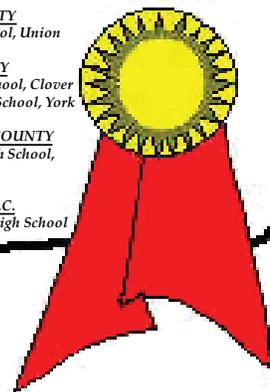
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*Dear Bryson High, Our Bryson High
Our hopes reach high up to the sky.
The more we think of you it's true,
We bring to you, all our love.
And as we stand before thy doors,
Sons and daughters arms unfold;
To welcome those who have not told,
That our 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-ington*

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FORMER RAM RETURNS HOME

When Millard “Brock” Medley opened his law office in Simpsonville this past August, he did so with the goal of helping out the community that he grew up in. Since graduating from Hillcrest High School in 2001, Brock has been working to bring his goal to fruition.

“When I graduated from Hillcrest,” Medley said, “I knew I wanted to be an attorney, and I always said when I became an attorney that I was going to open an office in the Golden Strip. I wanted to help the community and the people who helped me become who I am today.”

Brock grew up in the Neely Farm community and was an active member of the Simpsonville First Baptist youth group. He played varsity basketball and golf for the Hillcrest Rams.

“I was fortunate to have many people help shape me into the person I am today,” Medley continued. “Be it the passionate teachers I had at Hillcrest, all of my coaches from the Rec. Department and high school—especially Coach George Singleton and Coach Emanuel Sullivan—as well as my schoolmates and teammates; they all made an impact on me.”

After graduating from Coastal Carolina University, Medley earned his law degree from Appalachian School of Law. He sat for, and passed the South Carolina Bar Exam in 2009. Besides being a member of the South Carolina Bar, he is a member of Simpsonville Chamber of Commerce and active in the Simpsonville Rotary Club.

Brock’s legal practice encompasses all areas of law, including Wills and Probate; Divorce and Family Law; Personal Injury and Car Accidents; as well as Criminal and DUI Defense.

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Medley offers a free consultation for anyone who may have a need for personal and professional legal services. Contact his office at 864.757.1511 to schedule an appointment, or just to show support for a former Hillcrest Ram.

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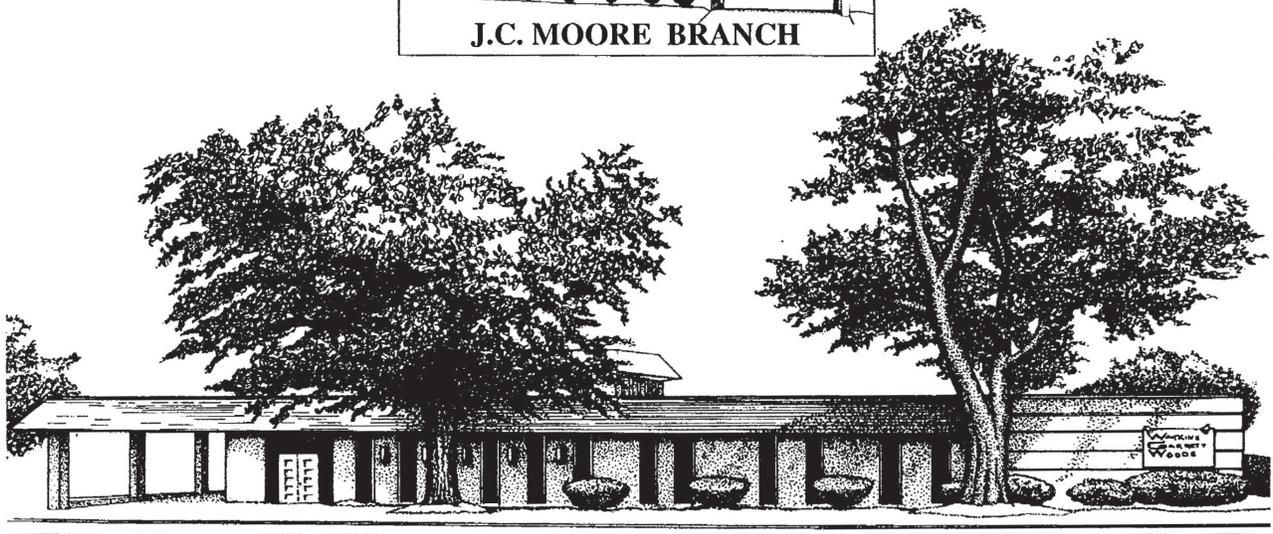
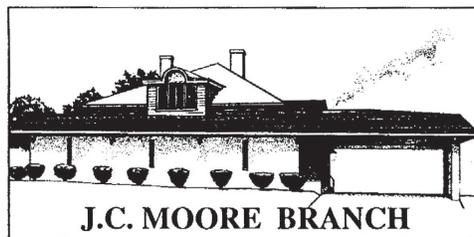


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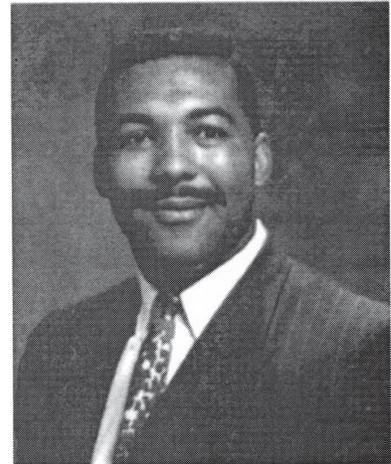
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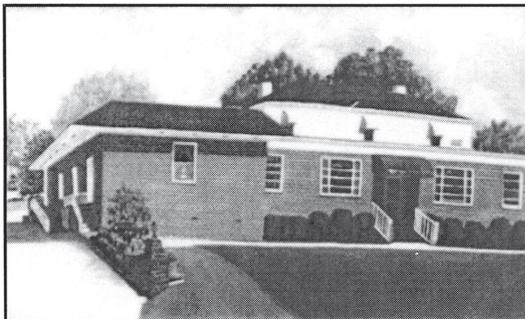


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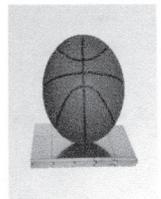
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The Honorable Judge Willie T. Smith, Jr.

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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“WHAT ARE THE PAA DIRECTORS TALKING ABOUT HERE AND ON PAGE 63?”



Standing L to R: Bessie Young, Ernestine Leamon, Faye Wilson, Ann Yeargin, Sadie Nesbitt, Carolyn Griffin, Rosa Byrd, Cora Dickey, Frankie Whiteside. **Front row:** Odell Harrison, Emanuel Sullivan, Ernie Hamilton, Alfred Leamon, Thurman Norris, William Fleming, John Williams

They are just *not* thinking on page 61; but talking about your Hall of Fame everywhere else:

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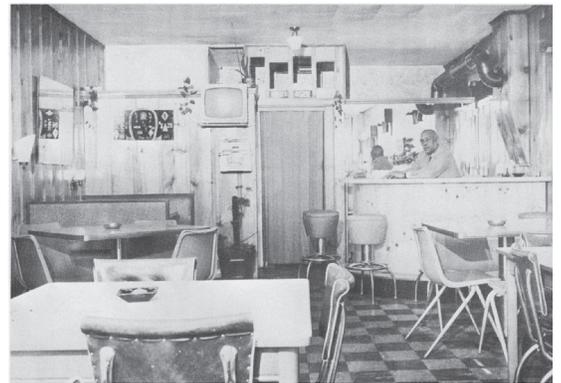
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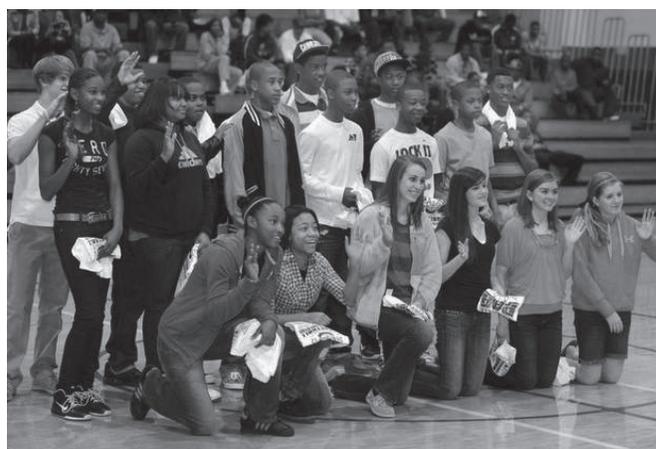
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