



The Alumnigram



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February is... **BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

Message from the President

Mary L. Wade '61

February arrives cold, wet and gray, her gifts disguised for only the most discerning spirits to see. Gentle is her path. Gratitude is the thread we weave into the fabric of our daily lives this month, giving thanks for the simple abundant lives around us and asking for the gift of one thing more, grateful hearts.

Our hearts are indeed grateful. We pay homage to and honor the shoulders we stand upon. The following excerpt was taken from a statement released by the House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn in celebration of Black History Month.

"As we celebrate this year's Black History Month and the historic inauguration of our 44th President, let us honor the countless African Americans whose sacrifices and contributions made the American dream possible. Despite all of our advancements, however, we are still faced with inaccessible healthcare and employment inequities. It is important that we come together as a nation to continue the fight for equal rights for Americans of all backgrounds and persuasions."

Our Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance was very successful. I am extremely grateful to all who showed their support through time and resources. Special thanks to the Scholarship Dinner



Dance Committee for the tireless efforts and countless hours it took to make this activity a success. Hats off to our Co-Chairs, Velmenia Stanley and Miriam Hubbard, and all who worked hard to ensure that we had a profitable affair. We were also fortunate that our National Alumni Association President, Ms. Patricia Lott, and our 10th university President, Dr. George Cooper and Mrs. Cooper were able to join us for the evening. Please know that your efforts were greatly appreciated.

Special Valentine's Day to All.

Thanks for all you do.

Mary Wade

ALPHA KAPPA APLPHA HOST FEBRUARY MEETING

WHEN: Friday, February 27, 2009 at 7:30pm

WHERE: Epiphany Episcopal Church, Parish Hall
3125 Ritchie Road, Forestville, MD

MEETING INFORMATION

Chapter meeting locations will rotate between Maryland and Virginia according to the following schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
27 Feb	Parish Hall, MD
27 Mar	(TBD) VA
24 Apr	Parish Hall, MD
22 May	(TBD) VA

UNIVERSITY NEWS!!

The South Carolina State University Foundation will host the 2009 Scholarship Gala and Tribute on February, 21, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Smith-Hammond-Middleton Center (SHM).

This event is the Foundation's major fundraising event of the year. Gala proceeds are donated to the University to provide scholarship assistance to deserving students. The Gala is also an opportunity to honor individuals whose contributions help make a difference in the future of South Carolina State University.



CHAPTER NEWS!!

SCHOLASHIP DINNER DANCE

Velmenia Stanley

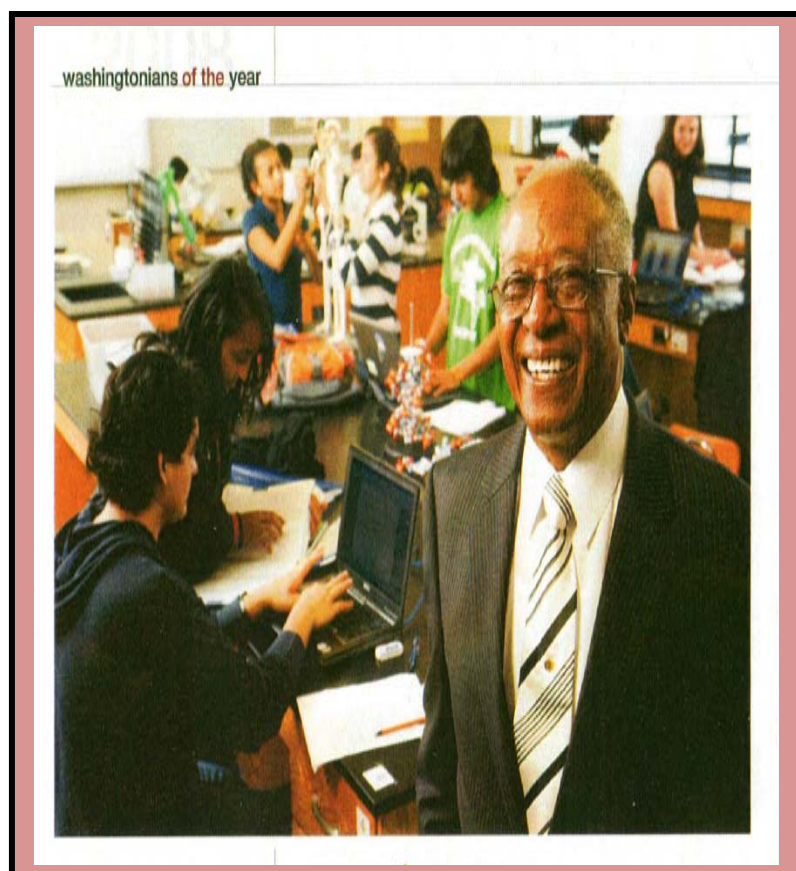
Thanks to the dance committee, alumni and friends for all their support in helping to make this year's dance successful. Although our numbers were down from previous years, we were able to overcome some obstacles that got in our way. For those of you who were unable to attend or did not have the opportunity to purchase an advertisement or make a donation, we are still accepting donations.

YOUNG ALUMNI

Jerry Hubbard, Sr.

The Board of Directors of The George B. Thomas, Sr. Learning Academy are very pleased to inform you that Dr. George B. Thomas, Sr., the founder and president of the Learning Academy has been recognized as one of the 2008 Washingtonians of the Year. For the past 37 years, *The Washingtonian Magazine* has honored men and women who have made the Washingtonian area a better place to live through their positive contributions to the community. A full article on Dr. Thomas, Sr. can be found in the January 2009 Special Inauguration Issue of *The Washingtonian Magazine*.

Dr. Thomas, Sr. is also an alum of the class of '52.



RECRUITMENT**Lester Whitfield and Krystal Speed**

The Recruitment Committee has started planning for our annual Prospective Student Luncheon to be held in April. If you know of any high school seniors that are interested in attending SCSU, provide his/her contact information to the committee to ensure the student receives an invitation. Also, encourage students to visit the chapter website to download a chapter scholarship application. Thanks to all who have supported our recruitment efforts in the past. Your assistance is needed and appreciated. Contact Lester Whitfield and Krystal Speed if interested in working with the luncheon or at the Prince George's County Public Schools College Fair on April 1ST and 2ND.

FOOTBALL COACH HONORED BY THE PIGSKIN CLUB OF WASHINGTON, DC

The Pigskin Club of Washington, DC held its 71st Awards Dinner, January 23rd, at the Capital Hilton Hotel, Washington, DC. The Awards Dinner was a celebration to acknowledge the accomplishments of young people and community leaders who serve as role models. The purpose was to recognize the best and the brightest in interscholastic, collegiate, professional sports, and the civic arenas.

Members from the Washington, DC Chapter, South Carolina State University, were in attendance, in honor of our Coach Oliver "Buddy" Pough. He was recognized as the MEAC Coach of the Year. Also from the university, student Will Ford was recognized as the MEAC student of the Year.

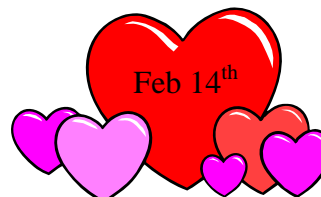
In spite of the freezing temperature, 8 brave souls rallied to the call from the university.

They were:

Frances Hooks, Harry Hoskins, Joe Hoskins, Jerry Hubbard, Curtis Stevens, Mary Wade, Geneva Murry, and Lewis Berry. William Hamilton and Dr. Rodell Lawrence (university employees) joined us in the celebration. Special thanks to all for your last minute sacrifice.

YOUNG ALUMNI**Krystal Speed**

The Young Alumni will host a social the third weekend of March. All alumni are invited as we meet and reconnect with our Bulldog Family.

**PERSONAL TOUCH****Velmenia Stanley**

Get Well Wishes to: Mr. Harry Hoskins who was hospitalized for a short stay.

Get Well Wishes to: Ms. VonGretchen Nelson who had surgery.

Get Well Wishes to: Mr. Reggie Woods who had surgery.

Get Well Wishes to: Mr. Curtis Martin.

Get Well Wishes to: Mr. William Childers.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**Frances Hooks**

We have been working diligently for the past three months to encourage more participation by our members in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. We have over 1,000 alumni in the area and we want them to become financial for this current fiscal year (July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009). As the economy situation challenges all of us to make sacrifices this year, we urge alumni to make a commitment and pay their membership dues.

The fee is only \$55; except life members fee is only \$30 for the fiscal year. Plus the dues are tax deductible. We need your financial support to help us maintain our efforts to keep SCSU as one of the greatest HBCUs. Please complete the membership application hereon and mail your check today!

Frances Nelson Hooks
Membership Chair
301-249-9353 H

HEROES OF BLACK AMERICAN HISTORY

BENJAMIN BANNEKER was nicknamed the “Black Man of Science”. He helped in the surveying of the Federal Territory and built the first clock in America.

GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER was famous for his inventions such as shaving cream, ink, shampoo, and instant coffee.

BENJAMIN OLIVER DAVIS became the first African American Major General in 1959. In 1965, he became Lieutenant General and Air Force Chief of South Korea.

LANGSTON HUGHES was a poet who, through his poetry, expressed the feelings and hardships of the African American race in the time of racism.

DANIEL “CHOPPY” JAMES, JR. was the famous flight leader of the 12th Bomber Squadron in World War II.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. was a Civil Rights movement leader. He is well known for his famous “I have a dream” speech and his outstanding Birmingham jail letter. King was also the leader of many boycotts, marches etc.

JESSE OWENS was an Olympic Athlete who won four gold medals and tied the world record twice. He also received the medal of freedom in 1976.

ROSA PARKS is known today as the “Mother of the Civil Rights”. She was known for her arrest of not moving to the back of the bus in a time when it was forbidden for blacks to sit up front.



Valentine's Day Ice Cream Crunch Cake

1 (12 oz.) pkg. chocolate chips
2/3 c. smooth peanut butter
6 c. crispy rice cereal
1 gal. ice cream
(your valentine's favorite flavor)



Melt chocolate chips and peanut butter in large pan. Add cereal. Spread on cookie sheet and cool. Break up cereal mixture in small pieces. Soften ice cream, fold in all but 1 cup of cereal mixture and spread in springform pan (10 inch). Decorate with remaining cereal mixture. Freeze. Garnish (if desired) with berries, whipped cream, sprinkles, chocolate curls, etc. Yield: 12-16 servings.

Mardi Gras



D.C. Alumni Continues to Reach Out To the Community Angel Tree Project

Just a short note to express my sincere appreciation to all the alumni and friends who donated an abundance of gifts including monetary to our chapter's annual "Angel" Christmas Project for children in the community in conjunction with our Outreach project during the Christmas holidays. We were recognized by Metropolitan AME Church for our outstanding support of the needy children in the Wash D.C. metropolitan area. Thank you all very much for your willing expression of love and kindness to help those who are less fortunate. To whom much is given; much is required.



Frances Austin
Outreach Activities Coordinator
for Wash DC Chapter SCSUNAA



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South Carolina State University National Alumni Association
 ~ Membership Application ~

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Home Telephone () _____ Email _____ Birth date ____/____/____
Month Day
 Employer _____ Occupation _____
 Work Telephone () _____ Email _____
 SCSU Graduate: Yes _____ No _____ Major _____ Degree _____ Year _____
 ROTC Graduate Yes _____ No _____ Branch _____ Grade _____
 Graduate School _____ Major _____ Degree _____ Year _____
 Graduate School _____ Major _____ Degree _____ Year _____
 Retired: Yes _____ Year _____ Retired _____ No _____
 Please Volunteer! I am interested in assisting with the following:
 ___ Membership ___ Scholarship Dance ___ Outreach
 ___ Newsletter ___ Special Activities ___ Recruitment
 ___ Social ___ Publicity ___ Other _____
 Membership Fee: Regular (\$55) Life member (\$30)
 Mail this form and check to: Washington, DC Alumni Chapter, SCSUNAA, PO Box 23847, Washington, DC 20026-3847

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