



The Alumnigram



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Message from the President

Mary L. Wade '61

March came in like a lion, roaring through the area with much snow that kept us in for awhile. Now we are experiencing the first whisper of spring, changing of the clock, and a slow awakening after a long winter slumber. Branches that just a few days ago were bare, now begin to blossom with new growth. Even the grass is beginning to look greener.

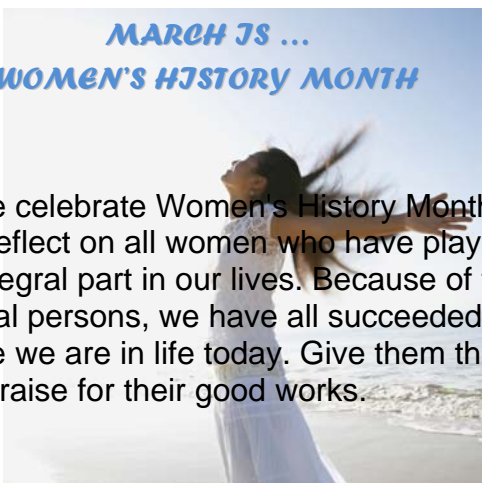
We can breathe a sigh of relief that our yearly fundraiser is over. Special thanks again to the Scholarship Dinner Dance Committee and All who had a hand in making this activity a success.

Thanks to all who attended SC Day at Epiphany Episcopal Church, Sunday, March 15th.

Mary Wade

**MARCH IS ...
WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**

As we celebrate Women's History Month, let's reflect on all women who have played an integral part in our lives. Because of these special persons, we have all succeeded to where we are in life today. Give them thanks and praise for their good works.



Who Is Eligible To Vote?

You must have been a financial member of SCSUNAA by December 31, 2008 to vote in the 2009 SCSUNAA election.

What if I Don't Receive A Ballot In The Mail?

If an eligible alumnus/alumna has not received a ballot, it is incumbent upon the alumnus/alumna to immediately contact the Nomination Committee Chair, Kim McCullough Davis at kmccullough4@carolina.rr.com or call her at home 704-395-0960 or cell 704-451-7067 to verify their mailing address and to certify their eligibility to vote.

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

WHERE: Durant Center
1605 Cameron Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

MEETING INFORMATION

The remaining Chapter meeting locations between Maryland and Virginia will be according to the following schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
24 Apr	Parish Hall, MD
29 May	Durant Ctr in VA

UNIVERSITY NEWS!!

Dr. George E. Cooper prepares to step into the role as the 10th President of South Carolina State University. The Presidential Inauguration will be held on Friday, March 27, 2009 in the Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center at 11:00 am.

SC State University's
PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION
Friday, March 27, 2009 11:00 a.m.
Smith-Hammond-Middleton Memorial Center
Dr. George E. Cooper, SC State University's 10th President

Please visit:

www.SCSU.edu/Inauguration/index.htm



The South Carolina State University **First Lady Scholarship Luncheon** will take place on Thursday, March 26, 2009 in the Kirkland W. Green Student Center at 12:00 noon. (By subscription)

CHAPTER NEWS!!

MS. LILLIE JESSIE ACCEPTS THE 2009 HIGH FLYING SCHOOL AWARD

Ms. Lillie Jessie, school principal at Elizabeth Vaughan Elementary school located in Woodbridge, VA accepts the 2009 High Flying School Award. Her school was the only school in Virginia to be honored. Ms. Jessie is also an SCSU grad.

The OLD BRIDGE OBSERVER
THE OLD BRIDGE AREA'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER www.theoldbridgeobserver.com Vol. 20 No. 14 ONE DOLLAR

A national "high five" for Elizabeth Vaughan Elementary

By LAURA MATTHEWS
Observer staff

Elizabeth Vaughan Elementary School in Woodbridge is one of five national winners of the 2009 High Flying School Award, and the only Virginia school to be honored.

Lillie Jessie, school principal, will accept the award at the 20th Annual National Youth-At-Risk Conference March 1-4 in Savannah, GA.

Over 1200 participants from across the United States are expected to attend, including educators of all levels, health and human service counselors and personnel, criminal justice professionals and business and community leaders.

Jessie will be recognized along with the other four winners at the opening session on Monday, March 2. There will be a special High-Flying Schools Award Winner's poster session following the opening session, where Jessie will share her school's success.

EXCELLENCE FOR ALL...
WHATEVER IT TAKES!

Elizabeth Vaughan Elementary school in Woodbridge is one of five national winners in the 2009 High Flying School Award. Lillie Jessie, school principal, above, will accept the award in March at the conference in Savannah, GA.

"This has been a great year for me and Vaughan Elementary. This is the first time a Prince William County school has been selected for this award. I am very proud of the staff and students at Vaughan Elementary," said Jessie.

To win a High-Flying School Award a school must show high academic achievement, have a diverse student body, demonstrate cooperation with the community in addressing youth-at-risk issues, provide opportunities for students to develop citizenship skills, offer a curriculum that includes objectives and activities that foster student growth needed for success in a democratic society and have at least 50 percent of the students living at or below poverty level, according to information from Prince William County Schools.

The National Youth-at-Risk Conference is hosted by the College of Education and Continuing

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CONGRATULATIONS!!

To our three raffle winners who won a prize at this year's chapter Scholarship Dinner Dance.

Julius Brice - \$300

Romeo Carter - \$200

Steven Taylor - \$100

Thank you for supporting this fundraising effort.

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.

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.

ADOPT-A-ROAD PROJECT

Frances Hooks

Prince George's County Annual Countywide Spring Cleanup "A livable communities initiative" is scheduled for **Saturday, April 18th from 8:30 AM to 12 Noon**. Our chapter is invited to participate in the cleanup on that date since we are active participants in the ADOPT A ROAD PROGRAM.

After the cleanup, we will join County Executive Jack Johnson and all the volunteers for a thank you celebration at Watkins Park with lots of food, prizes, music & games.

Please RSVP to me by close of business on Thursday March 26th if you are willing to participate in this effort. High school students will get credit for community service hours. Please come join us and volunteer a few hours to help keep Prince George's County Beautiful!

With Bulldog Tenacity,
Frances Nelson Hooks
301-249-9353 H

Quote of the Week

"Some people spend too much time finding other people to blame, too much energy finding excuses for not being what they are capable of being, and not enough energy putting themselves on the line, growing out of the past, and getting on with their lives."

J. Michael Straczynski



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
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*This is a traditional Irish blessing for
St. Patrick's Day*

- ♣ May there always be work for your hands to do,
- ♣ May your purse always hold a coin or two,
- ♣ May the sun always shine on your window pane,
- ♣ May a rainbow be certain to follow the rain,
- ♣ May the hands of a friend always be near you,
- ♣ May God fill your heart with gladness to cheer you.

Irish Fried Cabbage

- 2 teaspoons butter
- 1 (15 ounce) can chicken broth
- 1 head cabbage, cored and coarsely chopped
- 1 pinch salt and pepper to taste

Bring the butter and chicken broth to a boil in a large skillet. Reduce heat to low and add the cabbage. Cover and cook over low heat to steam the cabbage for about 45 minutes, stirring frequently, or until cabbage is tender and sweet, slightly brown. Season with salt and pepper and serve. (serves 6)



**To Alumni and Friends
Celebrating their
Birthday in the month
of March**

Washington, DC Chapter
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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