



# The Alumnigram



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## Message from the President

Mary L. Wade '61

We are coming to the end of another year. Let me thank all who had a part in helping to make our chapter the SCSUNAA Chapter of the Year! I am sure all of the members who were in Orangeburg during Alumni Weekend felt as proud as I was. Congratulations to all classes who were in reunion this year. The class of 1959 really raised the bar for the rest of us. But the best is yet to come.

Special thanks to all for your vote of confidence in electing me to serve another term as SCSUNAA Recording Secretary. The second term starts at the 2009 SCSUNAA Convention in Columbia, SC.

Please remember that Dr. and Mrs. Cooper will be joining us at the May meeting, and an invitation was sent to the SCSUNAA Greater Baltimore Chapter to include them in this visit. Please plan to be in attendance to ask any question you may have pertaining to University matters.

## Chapter Accomplishments



We have accomplished a lot this year:

- ★ We got our Chapter budget approved,
- ★ We had a successful scholarship Dinner Dance, with Dr. and Mrs. Cooper in attendance,

- ★ Homecoming 2008 - Our float won 1st place, and our queen was radiant, even in the rain,
- ★ We tailgated in Delaware,
- ★ Our Reclamation and Holiday Social were well-attended, and we had fun,
- ★ Our Outreach activities were well-coordinated and diverse, and
- ★ We had a well-organized Student Brunch, with Dr. Rodell Lawrence in attendance.

Special thanks to all who chaired an activity, supported an activity, or attended an activity. You are the key to making things happen. Your time and resources are greatly appreciated.



- 📌 Lancaster Theatre Trip - May 30, 2009 - Please call Celissi Klugh if you plan to attend this event.
- 📌 Chapter Cookout - June 13, 2009 at Watkins Park - see Lester Whitfield for more information.
- 📌 Chapter Planning Session - July 25, 2009 - more details later.
- 📌 SCSUNAA 2009 Convention - Early bird registration ends May 30, 2009 make hotel reservation now.

A belated Happy Mother's Day to all. Hope you were able to spend time with your special mother.

### DELTA SIGMA THETA HOSTS MAY MEETING

**WHEN:** Friday, May 29, 2009 at 7:30pm  
**WHERE:** Epiphany Episcopal Church, Parish Hall  
3111 Ritchie Road, Forestville, MD

As we take leave for a few months, take time out to smell the roses. Go to the beach, walk in the sand, smell the salt air. Do something that makes you feel good. Go to a special place to meditate and get in touch with your inner child, then come back in August with a new sense of renewal. You will feel better and be ready to face whatever comes your way.

Enjoy! Thanks for all you do.



**UNIVERSITY NEWS!!**

The **South Carolina State University 20<sup>th</sup> Annual National Alumni Association Convention** will be hosted by the Greater Columbia Chapter at the Columbia Marriott Hotel in Columbia, SC from July 30 – August 2, 2009.

**Theme:**

***“Giving Back to the University is not just Our Responsibility, it is Our Obligation”***

Early Bird Registration ends by May 31, 2009.

Go to: [www.SCSUNAA.org](http://www.SCSUNAA.org) for more information.

**CHAPTER NEWS!!**

**CHAPTER ANNUAL COOKOUT**



Saturday, June 13, 2009  
Noon – 6pm  
Watkins Regional Park  
Shelter #7  
Upper Marlboro, MD

Note: Bring your own chairs.

Volunteers are needed to help set-up and break-down the picnic area. Please contact **Lester Whitfield** at (301) 442-3877.

*We hope to see you there!!*

***Congratulations!***

**Newly-Elected SCSUNAA Officers 2009-2011**

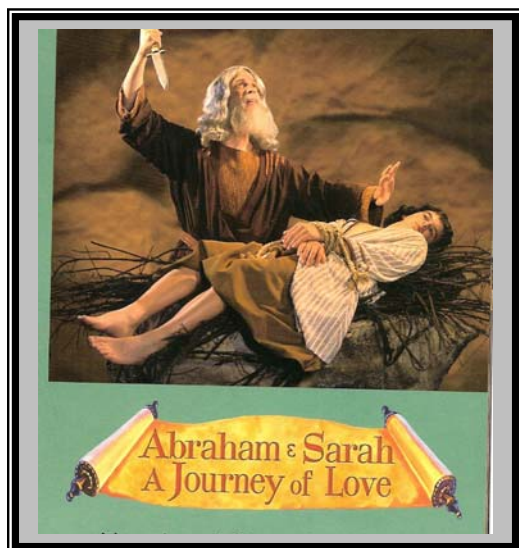
President  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Treasurer  
Financial Secretary  
Recording Secretary  
Corresponding Secretary  
Chaplain

Nathaniel Howard, New York Chapter  
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Carol Richburg, Atlanta Chapter  
Ms. Loretta Taylor, Greater Columbia Chapter  
Ms. Verna Wade, Charlotte Chapter  
Ms. Mary Wade, Washington, DC Chapter  
Ms. Valerie Lott, Charlotte Chapter  
Reverend Willie Heggins, III, Orangeburg Chapter

**LANCASTER, PA TRIP**

Come travel with the Washington, DC Chapter to the Living Waters Theater in Lancaster, PA to see

*"Abraham and Sarah - A Journey of Love"*



Saturday, May 30, 2009  
Price of \$115.00 includes:

- ❖ Leaving at 7:30am from Epiphany Episcopal Church, Parish Hall.
- ❖ Travel by handicap accessible motor coach with on-board snack.
- ❖ Enjoy lunch or dinner on your own at a local restaurant of your choice. Time to shop, browse or relax before departing home.

**Make all checks payable to:  
SCSUNAA Washington, DC Chapter**

**Send payment to:**

SCSUNAA Washington, DC Chapter  
c/o Celissi A. Klugh  
13413 Tamarack Road  
Silver Spring, MD 20904

For more information call  
Celissi Klugh at 301-384-0171

For flyer go to:

[http://www.scsudcbulldogs.org/userfiles/files/SCSU%20Lancaster%20Trip\\_2009.pdf](http://www.scsudcbulldogs.org/userfiles/files/SCSU%20Lancaster%20Trip_2009.pdf)

**\*\* REMINDER \*\***

**2010 Calendar of Stellar Alumni**

The SCSUNAA will honor twelve (12) alumni representing twelve (12) categories. The categories are: Fine Arts, Athletics, Business, Community Service, Education, Government, Industry, Law, Military, Medicine, Religion, and Science/Technology.

Please nominate individual(s) for any of the twelve (12) categories. The nominee does not have to be a member of your Chapter, however, they must be a member of the National Alumni Association.

Please contact President Mary L. Wade at [MaWde7@aol.com](mailto:MaWde7@aol.com) for criteria and transmittal forms. Duplicate the forms for each category submitted, if needed. The complete packet must be **postmarked by May 27, 2009.**

All paperwork on each individual should be paper clipped together. Documentation (newspaper article, award, certificate, etc.) is required to substantiate information of each nominee. All completed nomination packets should be mailed together to:

**SCSUNAA  
Post Office Box 7113  
South Carolina State University  
Orangeburg, South Carolina 28117**

Winners will be announced at the National Convention in Columbia, SC, July 30 – August 2, 2009. The unveiling of the calendar will take place Friday, October 30, 2009, during homecoming weekend. Each honoree will be asked to be present at the unveiling. The cost of each calendar is \$10.00.

Your cooperation in this fundraising effort will be greatly appreciated.

**YOUNG ALUMNI**

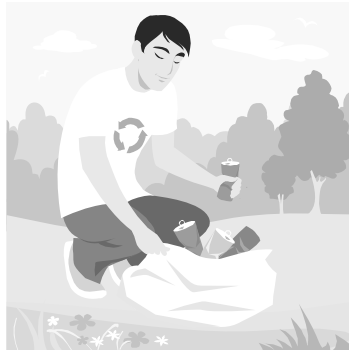
**Krystal Speed**

Come celebrate the carefree days of summer with us. The Young Alumni are hosting a meet and greet Happy Hour on Friday, June 12 at 6PM at Next Door. Next Door is one of the newest hotspots to hit U Street in Washington, DC. Located "next door" to Ben's Chilli Bowl, this restaurant incorporates the tradition and heritage of Ben's with contemporary dining and nightlife flair. Enjoy drink specials and delicious food as you reconnect with and meet new Bulldogs. This is a great way to begin our Bulldog fellowship weekend (remember the annual cookout is the following day, Sat., June 13). Next Door is located at 1211 U St. NW Washington, DC. Visit their website at [www.bensnextdoor.com](http://www.bensnextdoor.com) to view the location and menu.

Contact Krystal Speed at [krystal\\_i\\_speed@hotmail.com](mailto:krystal_i_speed@hotmail.com) if you desire more information on this event.

**ADOPT-A-ROAD PROGRAM**

We appreciate our dedicated alums who participated in the Prince George's County-wide Spring Cleanup Initiative on April 18, 2009.



Thanks to our special cleanup crew: Cassandra Frost, Cliff Childers, Geneva Murry and Gerri Hoskins. After the cleanup, we joined the County Executive and his staff in a celebration at Watkins Park with delicious meal provided by Famous Dave's barbecue. Hope you will join us for our next cleanup effort.

Frances Nelson Hooks  
Coordinator

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE  
SCSUNAA RAFFLE TICKET  
WINNERS!!**



**1st Prize \$1000**

**Ms. Valerie Lott (Charlotte Chapter)**

**2nd Prize \$200**

**Mr. Phil Washington (Monroe Township, NJ)**

**3rd Prize \$100**

**Mr. Al Crowley (Benn, SC)**

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**Frances Hooks**

Although we did not meet our goal of 300 financial members for this fiscal year, we still had a pretty good year with a total of 266 members. We will strive harder to increase our membership participation and we hope that we can count on you to help us improve our numbers for FY 2010 (July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2010). My heartfelt thanks goes out to all financial members for continued support of our Chapter. Regular membership dues are \$55 per person; except life members pay only \$30 per person. If you wish to become a member of the Membership Committee, please contact me at: [fnhooks@aol.com](mailto:fnhooks@aol.com) or call 301-249-9353.

Frances Nelson Hooks  
Membership Chair



### The President's Year in Review Highlights from April 2008 - July 2009

April 25, 2008	Elected President of the Washington, DC Chapter (June 30, 2008 - May 2010)
May 9-12, 2008	Alumni Weekend, National Meeting, Orangeburg
May 16, 2008	Installed as Chapter President
June 5, 2008	Attended Happy Hour, SCSU/ Aggies - Sideline Sports Bar, Largo, MD
June 6-8, 2008	SCSUNAA Retreat, Cary, NC
June 9, 2008	Meeting with newly-elected Chapter Officers
July 26, 2008	SCSU Planning Session, Epiphany Episcopal Church, Parish Hall, Upper Marlboro, MD
July 31-Aug 3, 2008	Attended SCSUNAA Convention, Newport News, VA
August 10, 2008	Attended services for Willimae Thompson, Class of 1961
August 19, 2008	Meeting with Vice President, Geneva Murry
August 28, 2008	Conducted SCSU Executive Mtg.
August 29, 2008	Conducted SCSU Regular Mtg.
Sept 10, 2008	Attended reception for The Honorable James Clyburn, Washington, DC
Sept 12-14, 2008	Attended Charleston, SCSU/ Bethune-Cookman Classics
Sept 23, 2008	Conducted SCSU Executive Mtg.
Sept 26, 2008	Conducted SCSU Regular Mtg.
October 3, 2008	Met with Finance Officers, PNC Bank, Bowie, MD
October 7, 2008	Ways & Means Conference Call
October 9-12	Homecoming 2008, Orangeburg SCSUNAA Officers meeting with Dr. George E. Cooper
October 16, 2008	SCSU Ways & Means Conference Call
October 17, 2008	Meeting with Financial Secretary
October 28, 2008	Conducted SCSU Executive Mtg.
October 31, 2008	Conducted SCSU Regular Mtg.
November 1, 2008	Dover, Delaware - SCSU/Delaware State - Tailgate
November 13, 2008	Charles H. Flowers HS, College Fair Recruitment
November 14, 2008	SCSU Reclamation, Parish Hall

### The President's Year in Review (cont'd)

November 15, 2008	SCSU/Morgan State Game - National Meeting, Linthicum, MD
December 12, 2008	SCSU Chapter Holiday Social, Parish Hall
January 9, 2009	Scholarship Dinner Dance Meeting
January 17, 2009	Scholarship Dinner Dance Meeting
January 23, 2009	Pigskin Awards Dinner sponsored by The Pigskin Club of Washington, DC
January 24, 2009	Scholarship Dinner Dance Meeting
January 27, 2009	Conducted SCSU Executive Mtg.
January 30, 2009	Conducted SCSU Regular Mtg.
January 31, 2009	Scholarship Dinner Dance Meeting
February 7, 2009	Scholarship Dinner Dance Meeting
February 14, 2009	Annual Scholarship Dinner Dance LaFontaine Bleu. Lanham, MD
February 20-21, 2009	SCSU Founders' Day, National Meeting Orangeburg
February 22, 2009	Attended Quarter Century Luncheon, Orangeburg
February 24, 2009	Conducted SCSU Executive Mtg.
February 27, 2009	Conducted SCSU Regular Mtg.
March 10, 2009	Meeting at Radisson Hotel, Student Luncheon
March 15, 2009	SC Day at Epiphany Episcopal Church, Forestville
March 24, 2009	Conducted SCSU Executive Mtg.
March 26, 2009	Attended SCSU 1st Lady's Luncheon, Orangeburg
March 17, 2009	Attended and Participated in the Inauguration of Dr. George E. Cooper, 10th President, SCSU P.G. County, MD Community Cleanup Cookout, Watkins Park
April 18, 2009	Conducted SCSU Executive Mtg.
April 21, 2009	Conducted SCSU Regular Mtg.
April 24, 2009	SCSU- Student Brunch, Largo, MD
April 25, 2009	SCSUNAA Alumni Weekend, National Meeting, Orangeburg
May 8-10, 2009	Conducted SCSU Executive Mtg.
May 26, 2009	Conducted SCSU Regular Mtg.
May 29, 2009	Tentative Bus Trip - Lancaster, PA
May 30, 2009	SCSU Annual Cookout Watkins Park
June 13, 2009	SCSU Planning Session, Parish Hall
July 25, 2009	SCSUNAA Convention 2009 Columbia, SC
July 30-Aug. 2, 2009	

**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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