



THE 2014 FALL EDITION

## Giving to Your Alma Mater Through the Combined Federal Campaign

By **Carrie Thornhill**

*Co-Chair, Fundraising & Membership Committee*

There are more than 4,400 eligible charities participating in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). And for the first time in its 12 year history, the Dunbar Alumni Federation (DAF) applied, and has become one of the 2014 approved charities. All of our alumni, their family, friends and supporters who work for the federal government are invited to contribute their federal contribution in an annual payment or thru payroll deduction.

You can “MAKE IT POSSIBLE” by designating DAF as the recipient of your giving to CFC no matter where you live across the country. DAF’s designation code is 96118 and DAF will be listed in the *2014 Catalog of Caring* as an organization that: Finances scholarships, student, faculty and parent development, champions educational improvements, promotes alumni support of school and chronicles Dunbar’s history and legacy.

Invite your colleagues, your classmates, family members, friends and others to join in this effort to attract new participants and increased giving through CFC to support Dunbar students and school. We thank you all in advance for your

participation. The official solicitation period is September 1 – December 15, 2014.

Yes, this information will be posted in the various social media formats. And yes, we will be applying for DAF participation in the DC government One Fund when the open period occurs.

Contact the DAF office if you have

questions or comments. The phone number is 202.724.4194. The email address is DAF.org@gmail.com. Calvin Smith, Class of 1970, Co-Chair, Fundraising & Membership Committee, will assist DAF Chairman James Pittman and the F&M Committee by serving as a key voice and promoter in CFC events to which DAF is invited. ■

## Dunbar Alumni Award 2014 Scholarships

By **Ronald Crockett & Carrie Thornhill**  
*DHS Scholarship Awards Task Force*

In a ceremony marked by great enthusiasm and applause from over 250 students, parents and alumni in the beautiful armory, Principal Jackson, school staff, DAF officials, friends and community supporters mounted the stage to award 2014 scholarships to graduating seniors of the historic Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. With the help of current and past alumni, friends, former administrators and faculty, civic and business leaders Dunbar seniors were presented awards from \$300 to \$15,000 to support their higher education experience. You will be pleased to know the scholarship awards for this year have achieved a new threshold and totaled over \$106,800. This amount does not

include the aid awarded to our seniors by their colleges and universities which when all enrollments, scholarships and financial aid packages are completed will total probably millions of dollars in 2014 and beyond. The alumni awards were extended to 65 seniors who are enrolling in colleges, universities, specialized schools and other post-secondary institutions, locally and across the country.

Alumni, you help create better futures for our students, their families, their siblings, our Alma Mater and the community. Continue to work with us overtime as we seek to grow the level of scholarship and mentoring opportunities to ensure that all seniors can receive some financial aid and nurturing embrace from our classes, individual

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**Keep a Pluggin' Away**

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and corporate givers in the future. As you know our goal is not only to help get the students in higher education institutions but to help them successfully navigate, excel and graduate. A fellowship reception with fabulous food, prepared by Office Catering, was served by faculty, staff and alumni.

Many thanks are in order for the 2014 Scholarship Awards Task Force made up of school officials including Principal Stephen Jackson, Sherema Copes, Charles Young, Renee Burroughs, and Vernice Turner. These school officials teamed up with DAF officials, notably Vice Chairman/Student Activities Liaison Ronald Crockett and Treasurer/School Improvement Team Liaison Carrie Thornhill to make this year's

Senior Awards an effective collaboration and successful event.

Letters of thanks and appreciation, signed by DAF Chairman James Pittman, have been mailed to all 2014 scholarship contributors. Plans for the 2015 Scholarship preparation and award process will get underway in September. As part of this process Chairman Pittman is planning for DAF to host a reception for first year college students to receive the nurturing embrace of alumni while they are home over the December holiday break.

Contributors of scholarships and the students who have claimed their scholarships as of August 31, along with the higher education institutions students are attending, are listed in this VINE. ■

## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Mark your calendar to join in the  
5th Triennial Gala hosted by the  
Dunbar Alumni Federation on  
Sunday, October 11, 2015, in the  
new Dunbar High School.**

**The Gala will offer guests a  
spectacular evening of culinary  
delights, fellowship, dancing, and  
entertainment you won't want to  
miss! Alumni, family, and friends  
should make plans to attend this  
event.**

# AWARDS DAY SCHOLARSHIPS

Student	Higher Education Institution	Sscholarship Contributors
Kelahni Hargrove	University of the District of Columbia	Class of 1936
Nalo Fauntroy	Delaware State University, Dover DE	In Memory of Gloria Lorraine Johnson Jones
Amani Dugger	Central State University	Dunbar Alumni Federation & Frances X Taylor
Andre Morris	ASA College (NY)	Smoot Gilbane Joint Venture
Imani Turner	Glenville State	Eleanor Skinner younger
Jonathan Johnson	St. Augustine University	Colbert King & Smoot Gilbane Joint Venture
London Freeland	University of Tennessee	Constance Stevens & DAF
Celeste Pitter	Trinity College University	Class 1959, 1942, Bishop & Deborah Lyles, Continentals
Michael Smith, '13	Kentucky University	Dr. Lawrence & Julia Graves
James Duff	Cypress Fullerton College	James Pittman & Smoot Gilbane
Charles West	York College of Pennsylvania	Class of 1926
Marquis Chavies	Penn State University	Mathew Shannon & Class of 1957
Mecca Brown	Delaware State University, Dover DE	Class of 1959
Terry Talford	Marshall University	Class of 1952
Loren Robinson	Arizona State University	Dunbar Alumni Federation
Vernon Slater	Johnson State University	Charles Lofton Scholarship
Minnie Barnes	Trinity College University	Dunbar Alumni Federation & Class of 1959
Marcus Robinson	Music Industry	Class of 1957
Bernys White	University of the District of Columbia	Dunbar Alumni Federation & Special Financial Aid
Arkazia Caldwell, '13	Bennett College	Class of 1955 & Continuing Education
India Rand	Trinity College University	Dunbar Alumni Federation & Dr. Jeanne Sinkford
Johnathan Carrington, '13	Georgetown University	Dunbar Alumni Federation & Continuing Education
Selorme Agbleze	West Virginia University	DAF, Bishop Lyles & Deborah Lyles, Graves, 1961
Amber Harvey	MA-AAS	Mathew Shannon & Class of 1926
Kenya Battle	Livingstone College, Salisbury NC	Mathew Shannon & Class of 1963
Calvin Battle	Livingstone College, Salisbury NC	Shirley Grasty & DAF
Yadashi Del La Rosa	Potomac State College, West Virginia	Class of 1988-Anthony R. Cooper Scholarship
Alonzo Dixon	Garrett College	Class of 1951
Jonetta Jones	University of the District of Columbia	Mathew Shannon & Class of 1969

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<b>Student</b>	<b>Higher Education Institution</b>	<b>Sscholarship Contributors</b>
Thomas Pearson-Green '12	University of Wisconsin at Madison	Dunbar Alumni Federation
David Coates	Virginia University of Lynchburg	Mathew Shannon
Kyrie Givens	St. Augustine, Raleigh NC	Charles Lofton
Petrick Brice	Music Industry	Dunbar High School Faculty & Class of 1926
Hope Campbell	Trinity College University	Charles Lofton Scholarship & 1971
Mia Palutucci	Trinity University	Charles Lofton Scholarship & Class of 1955
Kiarra Kinard	Potomac State College, West Virginia	Charles Lofton Scholarship
Erica Lozano	Trinity University	Charles Lofton Scholarship
Dauzy Kamara	University of the District of Columbia	Charles Lofton Scholarship
Theophilous Washington	Transitioning	Charles Lofton Scholarship & Class of 1955
Dychell Rosenboro	Potomac State University	Charles Lofton Scholarship
Cesar Ramirez	Transitioning	Smoot Gilbane Joint Venture
Delonte Matthews	Benedict College	Smoot Gilbane Joint Venture
Kenneth Beckham	Chesapeake College	Class of 1926
Mylinh Nguyen	Transitioning	Class of 1926
Byron Ragland	Millersville University	Class of 1926
Silver Briscoe	Chowan University	Class of 1926
Kevin Thompson	University of the District of Columbia	Class of 1926
Kyarra Kinard	Potomac State College	Class of 1926
Diotay Jackson	Fayetteville State University	Joan White, 1949 & Dunbar Alumni Federation
Trayshun Robertson	Lincoln University	Class of 1951
Malont'a Patterson	Millersville University	Class of 1953 & Dunbar SHS Principal's Award
Trymel Reynolds	Alabama State University	Class of 1963
Damica Barnes	University of the District of Columbia	Dunbar Alumni Federation
Imane Parker	University of the District of Columbia	Dunbar Alumni Federation & TJMaxx
Sherri Cannon	University of the District of Columbia	Matthew Shannon
Jarayle Chambers	Transitioning	Matthew Shannon
Kejah Beckwith	Transitioning	Edward Meredith Scholarship Fund
Alex Rubio	Transitioning	Matthew Shannon
Da'Sean Kelley	Transitioning	Thomas Heggans, Jr, Class of 1955
Jamal Robinson	Transitioning	Laurence Hughes Nolan, Class of 1957
Lawrence Lockhart	Transitioning	TjMaxx & Youth Business Institute
Marie Edmonds	Transitioning	TjMaxx & Youth Business Institute

# Dunbar Alumni Individuals and Classes Rock

By *Carrie Thornhill and Ronald Crockett*  
1961 & 1952

Working in partnership with Dunbar's leadership and faculty, the Dunbar Alumni Federation is an alliance of Dunbar alumni, friends, and supporters to create better futures for Dunbar students and graduates. DAF primarily provides college scholarships, student financial aid, and various supports for students, faculty and school. It also champions school improvement and chronicles the history and legacy of Dunbar. How does DAF get its primary work done, one might ask? It does so primarily through the generosity of individuals and classes. Three examples of Individual and Class Participation are highlighted below.

## Contributing Scholarships

You should know that sixteen alumni classes donated scholarships of varying amounts to 38 students this year. These classes were: 1936, 1942, 1949, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1959, 1961, 1963, 1969, 1971, 1988, and 1989. In addition, 17 scholarships were named for individuals and 6 estates and memorials contributed to another 17 students. These individuals included: Dr. Barbara A. Gadegebeku, Bishop Lyle & Deborah Dukes '81 & '83, Dr. Jean Craig Sinkford '49, Joan White '49, James Pittman '51, Thomas Heggans, Jr '55, Laurence Nolan '57, Juanita Ross '51, Colbert King '57, General Francis X. Taylor '66, Faith Baker '91, Jane Martin Talbert '41, Eleanor Skinner Younger '49, Shirley Grasty '52 and William "Billy" Coward '49. The estates and memorials included the Class of 1926, in memory of Gloria Lorraine Johnson-Jones, in memory of Constance Stevenson '43, Dr. Lawrence & Julia Graves, Dr. Charles S. Lofton Memorial, and the Dunbar Holland Memorial Fund. A total of fifty (50) individuals contributed to scholarships over this past year.

## Sponsoring Reunions

While the DAF office volunteers do not profess to know of all the Reunions and other gatherings of classes over this past year, we note two that took place at Dunbar in 2014 and three others who notified us of their events.

- On May 31st, the Class of 1955 hosted its Get Together at the Arena Stage for its production of the Smokey Joe's Café Play. We're told 80 class members and friends were in attendance for the play and dinner.
- On June 7, the Class of 1959 hosted its 55 Reunion Celebration at the Signature Club at Regent Park in Bowie MD. We're told a great time was had by all.
- On June 22, the Classes of 1968 and 169 hosted a reunion picnic at Dupont Park in the city. We're told it was quite a "coming together" with great tee shirts, fried fish and all.
- On July 11th, organized by Robin Tyson et al, the Class of 1989 celebrated its 25th Reunion with a Meet & Greet, Building and Museum tour at Dunbar. Forty to fifty class members participated and raised over a thousand dollars, \$500 of which was immediately donated to Bernys White to help her with her tuition at UDC.
- On July 25, organized by Aquinos Butler et al, the Class of 1984 hosted its 20th reunion with a Meet & Greet, Building and Museum tour at Dunbar. Forty to fifty class members were in attendance. Like the class

of 1989, several class members immediately began participating in the planning of the Stadium Opening.

## Investing in DAF Alliance with Memberships

How does DAF underwrite the cost of printing the VINE newsletter? How does it support the SKI team, Debate Team, the band, faculty appreciation, insurances and auditing/financial reviews? We are glad you asked! As financial officials of DAF, we want you to know the funds that cover these basic expenses to support student and faculty development, communications and administrative costs are derived from your Lifetime, individual, and Class memberships as well as contributions to the annual appeal. Eighteen classes are currently members of DAF. These include: 1936, 1942, 1946, 1950, 1951, 1953, 1954, 1956, 1957, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1972, and 1985. Started in 2012 at the initiative of James and Albertina Gibson, class of 1950 and '51 respectively, Lifetime Memberships of \$500 per person have taken off. There were 7 in 2013 and 12 so far in 2014, including the Class of 1953. These membership fees are the minimal investments we make on an annual basis to ensure there are unrestricted funds to meet the operational demands and requirements of our alumni alliance so that we can carry out our important collective mission. Thank you all and keep those unrestricted contributions a-coming. ■

**It's about supporting the hopes, dreams  
and aspirations of young people! If we  
don't...who will?**

***Keep a pluggin' away!***

## Opening and Dedication of New Stadium and Athletic Field Complex



By **Carrie Thornhill**  
*Co-Chair, Stadium Opening Planning Committee*

**O**n Friday, August 22, and Saturday, August 23, 2014, we celebrated the opening and dedication of the new Dunbar Stadium and Athletic Field Complex. And we won the inaugural Dunbar vs McKinley Tech football game!

I am happy to acknowledge that the planning and implementation of the two day celebration was carried out by a 32 member committee of school and civic officials and alumni members. Of particular note was the enthusiastic participation of new alumni from the '70s, '80s, and '90s. The Dunbar Alumni Federation (DAF) predicted that the new building would help bring alumni together across the decades in ways not previously achieved. It is beginning to happen in earnest.

Like the Paul Laurence Dunbar Luncheon, the celebration was planned for broad participation. It played out on both days. On the terrace of the new stadium in the afternoon of Friday, August 22, 2014, Principal Stephen

**Pictured left to right: DAF Chairman James Pittman, Brian Halon, DGS Director, Joyce Robinson-Paul, 5E05 ANC Commissioner, Ada Johnson, Dunbar PTSA President, Council member Muriel Bowser, Council member Kenya McDuffie, Mayor Vincent C. Gray, Dunbar Principal Stephen Jackson and Dunbar football players.**

Jackson welcomed public officials, students, parents, faculty, alumni, civic leaders and past ROTC cadets, sports & athletic figures to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the opening of the new Dunbar Stadium and Athletic Field Complex. He noted that he was excited to have the attendees present to help us continue to usher in the 5th period in the history of the historic Paul Laurence Dunbar: **A NEW ERA DAWNING.**

After invocation by the Reverend Cheryl Saunders of the Third Street Church of God, the posting of the colors by the Dunbar JROTC, the singing of the National Anthem and *Lift Every Voice and Sing*, Carrie Thornhill presented Mayor Vincent C. Gray, who put away his speech and talked to his classmates about his personal perspective on the historic position of the stadium in the success and legacy

of Dunbar. His thoughtful comments were followed by enthusiastic greetings from Chancellor Kaya Henderson, wearing a Dunbar tee shirt; recognition of the architects and builders by Brian Hanlon, Department of General Services (DGS); and congratulations to school and alumni by Councilman Kenyan McDuffie and Councilwoman Muriel Bowser.

Then Mayor Gray, DAF Chairman James Pittman, DAF Secretary Blanche Smith, and Principal Jackson, along with students, parents and alumni, turned over dirt on a symbolic planting of a Heritage Time Capsule, which contained significant literature for future recovery. This ceremony was followed by recognition of past coaches and players and the Opening Planning Committee. The formal ribbon cutting, held at the entry to

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# The Paul Laurence Dunbar Alumni Awards Luncheon A Historic Event

**Did you miss out? Were you there? It's not often that we can be a part of an historic event!**

By **M. Cecile Mitchell**  
Class of 1960

**I**t's done! The first ever Paul Laurence Dunbar Alumni Awards Luncheon, held on Saturday, June 28, 2014, at The Bolling Club, Bolling AFB, Washington, DC, was a huge success! There were attendees from as far away as California, Connecticut, Michigan, Florida and every place in between. Classes from the decades of 1920 through 2010 were represented by alumni, family and friends. It was the first time ever in the history of the Dunbar Alumni Federation (DAF) that 10 decades were represented in one single event. And they came, more than **250** attendees, because they believe in the generations to come. That afternoon alone, the Scholarship Appeal generated more than **\$2500.00** in donations.

The Master of Ceremonies, Colbert King, '57, was masterful. He set the tone. We were there to have fun, celebrate the birthday of Paul Laurence Dunbar and honor our alumni. The response was overwhelming! Class leaders spoke of efforts to keep their classes active and their favorite alum, who was in many instances, the catalyst. The common theme was caring about each other through not only the good times but also, the not so good times. And always, they spoke of the scholarships for the next generation.

We heard stories that made you laugh, cry, and just put a big smile on your face. If you have never seen Therrell Smith, '35, shimmy, you "ain't" seen nothing. She literally danced from the podium. Then, there was the moving story of Faith Baker, '91. During a most difficult period in her young life, Dunbar's teachers, staff, and alumni stepped in. She credits this intervention with making her "the proud mother of a 6 year old, active in the church and community and a successful leader within her employing agency." She is also a staunch supporter of the Dunbar Alumni Federation Scholarship Fund.

Our Mayor Vincent Gray, '59, was enthusiastic about Dunbar. He is quite a story teller. We never fail to revel in the story of our Alma Mater and we know that there is more greatness to come! And we were entertained by our very own, Du)nbar Poetry Club. The Dunbar Poets performed excerpts from the poems of Paul Laurence Dunbar as well as their own original poems. It culminated with a moving recitation by their coach, James Barnes, of ***Keep A Pluggin' Away***.



**John Pinkard, Class of 1911, along with Paula Bess and Gloria Young, Class of 1961.**

DAF Chairman, James Pittman, conferred an Honorary Alumna status to Alison Stewart, in absentia. Ms. Stewart is a true friend of Dunbar High School. With her book, *First Class: The Legacy of Dunbar, America's First Black Public High School*, she has generated extensive national and local publicity to Dunbar's history and legacy. Also, Mr. Pittman presented the Living Legend Medallion to Louis Ivey, MD, for sustained and generous scholarship contributions to Dunbar students. He was not in attendance at the Opening Dedication Program of Dunbar High School in August, 2013.

The Class of 1955 walked away with top honors in three categories – Keep A Pluggin' Away, My Favorite Alum – Donald Wines and Class Participation – 40 attendees. What an honor! Kudos to the Class of 1955. The Class of 1955 is on target. Let's chant – ***We Want A Class Manual, We Want A Class Manual***. We could all benefit from direction. Donald, do you hear us?

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## The First Annual Paul Laurence D

1. Colbert I. King, Master of Ceremonies
2. James Barnes, Teacher/Coach, Dunbar High School Poetry Club
3. Keep A Pluggin' Away Award, Class of 1969, presenters Reid Rector and Chairman James Pittman
4. Keep A Pluggin' Away Award, William Billy" Coward for the Class of 1949, with presenters Reid Rector
5. Keep A Pluggin' Away Award, Donald Wines for the Class of 1955, with presenters Reid Rector and Chairman James Pittman
6. Keep A Pluggin' Away Award, Class of 1971, with presenters Reid Rector and James Pittman
7. Keep A Pluggin' Away Award, Class of 1985, with presenters Reid Rector and Chairman James Pittman
8. My Dunbar Story Award, Therrell Smith, Class of 1935, with Principal Stephen Jackson and Chairman James Pittman
9. My Dunbar Story Award, Lillian Cottom Ames, Class of 1942, with Principal Stephen Jackson and Chairman James Pittman
10. My Dunbar Story Award, Granville Woodson, Class of 1957, with Principal Stephen Jackson and Chairman James Pittman
11. My Dunbar Story Award, Betty Cole accepting for Carrie Thornhill, Class of 1961, with Principal Stephen Jackson and Chairman James Pittman
12. My Dunbar Story Award, Nannette Anderson, Class of 1983, with Principal Stephen Jackson and Chairman James Pittman
13. My Dunbar Story Award, Faith Baker, Class of 1991, with Principal Stephen Jackson and Chairman James Pittman





# Dunbar Alumni Awards Luncheon



14. My Dunbar Story Award, Stephanie Satchell, Class of 2008, with Principal Stephen Jackson and Chairman James Pittman



15. My Dunbar Story Award, Kathy Pearson Green, Class of 1957, with Principal Stephen Jackson and Chairman James Pittman



16. My Favorite Alumni Award, Bettie Cole accepting for Second Place Winner, Carrie Thornhill, Class of 1961, with presenters Derrick Stevenson and Chairman James Pittman

17. My Favorite Alumni Award, First Place Winner Donald Wines, Class of 1955, with presenters Derrick Stevenson and Chairman James Pittman

18. Pho Palmer, Class of 1985, Presenter for Scholarship Appeal

19. Presentation of the Living Legend Medallion to Louis Ivey, MD, Class of 1949 bt Chairman James Pittman



20. Presentation of Honorary Alumni Award to Alison Stewart, in absentia, by Chairman James Pittman

21. Class Participation Award, First Place, Class of 1955

22. Class Participation Award, Third Place, Class of 1951



23. Mayor Vincent Gray, '59, Therrell Smith, '35, and Deborah Johnson, '64, who lead the singing of the Alma Mater



## Keep A Pluggin' Away!



Principal Jackson, along with members of The Dunbar Poets, Darahik Robinson, Dionne Caldwell, and Dershika Robinson.

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The Presenters were represented by six class decades (1940 – 1990) – Reid Rector, '41; Colbert King, '57; Elder Joseph Gray, '68; Calvin Smith, '70; Pho Palmer, '85; and Derrick Stephenson, '94. Deborah Johnson, '64, led us in the singing of the Alma Mater. The Dunbar Faculty also participated – Principal Stephen Jackson, Presenter; James Barnes, The Poetry Club; Edward Anderson, Music Department; and Clifford Gibbs, Photographer. It was a great collaboration.

Needless to say, all this fun was the work of so, so many! The Planning Committee was personally committed to making this event a success. They were Nannette Anderson, '83; Gwendolyne Brown, '51; Bettie Cole, '61; Thomas Heggans, Jr, '55; Patricia Holloway, '69; Pho Palmer, '85; and Carrie Thornhill, '61. We also were greatly assisted by the DAF volunteer staff, Yvonne D. Baskerville, '53, our quality control/efficiency expert and Brenda Crockett, our computer guru. Our special thanks to the DAF Executive Board and the Fundraising and Membership Committee for their encouragement.

The eye catching publications and certificates were the designs of Granville Woodson, '57, G!Graphics, with print-



Mayor Vincent Gray, '59 and Bettie Cole, '61.

ing by Darrell Stoney, '84, Staples. Thanks to Jacqueline Shuler, '71, **The Red & Black Shop** was in full force allowing the shopaholics to order Dunbar memorabilia. Also, if you have not done so, check out <http://wapo.st/TIpi-TR>. We were spotlighted in the Washington Post, thanks to Colbert King, '57, renowned journalist and Pulitzer Prize recipient.

More importantly, we appreciate and thank all of you, Dunbar alumni, family and friends, who celebrated with us at this most historic event. We could not have done it without you!

In the spirit of Paul Laurence Dunbar, let's **Keep A Pluggin' Away**. ■

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the stadium, involved key public, school and civic figures. This was followed by a walk through the entryway where all marveled at the new, state-of-the-art stadium facility and witnessed a practice on the field by current Dunbar football players. The opening ceremony closed on Friday with a flag football game played under the lights by energetic alumni of the '70s, '80s, and '90s. ■



## And The Award Goes to...

By **Patricia Holloway**  
Class of 1969

The Alumni came from far and near to see their classmates, and to celebrate the years of conscientious effort made by many to promote the Dunbar spirit of excellence. The event was the first Paul Lawrence Dunbar Awards Luncheon held on Saturday, June 28th at the Bolling Club, Bolling AFB, Washington, DC. Representatives from 10 decades, 1920 – 2010, attended this historical occasion to see their classmates receive their long overdue acknowledgement for what they've done to help maintain the Dunbar spirit. Four categories of awards were presented: **Keep A Pluggin' Away**, **My Dunbar Story Award**, **My Favorite Alum**, and **Class Participation**.

The “**Keep A Pluggin' Away**” award was given to a class in each decade with the most creative ideas for maintaining class cohesiveness. The winners were the classes of 1949 (William “Billy” Coward), 1955 (Donald Wines), 1969 (Blanche Smith), 1971 (Jacqueline Shuler), and 1985 (Marcia Benson Saunders). Interestingly, their nomination forms showed that they promoted similar activities in their quest to facilitate class cohesion. They maintained regular communication with other alumni through reunion activities, volunteered their homes for meetings and other social occasions, made individual contacts to support members and families who were ill, disabled or deceased and who also notified other classmates of these events, and created ways to restore relationships with alumni who may not have had positive experiences at Dunbar. It was also noted that these winners encouraged their classmates to support scholarships to Dunbar High School students as a class or through the support of The Dunbar Federation.

The recipients of **The My Dunbar Story Award** were Therrell Smith, Class of 1935, Lillian Cottom Ames, Class of 1941, Granville Woodson, Class of 1957, Carrie Thornhill, Class of 1961, Nannette Anderson, Class of 1983, Faith Baker, Class of 1991, Stephanie Satchell, Class of 2008, and Thomas Pearson-Green, Class of 2010. Many interesting stories were submitted that recounted how they felt empowered by their experience at Dunbar. For instance, Therrell Smith, who began dancing and choreographing plays and operettas while a student at Dunbar, is still, 88 years later inspiring others with her passion for dance as she did recently in a recital performed on her 96th birthday for her church congregation or Granville Woodson, who after being encouraged by his art teacher, Ms. Cunningham, to express himself through art, pursued his dream by entering one of his posters in the National Capital Area Flower and Garden Show. That confidence transformed him into becoming one of the most successful graphic artists in the Washington, DC area. Despite the “intra-racial” consequences of the 1954 Board of Education decision which may have resulted in the loss of 50% of the fac-



ulty at Dunbar, Carrie Thornhill was still able to thrive there and become a leader of students. Her leadership experience and abilities transitioned her into becoming a public leader and servant, who was appointed by 4 mayors, chaired the Board of Zoning Adjustment, was Vice-President of UDC Board of Trustees, was an at-large member of the DC Board of Education, and served in many other public positions.

According to the testimonies of Lillian Ames and Nannette Anderson, Dunbar faculty members established nurturing relationships with them that not only made them feel special but also motivated them to achieve. They were encouraged to excel and given leadership opportunities that empowered them to accomplish successful careers. Other awardees, like Faith Baker, Stephanie Satchell, and Thomas Pearson Greene were also inspired and encouraged by faculty members and given resources to pursue their post-Dunbar training by Dunbar alumni.

The **My Favorite Alum Award** was awarded to the alum who received the most nominations for making exceptional contributions to their alumni class. The top three winners were: Donald Wines, Class of 1955, Carrie Thornhill, Class of 1961 and Blanche Smith, Class of 1969. Each was described as the catalyst that was instrumental in maintaining class cohesion and communicating to its members. Although others are involved in supporting their efforts, these people are usually the ones referred to as class leaders.

The **Class Participation Award** was presented to the top three classes with the most ticket sales. The luncheon had more than 250 attendees. The top three winners were the Class of 1955 with 37 tickets sold, the Class of 1961 with 27 tickets sold, and Class of 1951 with 20 tickets sold.

We thank all of you who took the time to submit your nominations. The next Paul Laurence Dunbar Alumni Awards Luncheon is scheduled for 2017. We are looking forward to another opportunity to show our appreciation for the efforts made to maintain the “**Keep a Pluggin' Away**” spirit to a new round of winners. ■



## Calendar of Events

September 24, 2014	@	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	DC CAS Test Results Celebration
September 25, 2014	@	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Congressional Black Caucus Foundation
September 26, 2014	@	8:00 am – 12 Noon	Dunbar Engineering Academy College Tour
September 26, 2014	@	TBA	History Makers Assembly
September 27, 2014	@	10:00 am – 12 Noon	DAF Monthly Meeting
October 3, 2014	@	7:00 pm	Dunbar at Anacostia
<b>October 10, 2014</b>	<b>@</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>H.D. Woodson at Dunbar Homecoming Game</b>
October 11, 2014	@	12 Noon – 4:30 pm	Class of 1954 – 60th Reunion at Dunbar
October 17, 2014	@	7:00 pm	Dunbar at Coolidge
October 24, 2014	@	5:00 pm	Class of 1979 – 35th Reunion at Dunbar
	@	7:00 pm	Dunbar vs Ballou at Spingarn
October 25, 2014	@	10:00 am – 12 Noon	DAF Monthly Meeting
October 30, 2014	@	7:00 pm	Anacostia at Dunbar
November 7, 2014	@	7:00 pm	Dunbar at Wilson
November 22, 2014	@	10:00 am – 12 Noon	DAF Monthly Meeting
December 19, 2014	@	6:30 pm	Class of 1994 – 20th Reunion-Meet & Greet
December 20, 2014	@	10:00 am	DAF Monthly Meeting
December 30, 2014	@	7:00 pm	DAF Reception for College Freshman
January 24, 2015	@	10:00 am – 12 Noon	DAF Annual Business Meeting
February 15, 2015	@	7:00 pm	JROTC Joint Military Ball
February 28, 2015	@	10:00 am – 12 Noon	DAF Monthly Meeting
March 28, 2015	@	10:00 am – 12 Noon	DAF Monthly Meeting
April 25, 2015	@	10:00 am – 12 Noon	DAF Monthly Meeting
May 23, 2015	@	10:00 am – 12 Noon	DAF Monthly Meeting
June 9, 2015	@	2:00 pm	Seniors' Scholarship Awards Ceremony
June 12, 2015	@	10:00 am	2015 Graduation Ceremony at Dunbar Stadium
June 14, 2015			National History Contest
June 27, 2015	@	10:00 am – 12 Noon	DAF Monthly Meeting

## Have you joined the Federation yet?

Your tax deductible membership dues will help some young person get a little closer to achieving their dream.

It's easier than ever, join online at...[dunbaralumnifederation.com](http://dunbaralumnifederation.com)

or send in your form or give us a call...202-724-4194

# In Memoriam

By *Yvonne McCall Baskerville*, '53

**“Some of our blessings that make life so sweet are the special people who share our early days.”**

Fellow Alumni: over the years we have learned that “Time is filled with swift transition.” We are striving to compile current documentation of the demise of our deceased Class Members. Often, we receive death notices and programs relative to their home going services or memorials. Some classes keep in touch with one another and provide us timely information concerning the decedent. Whereas, the Dunbar Alumni Federation is proud of all of its’ graduates, well known and otherwise; each is equally valuable and deserving of a place in our memories, and our archives. Here we share the names of all we know for 2014.

Alice Landria Grant Spraggins .....	August 3, 2014 .....	Class of 1925
Clemintine Brown .....	June 27, 2014 .....	Class of 1931
Henry Minton Francis.....	July 7, 2014.....	Class of 1940
Samuel W. Saunders .....	June 6, 2014 .....	Class of 1940
Vauline Moore Robinson .....	May 18, 2014 .....	Class of 1945
Dr. Abdulalim Abdullah Shabazz (born Lonnie Cross).....	June 25, 2014 .....	Class of 1945
Lois Anne Logan Baker .....	April 23, 2014.....	Class of 1951
Norma Tapscott Boyd.....	April 28, 1914.....	Class of 1951
Lewis West Marshall, Sr. ....	January 23, 2014 .....	Class of 1951
Shirley W. Roberts.....	March 25, 2014 .....	Class of 1951
Walter Riley .....	June 27, 2014 .....	Class of 1952
Shelvie Anne Lee McCoy, Ph. D.....	March 4, 2014 .....	Class of 1954
Elizabeth R. Wells Norris.....	July 30, 2014.....	Class of 1957
Rev. Edward E. Reed, Jr. “Snooky”.....	March 23, 2014 .....	Class of 1957
Celeste Loar .....	May 21, 2014 .....	Class of 1961

To this end, we call upon you, the active Alumni, to join us in identifying and assembling this growing collection of notices and obituaries. We solicit your timely support. Please mail your copies of Programs and/or death notices to:

Condolence Committee  
Dunbar Alumni Federation Office; Room #114  
Dunbar Senior High School  
101 N Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20001  
Attention: Yvonne McCall Baskerville  
*E-mail is also acceptable – yembask@live.com*

Finally, we read their names and share moments of respectful silence in honor of our deceased class members as an appropriate closing to our Monthly Meetings. Your assistance in this endeavor is appreciated. ■

## WANTED

Volunteers who want to “have the time of their lives” are invited to work in the exceptional Dunbar building, and engage and support fellow alumni, students and school leaders. We would love to have you come to work on Tuesday or Wednesday from 10:00 am – 4:00 p.m. What would you do you ask? You can do what I do mostly. The primary activities are to:

- Meet and greet Dunbar alumni in our office,
- answer phones,
- sell yearbooks and other souvenirs and
- document these activities.

The secondary activities are to: answer questions of school leaders and students about alumni activities or direct them to an officer or Committee Chair of DAF.

Are there things you can do from home that will be productive for you and useful to DAF? Yes, you can keep in touch with “longstanding” alumni members who may not currently use email or social media. Yes, you can call 5-10 alumni once a month and encourage them to stay in touch with each other. Yes, you can call 5 of our 1st year college students and give them encouragement and inspiration to study hard to show themselves approved. Yes, you can interview DAF officers and help us craft policies and procedures manuals for DAF operations. Yes, you can proof and edit the VINE and letters of fund solicitation. Yes, you can design a mentoring and tutoring program. Yes, you can help write proposals for funding. By donating just a few hours a week, you can advance the legacy of Dunbar

Yvonne Baskerville, Class of 1953  
DAF Office Volunteer Staff



Dunbar has produced  
persons of great  
achievement in the  
fields of law, education,  
medicine, the military  
and the arts. There will  
be more who reach for  
the stars. It's up to us  
to find them, and help  
them reach those stars.

**GIVE!**





# Dunbar Alumni Federation (DAF) Membership/Contribution/Donation Form

## MEMBERSHIP MAKES A DIFFERENCE



For the Gibsons, providing scholarship support and preserving the Dunbar legacy is a family affair. In responding to the Dunbar Alumni Federation Annual Membership Campaign, John M. Gibson, Class of 1950 and Albertina Hughes Gibson, Class of 1951 decided to do much more than pay their annual membership dues of \$25.00. As an alternative, they established two five hundred dollar (\$500.00) Lifetime Memberships which have been graciously accepted by the Federation. With the initiative of the Gibson's generosity, the DAF will continue to offer "Lifetime Memberships" in the amount of \$500, in order to enhance the foundation of the Federation mission to provide scholarship and other support to Dunbar students. Moreover, it will enhance our ability to tell the Dunbar story to future generations in order to ensure the legacy of Dunbar as a forever institution. ■

*We invite all alumni to respond to the Gibson's thoughtful challenge.*

Complete and mail this form along with your tax deductible payment to the DAF (address at the bottom of the form) for annual individual or class membership, lifetime membership, and/or to make a donation.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class of: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

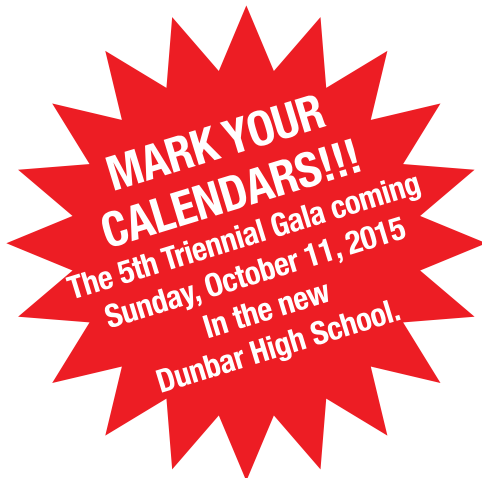
E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ I wish to become a new member of DAF. A check in the amount of \$25.00 is enclosed for one-year membership (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31).
- ☐ I wish to renew my membership in DAF for one year. A check for \$25.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ I wish to become a Lifetime Member of DAF. A check for \$500.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ The DHS Class of \_\_\_\_\_ wishes to establish a Class Membership in DAF for one year (Jan 1-Dec 31). A check for \$50.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ I wish to make a donation to the annual appeal. A check for \$60 or more is enclosed.
- ☐ I wish to make a donation to the DAF Scholarship Fund. A check in the amount of \$100 or more is enclosed.
- ☐ I wish to make a donation to the Endowment Fund. I pledge to contribute \$5,000 in increments of \$1000 per year for 5 years. A check in the amount of \$1000 is enclosed.
- ☐ I wish to make a donation to support the operations of the Dr. Lawrence E. Graves Museum for Dunbar History. A check in the amount of \$10,000 or more is enclosed.

I/we understand these tax exempt contributions will be used to benefit students, faculty, parents and graduates of the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School of Washington, DC.

**Please mail form and check to:** Dunbar Alumni Federation  
P.O. Box 60714  
Washington, DC 20039

**Visit our Website at  
[www.dunbaralumnifederation.org](http://www.dunbaralumnifederation.org)**



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**Stadium opening brings back dreams of glory!**