



THE 2015 FALL/WINTER EDITION

Celebrating the Class of 1965's Fiftieth Reunion at The Triennial Gala Reunion

A Reflection of the Greatness of Dunbar

Beverly Medlock '65

5th Triennial Planning Committee

Away", we the students in the class of 1965, hand-some and accomplished, were ready to fulfill our destinies. From there, we journeyed to the four corners of the world and left our mark in diverse places as well as in our own neighborhoods. We became lawyers, doctors, law enforcement officials, scientists, mathematicians, teachers, social workers, stay-at-home moms and dads, care givers, athletes, clergy, actors, artists and much more. Whatever it was that we became, one constant remained the same: we were the product of an educational environment that gave us the tools to exercise our minds intellectually, socially and artistically.

Wherever we served, we served with pride as the product of many people worthy of emulation. Our gratitude extended

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TIME FOR AN ALL CLASS REUNION

By Rebecca Jones '70

5th Triennial Planning Committee

When was the last time you got to see classmates that were a year ahead of you and a year behind you? Or classmates who went to Dunbar with your sister, brother or cousin? Don't you want to know whether they are still here or whether they are still smiling and tapping into their memories of Dunbar? Well, here is your CHANCE OF A LIFETIME to see, fellowship with, and renew friendships with classmates from all classes in all decades in the life of the historic Paul Laurence Dunbar High School. You wouldn't want to miss that.

Every three years we get the opportunity to share what Dunbar was like when Charles Lofton was principal, 1948-1964, when Dr. Tom Harper was principal, 1977-1983, when Dr. Eva Rousseau was principal 1984 -1996, or when Mr. Stephen Jackson was principal, 2009 to 2015. Or were you a member of the Future Teachers of America or Business Leaders of America? Did you play football or basketball during Dunbar's best times? Were you a Cheer Leader or Booster Club member, par excellence? This will be the time to reminisce about all of these memories and many more.

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Keep a Pluggin' Away



MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Dunbar Alumni, Friends and Supporters. As you may know, on Sunday, October 11, the Dunbar Alumni Federation (DAF) will host its 5th Triennial Gala – *A Red Carpet Affair*, from 2:30 pm until midnight at the new state-of-the-art Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

It is a most special occasion for a number of reasons. First, this event occurs only every three years. Second, at that time, we will announce the Paul Laurence Dunbar Legends and Pioneers Award selections. Recipients

of this most prestigious award will be acknowledged and their names permanently inscribed on floor plaques in the school building. Third, this gathering of alumni classes every three years is prescribed in DAF Bylaws to celebrate the rich history of Dunbar High School and its legacy of academic excellence. Fourth, this occasion also serves to recognize individuals and organizations whose activities and contributions best serve to promote, support and encourage the talented students of Dunbar to achieve their highest potential. It is certain to be the event of the season!

In this issue of the Vine, we pause to say goodbye to Principal Stephen Jackson who gave extraordinary work and dedicated service to improving the overall education and life skills of the students. Dunbar is also fortunate to now have an outstanding new principal in Abdullah A. Zaki, who was named as the 2013 DCPS Principal of the Year. Having served as Assistant Principal at both Ballou and Banneker High Schools, he comes to the position with recognized accomplishments at Kelly Miller Middle School. There he introduced a gifted-education program which resulted in a boost in student reading and math skills, along with a doubling of school enrollment.

The DAF Executive Board formally welcomed Principal Zaki at the recent July 11 Class Leaders' Meeting. We were pleased to hear of his experiences as an educator, his philosophy of establishing a culture of equity, excellence and expectations, along with his goal to raise Dunbar to the next level. Needless to say, we were enormously impressed, assuring him of our commitment to work with him in support of the educational programs at Dunbar.

I know it is summer. Nevertheless, I ask you to think ahead to the 2015 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC), which runs from September 1 to December 15, 2015, to support non-profit eligible organizations in their charitable activities. Federal workers are eligible to make payroll donations. In addition, Federal retirees may make one time or regular donations through bank savings, credit or debit cards. Interested retirees should contact their local CFC office for guidance. The National Capitol Area CFC Office can be reached on 202-659-2209. We are pleased to inform you that DAF is listed for donations under CFC code 96118. We encourage those eligible to take advantage of these convenient tools to make donations. Scholarship support is what we do, and only you can make it possible for Dunbar students.

Keep a-pluggin' away

James E. Pittman

Chairman, Dunbar Alumni Federation

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I Give Because...*



Jeanne Craig Sinkford '41, DDS, PHD

I give to the Dunbar Alumni Federation (DAF) because I value the quality of education that I received as a student and I care about its future. I give because I want the "Dunbar Experience" to mean

to its current students what it means to me and to the members of the Class of 1949!

We continue to count our blessings as we remember the unique academic environment at Dunbar that enriched our lives and prepared us for life's many challenges of both scholarship and citizenship. Our teachers at Dunbar were not only scholars and role models; they instilled in us values of civility, self pride and scholarly pursuits. They also helped us overcome the obstacles that surrounded us for they were living examples of individuals who had achieved their goals in spite of adversities they had encountered.

I give also in honor of members of my family who are alumni of Dunbar: my Mother, Geneva Jefferson Craig '24; and sisters: Julia Craig Graves'47 and Janet Craig Archer '52.

Lastly, I give because I support the mission of DAF and I believe that gifts to DAF from the Alumni collectively represent appreciation for the past, and hope that the Dunbar legacy will live on in the future of its graduates.



Faith A. Baker '91
Valedictorian

I give because I never forget where I came from. And how could I? Especially when so many caring people I met along my journey, helped shape and mold me to become the person I am.

Therefore, giving back comes so very, very easy to me.

Giving allows me to pay my gratitude forward – so someone else may be able to reap the same emotional support and financial benefits that were so graciously bestowed upon me nearly 25 years ago. Despite personal and financial obstacles, the late Dr. Lawrence Graves, Ms. Barbara Graham, the late Mrs. Eunice Jackson and so many other Dunbar Senior High School staff and former alumni, provided guidance and emotional support as I made my way through life's challenges.

For this I am eternally grateful – and the monetary and volunteer contributions that I am able to offer to a graduating Dunbar SHS student is my way of showing this appreciation. One can only wonder where life would have taken me – if not for the generosity, love, and financial incentives from those who helped me. Now, it is my turn to repay the gratitude.

Helping and supporting Dunbar SHS students is what everyone should do − We're all in this together! We're a family! ■

* If you would like to share your reasons for giving, please forward your story in 250 words or less to Dunbar Alumni Federation, P. O. Box 60714, Washington, D. C. 20039, Attn: I Give Because. For additional information, please contact the DAF Office, 202.724.4194.



HAT'S OFF TO A GREAT ALUMNA!

Whenever you visit Dunbar and walk into the Dunbar Alumni Federation (DAF) office, you will find Carrie Thornhill '61, Office Manager, sitting behind the desk to greet you. In the morning, she is there ready to assist anyone who walks through the door. After school hours, you will find her absorbed in one of her many DAF

projects. We often wonder if she spends the night!

As a Member of the DAF's Executive Board of Direc-

tors, Carrie serves as Treasurer as well as Co-Chair of the Fundraising & Membership Committee. Her dedication, commitment, and total involvement with DAF and Dunbar High School in general do not go unnoticed.

Hats Off and a special thank you, Carrie, for all that you have done, all that you are doing, and all that you continue to do with a competent and energetic spirit. Your labor of love is extremely appreciated!

The Vine Committee

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not only to the educators and administrators but also to the support staff who together equipped us with what we needed in order to be successful. We proudly displayed our own style and individuality because we had mentors – administrators, educators and supporters who encouraged us to use our ability to think.

The tradition continues. As we, the class of 1965, entered the graduation ceremony for the class of 2015, we could see the hope for future greatness. We listened to the comments of the great actor Lou Gossett who expressed his honor to be present at the graduation of this accomplished institution. We watched Principal Stephen Jackson, who reminded us of the energetic principal in the movie Cooley High, look over the class of 2015 with pride bringing them to greater heights of expectations before his departure from this great institution. Sitting in our place of honor, it was reminiscent of the hope that we had fifty years ago.

We can still see the same greatness in the new Principal, Abdullah Zaki and future classes can continue to celebrate the tradition that emanates from Dunbar. To remain a part of that future greatness, the class of 1965 is looking forward to holding its Fiftieth Class Reunion during the Triennial Gala at the new Dunbar High School. To them, the reunion will represent a vow to become mentors, develop talent and furnish scholarships to those embarking on their journey in the next half century.

We will... "Keep A Pluggin' Away"!

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The Time for the 5th Triennia Gala, all class reunion is near. It will take place on Sunday, October 11, 2015 in the majestic venue of Dunbar High School. There will be something for everyone; no matter what era or decade you attended Dunbar. There will be a Red Carpet and photographers for those who want to feel like Academy Award winners. There will be auctions for those who want to buy unique memorabilia, special household goods, event tickets or a Get-a-Way Weekend. There will be a scrumptious meal prepared by Sugar Experience and dancing to the music of the "Let It Flow" Band, and jazz keyboard artist, Ivan Goff. Casino games can be played just as if you were in Vegas. How's that for something for everyone! And you get all this for a mere \$75.00 per person or \$750 per table for your Class. You don't want to miss this time for an All Class Reunion!

The Combined Federal Campaign Workplace Giving

Your generous contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) helped the Dunbar Alumni Federation (DAF) with more than \$4,820.00 in donations last year! Consider supporting your workplace giving effort(s) and DAF by designating DAF as your Combined Federal Campaign recipient (#96118) this year. Federal government current and retired employees and members of the U.S. Military Forces can support the DAF community through the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) by designating their contribution to 96118. The CFC campaign season runs from September through December each year and solicits approximately 4 million federal employees in 260 locations. Thanks for thinking of the Dunbar Alumni Federation in your workplace giving.

Our 2015 goal is 10 donors and \$7,000. We can only do this with your help. ■

Support Dunbar Alumni Federation!

This is the goal they've reached. Help them go to further...





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All proceeds go to benefit the Scholarship Fund of the Dunbar Alumni Federation.



THE PAUL LAURENCE DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL **LEGENDS AND PIONEERS AWARDS**

By Jacqueline Shuler '71

Chair, Legacy Awards Committee

The Legends and Pioneers Award was first given to those alumni who had exemplified "Crimson Tide Pride" by demonstrating excellence in their chosen fields of endeavor. To commemorate the award, a floor plaque was presented to each alumnus at the grand opening of the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in August 2013. At that time, the Dunbar Alumni Federation (DAF) announced that a maximum of five floor plaques would be awarded every three years during its Triennial Gala to deserving alumni.

The Legacy Awards Committee is delighted to announce that twelve nominees were submitted for the "Legends and Pioneers Award". The Committee has now moved a step closer to selecting five distinguished individuals as recipients. The names of the award recipients will be announced at our 5th Triennial Gala on Sunday, October 11, 2015. Floor plaques commemorating the award will be installed in the school building.

The Committee members are: Jacqueline Shuler '71, Chair, Yvonne Baskerville '53, Ronald Crockett '52, Emory Givens '53, M. Cecile Mitchell '60, James Pittman '51, Dr. Gretchen Sewell, Dunbar High School, Blanche Smith '69, Calvin Smith '70, Bradley Thomas, Commissioner, ANC 5C01, and Carrie Thornhill '61.

As stated in our 2015 Vine Spring Edition, each recipient must meet the Dunbar Alumni Federation (DAF) award criteria listed below:

- Must be a graduate of Paul Laurence Dunbar High School (living or posthumous);
- Must have, or is currently contributing to the positive growth of Dunbar and/or DAF, i.e., volunteering, mentoring, tutoring, financial contributions;
- Must have demonstrated outstanding contributions in his/her field of endeavor. Areas of achievement may include education, law, industry, medicine, arts, public service, business, entertainment, sports and the military.

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LEGENDS AND PIONEERS FLOOR PLAQUE DIRECTORY

| Name | Year | Recognition | Plaque Number |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| James G. Banks | 1936 | Director, Redevelopment | 1-018 |
| William C. Burton II, MD | 1940 | Brigadier General (RET Military Cdr) | 2-011 |
| Aurelius Benn | 2007 | NFL Player | 2-019 |
| James E. Bowman, Jr | 1936 | Scientist & Medical Doctor | 1-049 |
| Herman Branson, PhD | 1932 | Physicist, Inventor | 2-046 |
| Arthur Brooks Col. USA | Faculty | DC Cadet Organizer | 3-013 |
| Elmer T. Brooks | 1949 | Brigadier General, USAF | 1-075 |
| Roscoe C. Brown, Jr, PhD | 1939 | College Dean & Tuskegee Airman | 2-006 |
| | | Chief Judge | |
| | | Lieutenant General USA CMDR | |
| Lawrence C. Chambers | 1948 | Rear Admiral, USN GP | 1-021 |
| Kaye K. Christian | 1971 | Senior Judge, DC | 1-010 |
| | | Founder, Omega PSI PHI Faternity | |
| | | Federal City College | |
| | | Coach, Educator | |
| | | NFL Player | |
| Adelaid Cromwell, PhD | 1936 | African Studies Cdr | 0-012 |
| Fredrick E. Davison | 1934 | Major General, USA, Div Cmdr | 1-013 |
| | | Grandson of Frederick Douglas | |
| John Duren | 1976 | NBA Player | 1-102 |
| David H Eaton | 1950 | President DC School Board | 3-006 |
| | | Poet | |
| | | Band Leader & Composer | |
| | | Lieutenant Colonel, USA, Dep. Asst | |
| | | President AM Cancer | |

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Dr. James Bruce '46 - Fulbright Scholar, published author and university professor at the University Chicago, as well as Soka University in Japan. Dr. Bruce has been a DAF member since 2008 and has been a generous contributor to the DAF scholarship fund and Annual Appeal;

Benjamin Burgess '72 – business administrator and advocate of religious freedom and human rights. Mr. Burgess has been tremendously successful in soliciting new members to DAF and works as a volunteer with the present JROTC program at Dunbar;

Austine Fowler '53 – distinguished and decorated educator training potential Early Childhood teachers in DC, Midwestern Indian reservations, Guam, England, Germany, and other countries. Mrs. Fowler serves on several DAF's committees and is a very generous contributor to the scholarship fund. She also financially supports the present DHS cheerleaders' squad;

Annie Mair '67 – dedicated principal, acclaimed and innovative teacher, principal mentor and curriculum developer for DCPS for forty-two years. Mrs. Mair is an active participant in many alumni sponsored activities and contributes financially to special initiatives;

Dr. Abulalim Shabazz '45 – esteemed mathematician, professor at several historically black colleges and universi-

ties, including the Tuskegee Institute. Dr. Shabazz founded The Muhammad University of Islam serving pre-schoolers through college-age students. The Class of 1945 established the Dr. Abulalim Shabazz Memorial Scholarship for future Dunbar graduates;

Blanche Smith '69 – social justice advocate who has worked tirelessly with the United Nations on issues affecting women and children known as "Church Women United". Mrs. Smith is charter lifetime member of the DAF and currently serves on the Executive Board as Secretary. She also serves as a mentor to Dunbar students; and

Rev. Dr. Leonard Smith '81 - prominent spiritual leader, teacher, lecturer currently ser^oves as the pastor of Mt Zion Baptist Church in Arlington, VA since 1991; and Chancellor of the Richmond Virginia Seminary. Rev. Dr. Smith has been a substantial financial contributor to Dunbar's Marching Band and has also served as Commencement Speaker on two occasions.

All of our finalists are deserving of this award for their outstanding service in their fields of expertise, but most importantly, for the wealth of contributions each has made toward the positive growth of Dunbar High School and DAF though mentoring, volunteering and/or financial contributions. Congratulations and good luck to all!

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| Name | Year | Recognition | Plaque Number |
|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| Brandon Gilbeaux | 2005 | NFL Player | 0-008 |
| | | Rose Bowl MVP | |
| Johnny Grier | 1965 | NFL Official | 2-041 |
| Garnet W. Hammond | 1941 | Scholarship Benefactor | 0-002 |
| | | Astronomer | |
| | | VA Medical Director | |
| | | Author | |
| | | Surgeon | |
| Barbara T. Jackson, PhD | 1955 | Acclaimed Educator | 2-005 |
| | | Radio Hall of Fame | |
| | | DHS Football Coach | |
| | | DC Cabinet, Youth Ofc | |
| | | Poet Laureate DC | |
| Colbert L. King | 1957 | Pulitzer Prize Winning Journalist | 0-011 |
| | | Scholar, Presidential Advisor | |
| | | Humanitarian | |
| | | Superintendent DCPS | |
| | | Education Activist | |
| B. Doyle Mitchell, Sr | 1932 | Bank President | 4-006 |
| Flaxie M. Pinkett | 1932 | Businesswoman & Civic Leader | 3-011 |
| James E. Pittman | 1951 | DAF Founder | 1-048 |
| | | Senior Judge, DC | |
| | | Pioneer in Black Theatre | |
| | | Acclaimed Stage Artist | |

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Classmates' Corner

The Vine Committee is pleased to announce its newest feature in the Vine newsletter, "Classmates' Corner". We will spotlight individual alumni as well classes, events and stories of interest.

In this edition, we found it most fitting to offer our birthday well wishes to our oldest alum, Alyce Dixon '25. Many of you may remember that Ms. Dixon was present during the Grand Opening of the new and innovative Dunbar High School in August 2013. At that time, she spoke and expressed her delight in being able to attend the ceremony.

If you or someone else would like to be considered for "Classmates' Corner", please forward the story in 300 words or less to Dunbar Alumni Federation, P.O. Box 60714, Washington DC 20039, Attn: Classmates' Corner. Each Vine newsletter will feature an individual alumnus or class. The Vine Committee will make the selection and the article will be published along with a photograph. The selected entrant will be notified prior to their article being published. For additional information, please contact the DAF Office, 202,724,4194.

Happy 108th Birthday! May You Have Many More!

Alyce Dixon '25 - Dunbar's Oldest Alum

Yvonne Baskerville '53

Vine Committee



Orporal Alyce
Dixon '25 is described on Facebook
and Google as one
of the first AfricanAmerican women
to join the military
and to actually serve

overseas. All those things being true, she is still a proud graduate pointing to her Dunbar "Living Legend" award that hangs in a special place of honor with the "Presidential Award" she received in 2014 from President Barack Obama, who she described as "brilliant".

While working in the secretarial pool at the Pentagon, which she describes as the "boring phase of her life", Ms. Dixon decided not to just sit and await another typing assignment. At the ripe old age of 31, she joined the Women's Army Corps (WAC) in 1943. Soon she was assigned to the U.S. Army #6888th Postal Battalion sorting delayed mail in

the Central Postal Office delivery for our servicemen in both England and France. She is proud to have served her country in a more robust realistic capacity.

Alyce Dixon has always followed the 'beat of her own drum' and today, at the VA's Community Center where she holds court, she is the oldest and best known resident. Another Dunbar Alumna, Ms. Alma Love '73, arrived during our visit. Ms. Love had previously served as a Nurse to Ms. Dixon long before finding out that they were both graduates of "The Dunbar High".

Ms. Dixon remains smart and impeccable in her grooming with well-manicured nails in a bright version of Dunbar red. She points out dozens of cards and photos from family, friends, and unknown folk that continue to reach out to her. She keeps her personal items and memorabilia well-organized. She is still an avid reader and conversationalist.

Joyfully, Alyce Dixon is looking forward to her next birthday on September 11, with the same resilient spirit and emotional strength that has sustained her to this 107th year.

She is still a pluggin' away!!

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| Name | Year | Recognition | Plaque Number |
|------------------------------|---------|--|----------------------|
| Hugh G. Robinson | 1949 | Major General, USA | 1-125 |
| William H. Rumsey, Sr | Faculty | Acclaimed Cadet Cdr | 2-002 |
| | | Investment Banker | |
| Jeanne C. Sinkford, DDS | 1949 | Dean, HU College of Dentistry | 2-018 |
| Dr. Billie Taylor | 1938 | Jazz pianist | 1-028 |
| | | College Dean | |
| | | Brigadier General, USAF | |
| | | School & Civic Leader | |
| Maurice T. Turner, Jr | 1953 | DC Chief of Police | 2-023 |
| Annice R. Wagner | 1955 | Chief Judge, DC | 1-052 |
| | | Pulitizer Prize Winning Musician | |
| Joseph A. Walker | 1952 | Tony Award Winner | 0-016 |
| | | M Street High School | |
| | | Acclaimed Educator | |
| Nat Whitmeyer | 1958 | NFL Player | 3-010 |
| | | VP AM EX, MACY'S | |
| | | Acclaimed Educator | |
| | | Assistant Superintendant, DC Public School | |
| Legend: 0-000 – Ground Floor | | 2-000 – Second Floor 3-000 – Third Floor | 4-000 – Fourth Floor |





Alumni Scholarship Awards More Do

By Carrie L. Thornhill, '61

Member Dunbar College Scholarship Task Force

his year's Scholarship Awards Program for graduating seniors was held on Tuesday afternoon, June 9, 2015 in the majestic Dunbar armory. LaShawn Montgomery, Counselor for Dunbar's Class of 2015, and Ronald Crockett, Vice Chair of the Dunbar Alumni Federation (DAF) co-hosted the event. Principal Stephen Jackson gave an enthusiastic welcome and DAF Chairman James E. Pittman graciously stated the occasion for the 200 plus audience of students, families, friends and supporters. DC CAP Director John Wiley and DAF's Treasurer Carrie Thornhill assisted with the presentations.

Over the next 3 hours, 80 Dunbar students received scholarships, 65 of whom were 2015 graduates and 15 who were continuing college students from the classes of 2012, 2013, and 2014. Twenty two alumni classes awarded scholarships totaling \$21,750. They are: 1926, 1932, 1936, 1942, 1946, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1961, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1971, 1979, 1983, 1988, and DAF. Thirty two individual alumni awarded \$78,400 in scholarships in honor of loved ones, endowments and estates. Alumni also underwrote \$17,000 in special faculty and administration recognitions.

Community groups including the Kappa Scholarship Endowment Fund, Pearl & Ivey Educational Foundation of the Alpha Kappa Alpha – Xi Omega Chapter, David Rubenstein Economic Club, Capital City Chapter LINKS, Shaw Community Ministry, DC CAP and others awarded \$48,500 in scholarships.

This year's scholarships totaled \$165,650. All students who submitted an application for a scholarship received a minimum of \$500. Others who supplied resumes, essays and letters of recommendation were eligible for \$1000 and up. Several students received individual scholarships valued at \$3000 to \$10,000. Two of our students received scholarships totaling over \$15,000. Seven of our graduates were acknowledged for having chosen the military as their pathway to higher achievement.

We are happy to note that the amounts noted in this article do not include all of the grants and loans our students received to help them pursue their dreams and higher education goals. However, the contributions from alumni classes, friends, supporters and the community go a long way to help propel our students to the trajectory for college, career success and greatness.

During July and August, students and parents will be bringing enrollment acceptance documents, financial aid awards, class schedules and other information to the DAF



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Jollars to Help More Students in 2015



office to claim the scholarship awards announced on June 9. Students who signed up for a free membership in DAF will receive periodic communications to help them keep in touch with other alumni students and DAF.

On December 29, 2015 at Dunbar, DAF will conduct its second *Trials, Tribulations and Triumphs Panel and Pizza Party* for first year and continuing college students. This event will afford students an opportunity to share their concerns and/or challenges as well as their successes in navigating the demands of college. Care packages will also be handed out to college students who are home for the holidays.

We are deeply grateful for the many givers who reach back unselfishly to create better futures for the next generation!

Senator Edward W. Brooke Leaves Scholarship Legacy

By James E. Pittman '51

Chairman, Dunbar Alumni Federation

Agrant of \$55,230.81 was awarded the Dunbar Alumni Federation from the Community Foundation of the National Capital Region. It was created by a 1999 gift from Senator Edward W. Brooke to award scholarships to graduating Dunbar students. These monies will be invested in the DAF Endowment Fund for growth, which will ensure future scholarship awards.

In the years 2004 and 2005, ten named scholarships for Senator Edward W. Brooke were made. This year, there were ten additional Brooke Scholarship Awards presented at the 2015 Senior Scholarship Awards Program.

Senator Edward W. Brooke, a 1936 Dunbar graduate, who died at age 95, gave distinguished combat service during World War II in Italy and made history in 1966 as the first African American popularly elected Senator since Reconstruction. His extraordinary life of accomplishments was recognized with numerous awards, including the 1967 Spingarn Medal from the NAACP; the Congressional Gold Medal in 2009, and he also was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2004.

The Dunbar Alumni Federation and Dunbar High School gave tribute to Senator Brooke with a wreath laying ceremony on January 7 at his wall plaque located in the Dunbar Armory Atrium. Participants in this solemn ceremony included JROTC, students, faculty, alumni and Living Legend Reid Rector '41, family and personal friend of Senator Brooke. The video of the ceremony is available in the archives of the Dr. Lawrence E. Graves Museum of Dunbar History.

DAF Cookout

An Alumni Celebration in the Park

By M. Cecile Mitchell '60 Fundraising & Membership Committee

n Sunday, July 19, 2015, Watkins Regional Park in Upper Marlboro, MD, was the PLACE TO BE!!!

They came from far and near. They came by Uber and Metro Access. They came by cars, pickup trucks and SUVs. And they were READY! They brought tents and chairs. They played cards. They socialized. They ate and then ate again. And most importantly, THEY HAD A BALL!

Despite the sweltering heat, alumni, friends and supporters were determined to attend the first ever Dunbar Alumni Federation (DAF) Cookout! Approximately 350 – 400 people representing alumni from 6 decades ('50s - '00s) were present. And although it was HOT, HUMID and the sun was shining very brightly, it did not stop the Dunbar family from coming out and seeing fellow classmates, meeting old friends and making new ones. The Dunbar classes of 1979, 1981 and 1983 had the largest number of participants, respectively. The class of 1981 even had a classmate from Florida present.

A special thank you is extended to the driving force behind the event, Nannette Curry '83, who not only initiated and coordinated the event but also created the cookout flyer and got the word out to alumni via not forget Calvin Smith '70 and Norman Hawkins '70 for manning food was delicious and plentiful and those classmates who brought such wonderful side dishes and desserts to share. And thanks to Anthony Hall '86, VideoPics "Making Memories", the photographer, who took so many

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beautiful pictures.

And lastly, many, many thanks to all of you who came to share in DAF's first ever Alumni Cookout event and to DAF Executive Board and Committee Members, Nannette Curry '83, James Pittman '51, and Calvin Smith '70, for a job well done! ■

Class Leaders' Meeting Sharing Makes Us Stronger

By Calvin Smith '70

Co-Chair, Fundraising Membership Committee

The class leaders, representing 16 alumni classes, met on Saturday, June 20, 2015. We had a great time fellowshipping and coming together for our common cause, DUNBAR. At the meeting, we discussed the upcoming 5th Triennial Gala - A Red Carpet Affair on October 11, 2015, and the need to have maximum participation. Unfortunately, a member of every class was not present but we hope the future participation will include everyone, especially representatives from classes in the 80s, 90s, 2000s and 2010s, to help shape the direction of the Federation.

The Committee also discussed making the mission and purpose of DAF more visible to recent graduates in order to increase their participation in the Federation. We agreed that the Cookout scheduled for July 19th would be an excellent start to accomplish this goal because it would bring classes together in an informal and festive manner. Increasing the use of social media (FaceBook, Classmate.com, Twitter and Instagram) would also get the word out to more alumni in lieu of traditional methods.

We received greetings from the new principal, Mr. Abdullah Zaki. Principal Zaki comes to Dunbar with a great track record of success from previous schools including Banneker, Ballou and at his last stop, Kelly Miller Middle School; he was named Principal of the Year. In his comments, he explained the importance of getting results and being accountable. He was blown away with the commitment and dedication of DAF and our desire for the past, current and future success of Dunbar students.

Our next meeting will be at 10 am on September 12, 2015, at Dunbar to discuss the upcoming Triennial and other future events. PLEASE join us on the 12th with your thoughts and ideas to help continue the greatness of our beloved alma mater, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

See everyone then.

Classmates.com and Facebook. Let's the grills and making sure that all the





Dunbar High School Turnaround

A Leader Departs – A Leader Arrives

By Carrie L. Thornhill '61

School Improvement Team



Principal Stephen Jackson ended his tenure at Dunbar High School on June 26. He gathered the faculty, staff and alumni in the Media Center on Tuesday, May 26, 2015, to thank them for helping him to stop the academic and social decline at Dunbar and to move our beloved high school in the right direction. He noted the following among

the many amazing things they accomplished together:

- Led the school through a transition that resulted in a 24 point increase in reading scores and a 7 point gain in math scores over the previous year—the largest gain in all DC Public Schools (DCPS) during the 2013-2014 school year;
- Launched the first Ninth Grade Academy which was used by Chancellor Kaya Henderson as the model for implementation across all comprehensive high schools in Washington, DC. The first freshman cohort has an on-time graduation rate of 98 percent;
- Utilized an All-Academy model which includes a recognized Engineering Academy;
- Designed and implemented the first Twilight Academy for over aged and under-credited students, resulting in a decrease in the school's dropout rate;
- Worked with architects, builders, and community leaders in the development and opening of a new \$122 million state of the art 21st Century Dunbar facility;
- Certified Dunbar in 2015 as a LEED Platinum Technology Campus and the "greenest" school in the world;
- Collaborated with the Dunbar Alumni Federation (DAF) to develop and install an in-school, historical Museum on Dunbar history and to award of over \$100,000 annually in scholarships to graduating students; and
- Expanded community partnerships to benefit the school and brought local and national attention to Dunbar's progress in major news outlets.

Few can or will argue against these and many other accom-

plishments in Mr. Jackson's 6 year tenure. He leaves at a high point and plans to pursue other educational pursuits. Chancellor Kaya Henderson wrote in her May 30, 2015, letter to the Dunbar School Community: "We want to sincerely thank Stephen Jackson for his leadership and service to the Dunbar community. His leadership, especially his focus on building on the rich history of the school to foster student learning and community partnerships, has established the foundation for Dunbar moving forward."



In an effort to maintain academic progress at Dunbar and to ensure a seamless transition for the school community, Chancellor Henderson appointed Abdullah Zaki II, DCPS's Principal of the Year in 2013, as the new principal of Dunbar. Principal Abdullah Zaki arrived on June 29, 2015, and he comes to Dunbar with nearly 15 years of experience

as an urban educator in the District of Columbia. Principal Zaki has taught Advanced Placement language arts at Roosevelt High School, and served as an assistant principal at both Ballou High School and Benjamin Banneker Academic High School. For the past 5 years, he was principal of Kelly Miller Middle School where he designed and installed two Gifted and Talented programs and was instrumental in significantly decreasing truancy and suspension rates. Most importantly, Kelly Miller students' DC CAS test scores increased by more than 30 percent in math and 15 percent in reading over a four year period.

Principal Zaki holds a bachelor's degree in English from Howard University, a master's degree in secondary education from Trinity University and a master's in executive leadership from Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business. He is holding individual meetings with members of the Dunbar Family and has met with Chairman Pittman and alumni in attendance at the July 11, 2015, Class Leaders' meeting. Already, he is being labeled thoughtful, calming, strategic, a collaborator, a "great fit" for Dunbar, and a" rock star." We are excited about the possibilities and look forward to Dunbar moving to the next level of greatness. We welcome Principal Zaki with open arms and wish him all the best in maximizing the potential of the historic Paul Laurence Dunbar.



In Memoriam

John H. Pinkard – Our Oldest Active Member



By Ronald Crockett '52 Vice Chair, Dunbar Alumni Federation

John H. Pinkard was a marvel. He was a teacher, physicist, and violinist, and at 100 plus years, he was still driving and enjoying an active life style. John would drive in from Riderwood Village in Silver Spring to attend many Dunbar Alumni functions

including the DAF Paul Laurence Dunbar Awards Luncheon held at the Joint Bolling Anacostia Base in June 2013.

He was an early scholarship contributor and attendee at the Dunbar Senior Awards Day and became an official DAF member in 2009. We warmly remember and looked forward to John attending functions at the New Jersey Avenue building. He was always asked to drive to the front where members would reserve a parking space for him. If he found a space on the street, however, John would park and walk to the school. He continued that practice at the new school and would enjoy our suggesting that folks might consider leaving early before he got ready to drive back to Riderwood.

Alumni classes would invite John to their reunions and took great pleasure in introducing him from the Dunbar Class of 1929. And we are sure he enjoyed being the only man

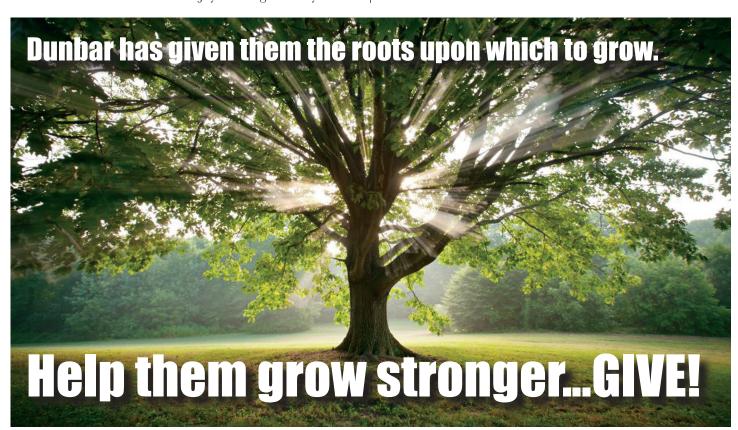
standing for the decade of the Twenties when the "Decade Roll Call" was held at our Triennial Galas.

John was born in 1911 and graduated from Howard University with a Master's degree in Physics in 1938. He taught mathematics and science at Browne Jr. High School and during World War II, he worked at the National Bureau of Standards on a special Navy guided missile project.

A member of Shiloh Baptist Church since 1924, John was ordained a deacon in 1974 and served as secretary of the Joint Board of Deacons and Trustees for 15 years. He also was active in the Sunday School during the 1930s and 1940s. In addition to playing the violin in many church presentations, he was Deacon Emeritus of Calvary Circle, a member of the Senior Citizens Club, the Shiloh Credit Union, and the Mutual Aid Society. Most Sundays, the delight of his life was to work with the Shiloh Audio and Television Group in the audio control booth.

He lived with his wife, Ophelia T. Pinkard, in Riderwood Village Retirement Community, where he was active in the Computer Club, Chess Club, and the Woodworkers. His wife died in 2011, ending 59 years of a fruitful marriage.

John died on May 14, 2015. We will miss him greatly. ■



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By Yvonne McCall Baskerville '53

Condolence Committee

"Our memories build a special bridge, when loved ones have to part. To help us feel we're with them still and sooth the grieving heart. Our memories span the years we shared, preserving the ties that bind. They build a special bridge of love, and bring us peace of mind."

In sincere appreciation for your continued support to this memorable endeavor, we share the following names:

| Gloria Sechrest Alston | February 27, 2015 | |
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| Martha George Boxley | April 12, 2015 | |
| Shirley Marcellina Brooks | March 23, 2015 | |
| Lloyd W. (Chuckie) Dill | May 23, 2015 | Class of 1971 |
| Shereen Brack Dodson | June 11, 2015 | |
| Ceneca Lavar Espinoza, Sr | July 26, 2015 | |
| Arlene Gipson Gibbs | April 11, 2015 | |
| Jesse C. Grier | August 2015 | Class of 1960 |
| Michael G. Hawkins | May 31, 2015 | |
| Charlotte Holloman | July 30, 2015 | Class of 1937 |
| Addison R. Johnson | June 28, 2015 | |
| Janet Mathilde Joice | June 22, 2015 | |
| Rev. William Eugene Lattimore | July 6, 2015 | |
| Dr. Wilbert "Skip" Norman | March 17, 2015 | |
| John H. Pinkard, Jr | May 6, 2015 | |
| Myron Robertson | March 12, 2015 | Class of* |
| William L. Rue | April 26, 2014 | |
| Ruth Baskin Savage | April 28, 2015 | |
| Lisa Carter Taylor | July 26, 2015 | |
| Bessie Jackson Thomas | July 6, 2015 | |

As always, our research goes on and we solicit your assistance in acknowledging each member of our Dunbar Family as they depart from this earthly plane. We read these names and share moments of respectful silence in honor of our deceased class members as an appropriate closing to our monthly meetings. Continue to mail your copies of Programs and/or Death notices to:

> Dunbar Alumni Federation PO Box 60714 Washington, D.C. 20039 Attn: Yvonne McCall Baskerville

Emails are also accepted at dunbaralumnifederation.orgdaf@gmail.com Please direct your questions to the DAF Office, 202.724.4194



Dunbar High School Alumni Federation Newsletter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Date | Time | Event |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|---|
| August 19, 2015 | 6:00 – 8:30 pm | STEM NIGHT |
| August 22, 2015 | 6:00 pm | Dunbar Football Game at McKinley Tech |
| August 24, 2015 | ALL DAY | School Year 2015-2016 Opens |
| August 29, 2015 | 6:00 pm | Dunbar Football Game vs. Roosevelt |
| September 3, 2015 | 5:30 pm | BACK to SCHOOL NIGHT |
| September 4, 2015 | 7:00 pm | Dunbar Football Game at St. Mary's |
| September 6, 2015 | 5:30 pm | Back to School Night |
| September 18, 2015 | 6:00 pm | Dunbar Football Game at Phelps |
| September 19, 2019 | 10:00 am – 12 Noon | |
| September 25, 2015 | 6:00 pm | |
| September 26, 2019 | 10:00 am – 12 Noon | DAF Monthly Meeting |
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| October 2, 2015 | 6:00 pm | |
| October 2-3, 2015 | Weekend | |
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| October 11, 2015 | 2:30 pm – Midnight | |
| October 13-16, 2015 | | HOMECOMING WEEK |
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| October 17, 2015 | 10:00 am – 12 Noon | 5th Triennial Debriefing Meeting |
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| | | Football Game vs. Wilson (Senior Day) |
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| December 29, 2015 | 11:00 am – 3:00 pm | |
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| August 12, 2016 | 10:00 am – 12 Noon | 1956 Class 60th Reunion at Dunbar |

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SUMMARY FINANCIAL DATA

| | Jan - Mar | Amount (\$) | Apr – Jun | Amount (\$) | Jul – Aug | Amount (\$) | Cumulative | To Date |
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| | 2015 | | 2015 | | 2015 | | Item Number | Amount |
| Memberships | | | | | | | | \$ 6,410.00 |
| New | 26 | \$ 675.00 | 20 | \$ 1,000.00 | 3 | \$ 75.00 | 49 | \$ 1,750.00 |
| Renewals | 74 | \$ 1,875.00 | 17 | \$ 425.00 | 2 | \$ 50.00 | 93 | \$ 2,350.00 |
| Life | 1 | \$ 500.00 | 1.5 | \$ 750.00 | 1 | \$ 500.00 | 3.5 | \$ 1,750.00 |
| Class | 4 | \$ 210.00 | 7 | \$ 350.00 | 0 | | 11 | \$ 560.00 |
| Student | 43 | ** | | | | | 43 | |
| Donations | | | | | | | | \$132,853.48 |
| Scholarships | 24 | \$ 9,730.89 | 32 | \$48,307.59 | 1 | \$ 100.00 | 57 | \$ 58,138.48 |
| Annual Appeal | 30 | \$ 2,425.00 | 6 | \$ 2,360.00 | 4 | \$2,160.00 | 40 | \$ 6,945.00 |
| Endowment | 3 | \$67,770.00 | | | | | 3 | \$ 67,770.00 |
| Sales | | | 3 | \$ 261.00 | | | 3 | \$ 261.00 |
| | | \$83,185.89 | | \$53,453.59 | | \$2,885.00 | | |
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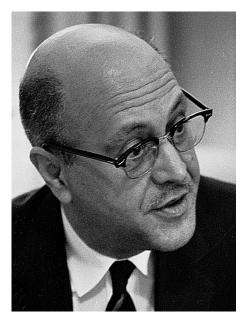




Dunbar has produced persons
of great achievement in the
fields of law, education,
medicine, the military and the
arts. More of its students are
destined for greatness. It's up to
us to find them and help them
reach the stars.











Top to bottm, left to right: Dr. W. Montague Cobb, Nannie Helen Burroughs, The Honorable William H. Hastie, Anna J. Cooper, The Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, The Honorable Robert C. Weaver, Elisabeth Catlett, General Benjamin O. Davis

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| | I wish to become a new member of DAF. A check in the amount of \$25.00 is enclosed for one-year membership. | | | | | | |
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| | I wish to make a donation | to the annual appeal. | A check for \$60 | 0.00 or more is enclosed. | | | |
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| | I wish to make a donation to the Endowment Fund. I pledge to contribute \$5,000.00 in increments of \$1,000.00 per year for 5 years. A check in the amount of \$1,000.00 is enclosed. | | | | | | |
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DON'T MISS OUT! THERE'S STILL TIME TO REGISTER! THIS ONE WILL BE LIKE NONE BEFORE!

REGISTER BEFORE SEPTEMBER 11 TO LOCK IN YOUR TABLE

5TH TRIENNIAL GALA A RED CARPET AFFAIR

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2015 @ DUNBAR HIGH SCHOOL