



NAA-SAU Newsletter

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National Alumni Association Vision Statement

“To honor and build our rich legacy as we embrace change, unity, and accountability to advance the mission and purpose of the National Alumni Association to move forward.”

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A Message From Our President



Greetings Alumni!

Thank you for your continued support of our NAA projects and events. It is so encouraging to have your membership in our National Alumni Association as we continue to grow. Your support of our beloved Saint Augustine's University is so important, and you are a valued member of our organization. As Alumni, we need you to support our institution financially and with your time and talents. We are the bridge that helps to keep SAU afloat, the icing on the cake. Our assistance is in addition to the university's fundraising efforts so whatever you can give is a blessing. Any amount is acceptable that fits your budget and your timetable so please support Saint Augustine's University as much as you can.

During this 2022-2023 fiscal year I ask that you bring at least one other Alumni member to become a member of the National Alumni Association. Contact a classmate and ask them to join. We need more Alumni involved and in touch with the Association and the University. It is so important that our Alumni are kept informed of the University's progress, good or bad. It is with your help that we can increase Alumni involvement. You can be our connection to Alumni all over the country. Let that be your support of NAA and SAU.

As we approach the Christmas holiday season, I hope that you all will have a safe and wonderful experience with family and friends. Let the season bring you closer in love and support.

With Falcon Pride and Love,

Dr. Johnelle Sherald, President

NAA-SAU 2022 Homecoming

October 9-15, 2022

Greetings Alumni,

Thank you for supporting the 2022 NAA-SAU Homecoming activities. Your support and participation were very evident in the attendance at the Honors Jazz Brunch, the Legacy Scholarship Dinner, the 2022 King and Queen Coronation, and the Saturday Night Dance.

Special thank you to Committee Co-Chairmen, Alumni Roland Otey for taking extensive pictures, and Sheryl Ximines for her continued support and the printing our Program Book!! Thank you to Kim Johnson-Hayes, Bernadine Johnson, and Daphne Miller for their special work and support for these activities.

2022 NAA-SAU Homecoming Committee

Chair, Lillian Scott, Lee, Publicity/Marketing/Publishing – Barbara Scott Akinwole and Dolli Bradford, Thursday Night Activity representatives (SAU activity) – Mildred Keith and Cynthia Whitney, Friday Jazz Brunch – Maria Springfield Rashid and Felix Jackson, Legacy Scholarship Dinner – Dolli Bradford and Dr. John T. Larkins, Homecoming Parade – Lillian Scott Lee, Sharon Bomar and King/Queen Committee, Publicity/Sheraton Hotel/Dance Pierre Olds and Joe Lynn, Vendor – Dr. Johnelle Sherald, Lillian Scott Lee and Pierre Olds.

Alumni Receive Awards at the Honors Jazz Brunch

Congratulations to Alumni Barbara Scott Akinwole, Felix Jackson, Mildred Keith, and Charlotte Turpin. They were recognized at the Jazz Brunch for their service to the National Alumni Association.

Pictured receiving awards are---Top left: Mildred Keith, Raleigh Retired Chapter president. Top right: Michael Brown, Coastal Carolina Chapter president accepts the award on behalf of the Chapter's vice president, and NAA-SAU Media /IT Manager, Barbara Akinwole. Bottom left: Charlotte Clark Turpin, former NAA-SAU President.

Bottom right: Felix Jackson, NAA-SAU Parliamentarian and former member of several Association Committees.



SAU Alumni Jazz Band featured at the Honors Jazz Brunch



Scholarship Dinner

We were elated to honor three individuals at our Legacy Scholarship Dinner--- Alumnus Lawrence "Peaches" Coleman (award accepted by daughter), Music Faculty, Dr. Harold L. Jeffreys, III (award accepted by his wife), and Alumnus Clarence "Clellon" Forte, (award accepted by his grandson) for their years of dedicated serve to Saint Augustine's University.



National King and Queen Coronation

Congratulations to Mr. Linwood R. Brockett, crowned 2022 National Alumni King (Washington D. C. Metropolitan Alumni Chapter) and Ms. Rhonda Wright, crowned 2022 National Alumni Queen (Raleigh Wake Alumni Chapter).



With gratitude and Falcon Love,

Johnelle Sherald, NAA-SAU President

*Lillian Scott Lee, 2022 NAA-SAU Homecoming Committee
Chairman*

The Ad below was inadvertently left out of the 2022 Homecoming Souvenir Book. we apologize to Alums Debra and Wendy.

Thank You!



Washington DC Metropolitan Alumni
Chapter SAU King and Queen

Linwood Brockett

Tami Dabney



Class of 1978



Class of 1986

As King and Queen contestants of the National Alumni Association SAU 2022 Competition, you have worked diligently to raise scholarship funds for Saint Augustine's University students.

You Personify
"My Heart Beats for My HBCU SAU"



Debra Samuels
Class of 1978

Wendy Butler Richardson
Class of 1978

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Chapters

Please support your local Chapters!

Charlotte

The Charlotte Alumni Chapter of Saint Augustine's University will host a *Holiday Brunch* for chapter members on **Saturday, Dec 3rd from 12-2pm at Mr. Charles Chicken & Fish** - black owned/operated business, as well as a HBCU graduate, Johnson C. Smith University. Our celebration is a party with a purpose which includes our first Winter Coat & Accessories Drive in partnership

with Gully & Co. Barbering & Aesthetics - black owned/operated business to benefit students attending Harding University High School. Also on this day, alumni members will be able to connect with our prospective/future falcons from Harding University High School.

Harding University High School will serve as our adopted school for next year in order to provide volunteer services such as mentoring and tutoring.

- Mr. Charles Chicken & Fish

8006 Cambridge Commons Dr, Charlotte, NC 28215

- Gully & Co. Barbering & Aesthetics

2112A Ayrley Town Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28273

---Candace Richardson, President | candeenc1908@gmail.com

Durham

Members of the Durham Alumni Chapter - SAU Executive Committee truly enjoyed supporting Recruiter and Alum, Darryl Simon and our university at the Durham County Schools College Fair this past September. The Chapter looks forward to attending more events in the future! [#FalconPride](#) [#DACSAU](#)





Philadelphia

Chapter Visits Girls High

The Philadelphia Metro Alumni Chapter volunteered at the *College and Career Fair* at Philadelphia High School for Girls (better known as Girls High) on Thursday, October 27, 2022. This school represents some of the smartest female students in one of the top five high schools in Philly. Saint Augustine's was one of only four HBCUs in attendance. We were honored to be invited to share our alma mater's rich history, career offerings, and our wonderful experiences with these young ladies.

Pictures below is the mother and daughter team of NAA-SAU Life member, Bettye M. Williams, and Philly Metro Chapter President and Life Member, Jacynnda P. Williams.



Chapter Visits Cheltenham High School

On Wednesday, October 26, 2022, the Philadelphia Metro Alumni Chapter participated in *Cheltenham High School's College and Career Fair* as one of five HBCUs at the fair. The students and their parents were very happy to learn about Saint Augustine's and what we are known for. They seemed genuinely interested and asked a lot of questions. Most were happy to hear there's no out-of-state tuition and loved hearing how Saint Augustine's University could be their "home away from home." We had the opportunity to chat with other HBCU reps and alumni and meet other members of the Philly HBCU Alumni Alliance.



Philadelphia Metro Alumni Chapter Members Greet Local Students During Homecoming

The "Philly" Metro Alumni were so happy to see and speak with some of the students from the PA and NJ area that we couldn't help but give them a little "love offering" to help them through the rest of the semester.

Pictured below:

Top Left: Philly Metro President Jacynda P. Williams with Dilcia Rodriguez Diaz, senior (NJ) and Life member, Bettye M. Williams.

Top right: Jacynda P. Williams with Savannah Manns, junior (PA).

Bottom middle: Bettye M Williams, Jacynda P. Williams, Naiylah Archer, junior (NJ), and her mother Ranette Archer.



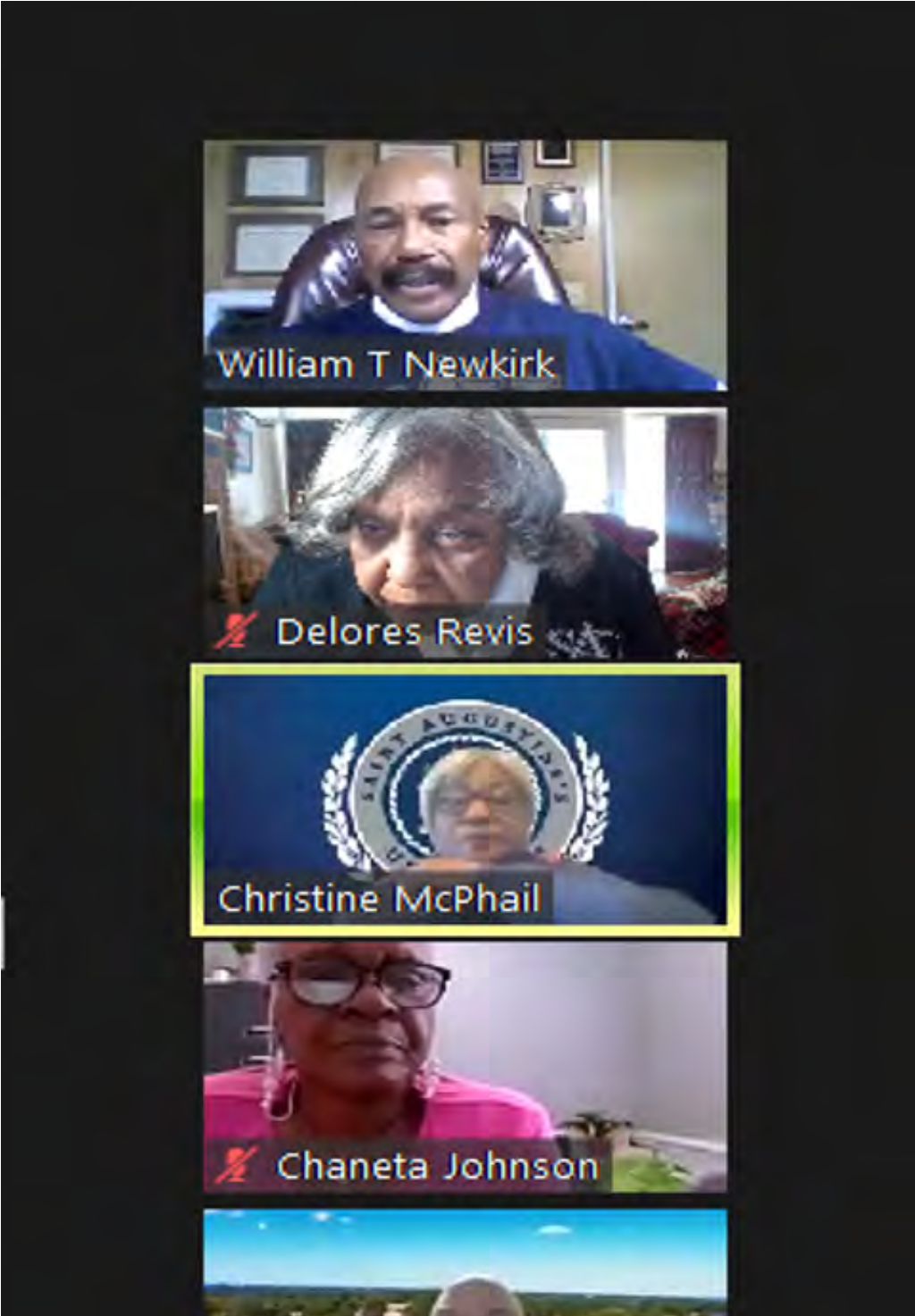
Upcoming Chapter Events:

- SAU *Philly* Metro Alumni are having their holiday celebration on Saturday, December 17, 2022, at noon at Cin Cin Chinese Restaurant in Philadelphia. Current students and local alumni are welcome and encouraged to attend but please RSVP by December 10, 2022, to: sauphillymetro@gmail.com as we have a limit of 35 people who can participate.

---Jacynda Williams, President | SAUPhillyMetro@gmail.com

Raleigh Retired

Dr. Christine McPhail, President-Saint Augustine's University and selected staff met with the Raleigh Retired Alumni Chapter via ZOOM at their October 2022 Chapter meeting. Dr. McPhail and staff shared information and answered questions.





Pictured below is Raleigh Retired Chapter President, Mildred Keith being recognized at the 2022 Homecoming Jazz Brunch for outstanding service.



Shown in picture below are (l-r), 2019 NAA-SAU Queen, Ann Graham, Raleigh-Wake Chapter, with Raleigh Retired Chapter officers---Delores Revis, Secretary and President, Mildred Keith.



South Florida

South Florida Alumna greets Presiding Bishop.





Pictured above are Angelita Browne, South Florida Chapter Member, Class of 1989 (pictured in yellow), her sister, and The Most Reverend Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church, who was in Palm Beach County for the Diocese of Southeast Florida Convention.



Washington DC Metro

In an effort to support the SAU Admissions Department, a student recruitment training session will be held on December 5, 2022, at 7pm.

This event will be hosted by Mr. Jorge Sousa, Shareese Williams and Paul Vandergrift. We are asking all Chapter presidents to designate a one or more members to receive this training, along with any interested alumni. These are exciting times for SAU, and this is great opportunity for all alumni to participate in the process of boosting SAU's enrollment.

Please contact Alexander Dabney at dprchaman@hotmail.com if you have any questions. Below is the zoom meeting information.

Zoom Conference Meeting Information 7pm (EST) December 5, 2022

Meeting ID: 821 0536 1142

Passcode: 600973

Editor's Note: The Washington DC Metro Chapter has posted ALL Homecoming pictures taken By Roland Otey on its Facebook Page.

The Alumni Corner

*****This is a new Feature *****

NAA-SAU Members are invited to share your thoughts on how best to support our Alma Mater--fundraisings, collaborations, partnerships.....!!

The "St. Aug Slice"

By Eugene C. Thomas

If you have gotten past the title, read on; I think you will find this to be thought provoking.

Let's see if I'm in your zip code: Your life is much like a whole pie; it's how you slice it up that determines how rewarding your life can be.

There is your spiritual life; your family life; and your work life (or retired life, for many of you). You might also have some work related or community organization competing for your time. Then, for many of you, there are your "D9" activities (fraternity or sorority). And let us not forget your "leisure time" (pursuing your hobbies, or just relaxing). Otherwise, how could you be effective in the other aforementioned areas?

Oh, one more thing: your local alumni association. Lest your eyes get weary, and your interest level sinks, let me give you the problem and possible solution(s). So, you can see the dilemma of trying to slice up the pie of your life.

THE PROBLEM:

We struggle to give time to the things that we face as mentioned above. I purposely mentioned *St. Aug* last because that's exactly where it's positioned with many of us. "I just don't have enough time!!", is what I often hear, as do many of the chapter leaders throughout the country. To those of you who employ this claim, I would respond: Is it that you don't have enough time, or are you not budgeting your time?

So, the alumni association is left to survive in spite of, instead of because of you.

So how did we get to this "island of indifference?" Here's one theory. Once the hoopla and celebration of Commencement was over, we quickly got on with the business of life. For those of you who chose to go to graduate school, it could be argued that that was your "business of life" option. Either way, we all began to put that bachelor's degree to work and make our way in this world. In no particular order, there was work and family which required a great deal of energy to manage successfully. Then we began to venture into the other areas mentioned above. So, when we received communication from "the Aug" we said: "Oh, I'll get to it later". And later went from months to years to dare I say, decades!!

Ever wondered what "alma mater" meant?---"Common mother". I doubt that anyone who is reading this would forsake the woman that brought you into this world. In many ways, *St. Aug* helped to bring you into this world. That acreage behind the gate off Oakwood Avenue protected and nurtured you until you were ready to go off into the world. So why would you forsake her?

The problem is twofold. Chapter officers can't seem to generate enough interest to attend meetings. And as a result, they cannot put together any semblance of a succession plan. We run away from serving as chapter leaders as if it's a virus. As a result, many chapter are violating their own governing documents as it relates to term of office.

Even though it's no consolation, our problem is not unique. I happen to know of another HBCU alumni chapter in Florida where the President stepped down after serving her term, and now the chapter is inactive because no one else stepped forward. I wonder how much this is occurring with our Alumni Association.

THE SOLUTION

There are a few things you can do if you fall into this crisis of caring. Start by paying your "mother" a visit. Since the football season is almost over, try to plan your visit around a basketball game. Tell the boss you have an urgent matter to attend to. (You won't be lying; this is urgent) Prior to your arrival call the school and ask for a tour of the campus. Depending upon how long you have been away, you will be quite surprised at what you see. If possible, ask to visit a class, preferably one that you took while you were there. I mentioned the basketball game because you need to experience all phases of campus life, and the challenges that go with it. These students are no different from you. They struggle as some of them try to balance academics and athletics, preparing them for the balancing act called life.

Upon completing your visit, if you were unaffected by it, check your pulse. Your "mother" is using every academic, fundraising athletic, and facility muscle that she can summon. That she is still standing after over 150 years is, sadly, in spite of our lack of support.

So, once you get back home, contact our local chapter. JOIN!! Pay your dues. Commit to a committee. And if asked to lead, LEAD!!

If you manage or co-manage a household, you can lend your talents to your mother. For every new member, the load that the existing members have becomes a little lighter.

Finally (I know you love that word), I'm old enough to remember when people were competing to serve as chapter leaders, and chapters would compete with each other to see who best took care of "mom". Wouldn't it be nice to get back to the old days? So how will you slice the pie of your life?

-----The author has served as a chapter President for two chapters

and is currently serving his third term as President of the South Florida Chapter.

FUND RAISING, FUND RAISING, AND FUND RAISING!

As Alumni, we must do all we can to raise money for our university's scholarships, infrastructure, and athletics; and to support a dedicated and competent faculty and staff. As part of your *Resolution to Give* to your alma mater, please pledge your support, time, talent, and treasure (money) to your alma mater.

Stay connected to your National Alumni Association

The NAA-SAU Newsletter represents an opportunity for Chapters/Members to submit items of interest to share with all Alumni.

Please submit content to the NAA-SAU Website/Communications Coordinator (naasauwsm@gmail.com) for review.