

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



5th ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE

July 27 - 30, 2023

in the *Queen City* of
CINCINNATI, OHIO

*"Preserving Our Legacy & Future
By Sowing Our Treasures"*



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The Wilberforce University Alumni Board of Directors extends a hardy welcome to all alumni and friends who have joined us as we resume our annual national conference.

As we gather to work and have fun; let us remember one of our major goals is to fortify our resolve to tell the “Wilberforce Story”.

Our theme for this year is *"Preserving Our Legacy & Future By Sowing Our Treasures"*

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Welcome
to the **WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY**
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

A FOUNTAIN OF ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITY AND MEMORIES

The Wilberforce University Alumni Association (WUAA), is the premier support of our beloved university. Organized and incorporated, the Association has a proud history of connecting alumni back to Wilberforce University and to each other, and sharing its influence and resources in support of the University's mission.

OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote the welfare of Wilberforce University, its Alumni and society at large with funding, student referrals and overall support for the good of the continuing existence of the University. We shall also be committed to assist in accomplishing its mission.

The Wilberforce University Alumni Association is organized for the mutual benefit and prosperity of Wilberforce University (WU), its graduates, former students, and others committed to our Alma Mater. As a collective expression of gratitude to WU, we form ourselves into this association so that our work and dedication will strengthen and support our Alma Mater ensuring that it remains a viable institution and that memories of our school life will be kept alive.





Wilberforce University Alumni Association

Dear Alumni, Family, and Friends,

Welcome to the 54th Annual National Conference being held here in the Queen City of Cincinnati, Ohio. The Cincinnati Alumni Chapter has worked hard and fast to put together an exciting conference for all of us who will be attendees to have a great time.



We should be excited because of the good things that are taking place on campus such as the beginning of the Hounds of Sound Marching Band that has just completed its first very successful year. Also, the opening season of the Wilberforce University baseball team has generated much welcomed positive press for the university. It doesn't get any better than that. It is great to be a Wilberforce University Bulldog.

Let me also give out a shout to the 22nd president of Wilberforce University, Dr. Elfred Anthony Pinkard, who retired at the end of May and has gone on to blaze another trail. We must thank him for getting us to this point but especially for carrying us through COVID 19 which was a big challenge. Now we are preparing to welcome our 23rd president of Wilberforce University, Dr. Vann R. Newkirk. When you see him in the halls at the conference stop him and shake his hand and welcome him to the greatest university in the land. You will hear more from him at this year's conference, so make sure you attend all the sessions where he will be the featured speaker.

I must also conclude by letting you know that this will be my last conference as the president of the alumni association. You will be electing a new president for next year. I am truly humbled to have served you for the last four years. It certainly was a great ride. Thank you again for your support, especially through COVID 19, an unpredictable time for any organization.

Thanks again for coming and have a Great Time! God Bless!

Suo Marte

James B. Stafford, III '73
President
Wilberforce University Alumni Association



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT DR. VANN R. NEWKIRK

July, 2023

Greetings, Bulldog Family. As your new 23rd president, I am very excited to join you at your 2023 alumni conference. I am grateful that we are all here in solid numbers because I want as many of you as possible to know that my work has already begun with strong planning – planning that will include change, and change that will build a foundation to bring a renaissance to your beloved alma mater.



We are all proud that Wilberforce holds an esteemed place in academic history as the nation's first, private, HBCU but as the world has changed since 1856, it is time for the university to evolve by a reinvention. We are progressing in improving our student recruitment efforts, we are making solid, stringent, prudent decisions in our money management and fundraising efforts, we are preparing newer avenues to embrace additional philanthropy, and we are creating new opportunities that will expand our selection of faculty and staff.

All this to build the university's ability to expand and enhance academic programs in engineering computer science, operations research, social justice and cooperative education.

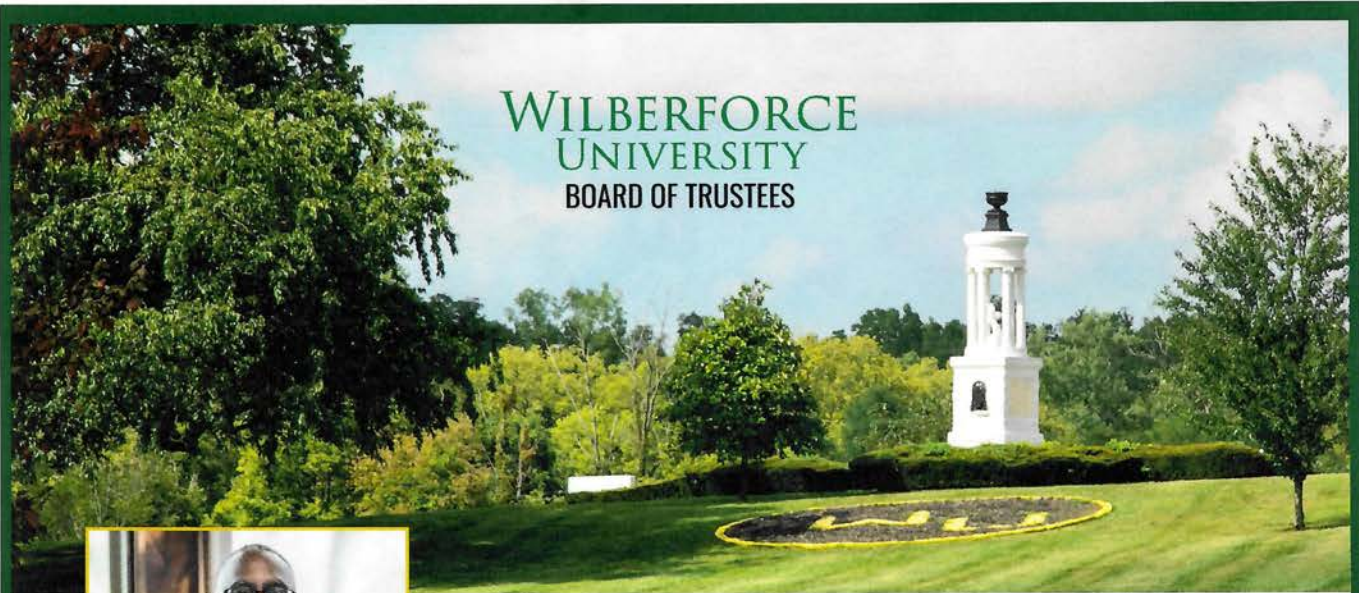
It's no secret that Wilberforce has faced many challenges and those challenges have not diminished, I can actually say unfortunately they are now magnified, but through the strength and dedication of this alumni group and the perseverance and willingness of staff and faculty, we will survive - and thrive.

Thank you for this opportunity to embrace you and I look forward to connecting with you even more as we work vigorously to move this university to continue its mission to educate our students.

Again,
Vann R. Newkirk
Vann R. Newkirk
23rd President
Wilberforce University

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Hello Fellow Alumni,

Welcome, and thank you for joining us at our 2023 Annual Alumni Conference. This year's theme, "Preserving Our Legacy and Future by Sowing our Treasures", greatly represents the university's present position of significant, forward change. Our treasured tradition is our storied history that must be preserved. I know this legacy greatly contributed to the person you have become today. We are seeking to build upon this very foundation as a bridge to our future renaissance and viability. Think about the role you play in this success.

As we celebrate this year's conference, let us acknowledge and celebrate two important recent milestones – the retirement of our 22nd president, Dr. Alfred Anthony Pinkard, and the installation of our new, 23rd president, Dr. Vann R. Newkirk. We extend our eternal gratitude and appreciation for Dr. Pinkard's servant leadership over the years and offer prayers of support for Dr. Newkirk as he begins his tenure.

Also, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, we want to thank Chairman Mark Wilson (Class of 1982) for his passionate dedication, resolve and commitment in support of the university over the last several years. Mark has elected to step down as Board Chair and I have the honored privilege of serving as the new Chair, effective July, 2023. We wish Mark the very best as he transitions to his new season in life.

Fellow alums, I'm so proud of you and your love and support of our alma mater. I ask that you invest your prayers, your time, your talent, and your treasure to our university as we continue its legacy and its renaissance.

Suo Marte,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nate Jenkins".

Nate Jenkins (Class of 1981)
Wilberforce University Board of Trustees Chair





Wilberforce University Alumni Association



Dear Alumni, Family, and Friends,

Welcome to the 2023 Wilberforce University Alumni Association National Conference! Our theme: ***“Preserving Our Legacy and Future by Sowing Our Treasures.”***

This Year’s Conference is extraordinary as it brings new synergy and innovation to our Alma Mater. As we move forward, let’s continue to preserve our legacy and future by sowing our treasures through giving of our talents and gifts to this esteemed institution. We are embarking on 167 years of educating the next generation of leaders of this rich heritage, and we must continue to strengthen our legacy.

The 2023 Conference Committee has put together an array of activities that will be an epic experience, appealing to a diverse age group of Alumni.

During these unprecedented times, our commitment to our alma mater must remain steadfast. We must continue to uplift, support, and carry out the principles and values of this esteem institution. Let’s not become complacent but remain **Relevant!** We can change the trajectory of the outcome when we hard work are dedicated and committed.

Thank you to the host, Wilberforce University Alumni Association Cincinnati Chapter for your gifts, talents, and unwavering support and commitment! Also, thank you to all the Committee Chairs, Co-Chairs, and Sponsors. None of this would have been possible without you.

I want to extend special thanks to the 2023 National Conference Committee for all their hard work in making this experience a success. We are a resilient people and I know you will continue to deliver the most impactful programs that our Association needs and deserves coupled with supporting our alma mater while taking care of our students! You made it happen!

Excellent, Innovation, and Kindness! We are Wilberforce!

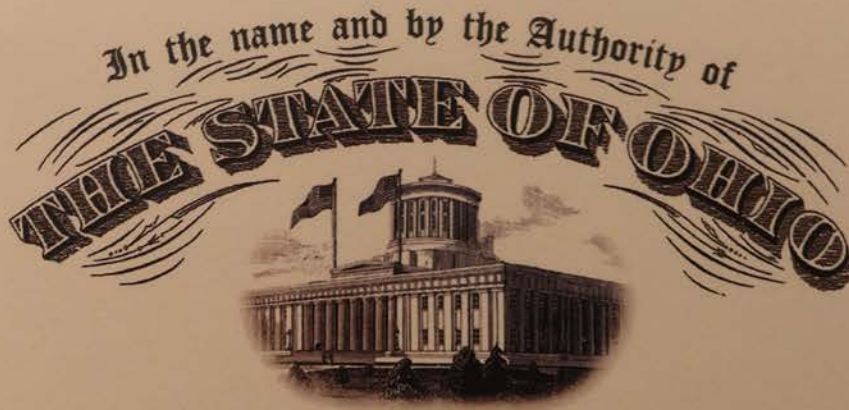
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Sincerely,

Dauphine Woods

Dauphine (Del) Woods

Vice President, WUAA Board of Directors &
Chair, 2023 WUAA National Conference



Mike DeWine and Jon Husted
Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Ohio
do hereby officially recognize

**WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

On behalf of the State of Ohio, we are proud to recognize the Wilberforce University Alumni Association as you host the 2023 National Alumni Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio. As you come together, we thank you for your pride towards Wilberforce University and we are happy to see you come together for a weekend of memories. Your commitment to making a positive difference have made your community, and Ohio, a better place to live, work, and raise a family. We commend you and we extend our best wishes for a memorable event.

On this 27th day of July 2023;

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mike DeWine".

Mike DeWine
Governor

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Husted".

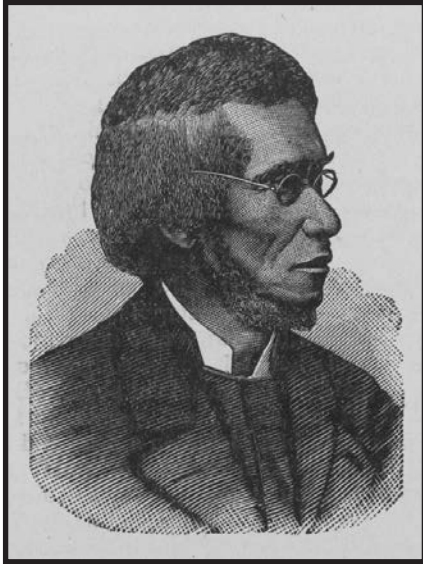
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In 1993, under President John L. Henderson's approval, these giving societies were established. This was designed to recognize higher levels of giving.

Bishop Daniel A. Payne Society

DONATIONS OF \$5,000.00 PLUS



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TOTAL DONATIONS

\$337,168.93



Richard Allen Society

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TOTAL DONATIONS

\$8,100.00

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TOTAL DONATIONS

\$34,629.00

Vivian Lewis Society

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TOTAL DONATIONS

\$51,259.98

President's Club

DONATIONS OF \$1,000.00 - 1,999.99

The gift clubs were established in 1973 to recognize alumni's financial support. This was under the direction of Harding A. Dunlop '59, Alumni Director, with official approval given by President Rembert E. Stokes '40.

Kareemah Abdullah

Tekeste Abraham

Harry Barnes

Yvonne Battle

Renee Beaman

Gwendolyn Beckwith

Sheryl Benford

Dwayne Benjamin

Reginald Best

Marguerite Blake

Ronald Braxton

Gwendolyn Brown

Jacqueline Y. Brown

Morris Carey

Parris Carter

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Corbin Coleman

Catherine Crosby

Monique Crowell

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Raymond Fomby

Leon S. Green

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Cleveland Ohio Alumni Chapter

Greene County Ohio Alumni Chapter

Jacksonville Florida Alumni Chapter

Lorain County Ohio Alumni Chapter

West Michigan Alumni Chapter

TOTAL DONATIONS

\$107,411.75

Fountain Club

DONATIONS OF \$500.00 - 999.99

<i>Erika Adkins</i>	<i>Hope Hunter</i>	<i>Charisma T. Ramey</i>
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<i>Marsha Bonhart</i>	<i>Deirdé E. Logan</i>	<i>Kemisha R. Roston</i>
<i>Wilhelmina E. Bradley-Grant</i>	<i>Margaret LoveJoy</i>	<i>Cimone Sanders</i>
<i>Yvonne Charles</i>	<i>Kenneth M. Lyte</i>	<i>Gregory Saunders</i>
<i>Dorothy R. Coleman</i>	<i>Irene Lyons</i>	<i>Linda Saunders-Lowe</i>
<i>Natalie Colés</i>	<i>Carmen Julius</i>	<i>Deirdra F. Smith</i>
<i>Nena Couch</i>	<i>Andrea Y. Massengile</i>	<i>Raymond H. Smith</i>
<i>Emma J. Craver</i>	<i>DeAjura W. Mathenia</i>	<i>Frederick H. Stansbury</i>
<i>Stacy L. Cunningham</i>	<i>H. Byron Matthews</i>	<i>Sylvia G. Stokes</i>
<i>Mildred F. Daramola</i>	<i>James T. Maultsby</i>	<i>Martha L. Tarrant</i>
<i>Tyrone M. Davis III</i>	<i>Robert McDaniel</i>	<i>Camille D. Travis</i>
<i>Carl F. Dixon</i>	<i>Latoya McFarland</i>	<i>Sharon Tufts</i>
<i>Felécia M. Douglas</i>	<i>Tiffany McGuire-Edwards</i>	<i>Walter Vaughn</i>
<i>Virginia M. Douglass</i>	<i>Alfreda McIntosh</i>	<i>Sherry Ware</i>
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<i>Terence Hudson</i>	<i>Juanita M. Pressley</i>	
<i>Royshawnn Hunt</i>	<i>Karen (Toni) Preston</i>	

TOTAL DONATIONS

\$52,396.30

Second Mile Club

DONATIONS OF \$250.00 - 499.99

Caroline Abilla
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TOTAL DONATIONS

\$17,144.20



The Societies and Gift Clubs were created to recognize annual donors and those who made significant contributions through the years.



**Total Donated by
Societies & Clubs
\$608,110.16**

The City of Cincinnati has been a **Queen** to Wilberforce University since 1855.
Wilberforce University is still
preserving its legacy and future by sowing our treasurers.



Cincinnati, Oct. 31, 1855

Primary Meeting

The Committee appointed by the Cincinnati Conference of the M. E. Church, held at Urbana September 26th 1855, to carry out the measures & resolutions of the Report of the Committee in the Elevation of the Colored people, held their first meeting at the Meth. Book Rooms, Cincinnati.

Those were present of the Committee, Rev. John F. Wright, Rev. A. Lowrey, Rev. M. Dustin & Rev. M. French, Absent Rev. C. W. Swain.

On motion, Rev. J. F. Wright was appointed Chairman and Rev. M. French, Secretary.

On motion, The Secretary was authorized to procure a book for records.

On motion, The Committee resolved to organize a board of Trustees according to the provisions of the present School law of Ohio.

On motion, The Agent of the Conference, Rev. J. F. Wright, was authorized to offer the sum of ten thousand dollars for the property in Green Co. Ohio, known as the Xenia Springs, or Sawawa House, for the founding of a University, said sum of \$10,000 payable one fourth down, the remainder in three equal, and annual payments, and with interest if necessary.

Cincinnati, Oct 31. 1835
Primary Meeting continued

On motion, It was resolved the institution be called
 "The Ohio African University." and that Rev. J. F.
 might be authorized to solicit subscribers for the same.
 On motion, Resolved that both sexes be educated
 in the institution.

On motion - The Secretary was authorized to take
 the necessary steps for a legal organization
 of a Board of Trustees for the University.

On motion, Resolved that the next meeting be
 held upon the call of the Secretary at
 the Meth. Book Rooms Cincinnati.
 The meeting adjourned accordingly,
 being concluded with prayer by the Chairman

Attest.
 M. French
 Secy.

Original Records of The Founding
 of Wilberforce University
 Under the Auspices of The Cincinnati
 Conference of the M. & C. Church

Excerpts from The Wilberforce Alumnaal of Wilberforce University – 1885

Compiled by:

Dr. Benjamin W. Arnett, Corresponding Secretary of Alumni Association

Samuel T. Mitchell, President of Wilberforce University



Minutes were compiled of the Alumni Association for the year ending 1883-84:

June 20, 1883 --The Alumni Association met at 8:30 A.M. Pres. Delaney chaired. Not being able to find the roll, the minutes were read and laid until arrival of the secretary, Rev. Horace Talbert.

June 21, 1883 –The Alumni Association convened at 4 P.M. with President A.D. Delaney in the chair. Three persons who made up the first graduating class of Wilberforce University (1870) gave remarks: Rev. J.T. Jenifer, student life from a literary stand point; Rev. Isaiah Henderson Welsh, hardships of student life and Rev. Thomas H. Jackson gave facts pertaining to the early history of the institution. Rev. Jackson was the father of our English Professor, Miss Geraldine Jackson, who graduated in 1918. Ten alumni became

members of the association.

June 22, 1883 –It was resolved that it should be a standing rule that the President of the Association should deliver the salutatory at the anniversaries of the association. A committee of five persons were appointed to draft the first constitution. It was moved that the Treasurer invest all cash money soon after the meeting. (We have been investing a long time).

January 20, 1884 – Dr. Benjamin W. Arnett was the chair. Six persons paid dues of \$5. (Today, you are only asked to pay \$50 to be a member). By motion, the Corresponding Secretary was authorized to collect the dues of delinquent members and pay the same to the Treasurer.

While the alumni association continued to meet, the organization was **not incorporated until 1946**. The following persons served as Presidents or Alumni Directors of the Wilberforce University Alumni Association:

ALUMNI DIRECTORS

- Dorsey T. Murray ✧ 1941-1946 †
- Dr. Milton S.J. Wright '26 ✧ 1946-1950 †
- Dr. Edward B. King '63 ✧ 1967-1969 †
- Robert L. Neal '35 ✧ 1969-1971 †
- Rev. Harding A. Dunlop '59 ✧ 1971-1976
- Lt Col. Albert J. Parker '43 ✧ 1976-1982 †
- Gwendolyn Q. Brown '70 ✧ 1982-2000
- Carole T. Bernardino '64 ✧ 2000-2010
- Milton J. Wiggins '68 ✧ 2011-2012
- Sonseeahray Ross '01 ✧ 2012-2014
- Carole T. Bernardino '64 ✧ 2014-2016
- Jocelyn D. Neely '96 ✧ 2017 - 2021
- Dr. Albert Bailey '05 ✧ 2021 - 2022
- James Baker, III '10 ✧ 2022 - 2023

† Deceased

PAST PRESIDENTS

- Dr. Julius A. Graham 1941-1946 †
- Dr. J. Sylvester Smith '25, 1946-1947 †
- Atty. Benjamin Smith 1947-1950 †
- Dr. John F. Morning '24, 1950-1956 †
- Camella D. Leffyear Greenway '46, 1956-1959 †
- Atty. Demetrius C. Newton '49, 1959-1960 †
- Atty. Dr. Wilbur H. Flippin, Jr. '51, 1960-1968 †
- Dr. Hondon B. Hargrove '38, 1968-1976 †
- Rev. Dr. James R. Tanner '43, 1976-1980 †
- Rev. Harding A. Dunlop '59, 1980-1982
- Rev. Byron N. Jordan '70, 1982-1986 †
- Dr. Austin D. Cross '50, 1986-1990 †
- Ella H. Wilson Becton '65, 1990-1994 †
- Rev. Dr. Nelson B. Rivers, III '72, 1994-1998
- M. Virginia Cook Douglass '64, 1998-2002
- Col. Dr. William R. Lee '54, 2002-2006
- Barbara A. Scott King '65, 2006-2010
- Janice Woodland Cuff '66, 2010-2011 †
- Waddell J. Prudeaux '67, 2011-2011
- Dr. Donna Kilgore Jones '63, 2011-2014
- Dr. Talbert L. Grooms '93, 2014-2017 †
- Marvin D. Morrison, Sr. '77, 2017-2020
- James B. Stafford, III '73, 2020-Present

Information compiled with assistance from Jacqueline Foreman Brown '67, (Former) Archivist of the Wilberforce University Library; Camella Leffyear Greenway (the first woman and oldest president of the Alumni Association), and Gwendolyn Brown.

WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE DATES & LOCATIONS

YEAR	CITY	DATE
1969	Philadelphia, PA	Nov 7 – 9
1970	Cleveland, OH	Nov 6 – 8
1971	Chicago, IL	Nov 5 – 7
1972	New York, NY	Oct 20 -23
1973	Detroit, MI	Aug 18 – 21
1974	Wilberforce/Dayton, OH	Oct 25 – 27
1975	Los Angeles, CA	Aug 18 – 21
1976	Washington, DC	Jul 29 – 31
1977	Cleveland, OH	Jul 21 – 24
1978	New York, NY	Jul 20 – 23
1979	Cincinnati, OH	Jul 26 – 29
1980	Pittsburgh, PA	Aug 7 – 10
1981	Detroit, MI	Aug 6 – 9
1982	Philadelphia, PA	Jul 22 – 25
1983	Chicago, IL	Jul 21 – 24
1984	Houston, TX	Jul 19 – 22
1985	Dayton, OH	Jul 18 – 21
1986	Atlanta, GA	Jul 17 – 20
1987	Richmond, VA	Jul 16 – 19
1988	Los Angeles, CA	Jul 20 – 24
1989	Cincinnati, OH	Jul 19 – 23
1990	Washington, DC	Jul 25 – 29
1991	Charleston, SC	Aug 7 – 11
1992	Cleveland, OH	Jul 29 – Aug 2
1993	Columbus, OH	Jul 14 – 18
1994	Philadelphia, PA	Jul 27 – 31
1995	Bermuda	Jul 22 – 29
1996	Phoenix, AZ	Jul 24 – 28

YEAR	CITY	DATE
1997	Atlanta, GA	Jul 16 – 20
1998	Detroit, MI	Jul 22 – 26
1999	Las Vegas, NV	Jul 18 – 22
2000	Dayton, OH	Jul 26 – 30
2001	Houston, TX	Jul 25 – 29
2002	Richmond, VA	Jul 23 – 28
2003	Chicago, IL	Jul 16 – 20
2004	St. Louis, MO	Jul 28 – Aug 1
2005	Savannah, GA	Jul 13 – 17
2006	Dayton, OH	Jul 19 – 23
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2015	Cleveland, OH	Jul 23 – 26
2016	Atlanta, GA	Jul 21 - 24
2017	Philadelphia, PA	Jul 27 - 30
2018	Columbus, OH	Jul 19 – 22
2019	Charleston, SC	Jul 18 - 21
2020	Memphis, TN (Virtual)*	COVID 19*
2021	VIRTUAL	Aug 6 - 7
2022	Wilberforce/Fairborn, OH	Jul 29 - 31
2023	Cincinnati, OH	Jul 27 - 30



**Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic of 2020, the in-person conference scheduled to be held in Memphis, Tennessee was cancelled and a Virtual Conference was held.*



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2023 Distinguished Service Award

Rev. Kenneth B. Bibb

CLASS OF 1974
CINCINNATI, OHIO CHAPTER



Rev. Kenneth B. Bibb was born in Birmingham Alabama. He received his formal education in Alabama and accepted Christ at an early age as a member of the Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church. He is a graduate of Wilberforce University receiving a BS degree in accounting and has done graduate work at Xavier University. He also completed courses at OPM's Federal Executive Institute and has taken additional courses of study through the National Baptist Congress of Christian Education, the Hampton University Ministers Conference, the Moody Bible Institute and Southeastern Bible College.

Rev. Bibb recently completed his 27th year as Pastor of the Second Trinity Baptist Church in the Walnut Hills community of Cincinnati Ohio. His Congregation is actively engaged in outreach activities, and it partners with the City Gospel Mission to provide meals to those who are shelter residents. Prior to his tenure at Second Trinity, he served as the Youth Pastor at Southern Baptist Church where he was licensed and ordained under the pastorate of the late Rev. James E. Milton.

Having spent a distinguished career of more than 40 years in Federal Government Service with the last 20 with the Internal Revenue Service where he served as a Supervisory Revenue Agent Group Manager, Rev. Bibb retired in 2017. In addition to his management duties, he was also a member of the Leadership Institute Faculty where he taught classes for new managers.

Immediately after graduation from WU, Rev. Bibb transitioned that leadership and service that had begun while a student on campus and became active in WUAA. He attended his first Alumni Conference in the fall of 1974 which was a "mini conference" due to the April tornado. He served several terms as president of the Cincinnati Alumni Chapter and as the chapter treasurer. Rev. Bibb was the chapter president during both previous times the Cincinnati Chapter hosted the National Conference. He has also been active in the local recruiting efforts. In March 2023, Rev. Bibb completed one of several terms he held while serving on the Alumni Association's Board of Directors. Previously, he has also served as Chairman of the Association's Audit Committee. Currently, he is the Chair of the Nominating/Election Committee, a position he has served in for the past nine years. He is also a member of the Scholarship Committee and is one of the founding Platinum Life Members. For Rev. Bibb, serving and giving back to Wilberforce University has been paramount for him and he has done so consistently at the President's Club and the Vivian Lewis Society levels.

Rev. Bibb is actively involved in the District and State Baptist Associations. He serves as the Chief Financial Officer of the Ohio Baptist General Convention, and as the Assistant Treasurer of the Western Union Baptist District Association.

Rev. Bibb is a life member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity and was recognized in 2021 for 50-year membership. He serves as the local chapter's Treasurer and as a member of its Foundation's Board of Directors. In 2016, the local chapter honored him by naming its annual President's Award after him. He was also named the 2019 Ohio Sigma Man of the Year. For the past several years, Rev. Bibb has been the Legacy Speaker at the Fraternity's Annual Founder's Day Celebration.

Rev. Bibb is actively involved in other areas of the community including speaking to young male students in inner city elementary schools, volunteering with United Way's and AARP's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program and he tutors math at Cincinnati's Shroder High School.

Rev. Bibb has been married to Lillie Delores for 42 years, and they are proud parents and even prouder grandparents.

2023 Distinguished Service Award

Ferman E. Brown, III

CLASS OF 1999
GREENE COUNTY (OHIO) CHAPTER



Ferman E. “Bump” Brown, III, a 1999 Wilberforce University graduate, is a true advocate for Wilberforce University. An active member of the Greene County (Ohio) Alumni Chapter, where he serves as the Chapter’s Chaplain and Co-chair of Fundraising Activities. He began his giving at the Bulldog level, continued giving and is now a Life Member of the National Alumni Association. Additionally, he is a member of the 50/50 Shield Club. He can be counted on to not only attend local chapter meetings, but attends alumni conferences, alumni weekends, homecomings, and commencements. He is a ready volunteer to assist as needed with campus activities. Ferman, a walking billboard for Wilberforce, shares the Wilberforce University story with students wherever he goes.

Ferman is active in his community. As a member of the Church of God in Xenia, Ohio, he serves on a variety of auxiliaries: Usher Board, Minister of Youth, Board of Christian Education, the church’s landscaper, and the Technology Committee. Nationally, he is active with the National Inspirational Youth Convention which is held annually in different states.

He has worked with the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center in Wilberforce, Ohio; Central State University Upward Bound Program; Wilberforce University W. I. S. E. Summer Program. Additionally, he served as Assistant Director of Student Activities and Director of Intramurals. In this position, Ferman was instrumental in getting the famous And-One basketball team to come to Wilberforce University to play against the Big Fern All Stars intramural football team.

Ferman, a native of Xenia, Ohio, is currently employed by the Xenia Community Schools where he has served as an assistant varsity basketball coach and a junior high football coach.

For his love for “dear ole” Wilberforce University through his alumni giving and work with the local chapter and community involvement, the Greene Chapter of the Wilberforce University Alumni Association wishes to recognize Ferman E. Brown, III for the Distinguish Service Award.

2023 Distinguished Service Award

Debra B. Edwards-Shepherd

CLASS OF 1989

PHILADELPHIA, NEW JERSEY, DELAWARE CHAPTER



Debra B. Edwards-Shepherd was born and raised in Philadelphia, PA to a single mother that stressed the importance of a good education. The eldest of 2 daughters, she accepted Christ at an early age as a member of the Macedonia Freewill Baptist Church where she served as a choir member and junior usher. She received her formal education in the Philadelphia Public School System, graduating in the top 10% of her class in 1984. During high school, she was also a student in the Bio-Medical Sciences Program at Temple University and the Academic Achievement Program at The University of Pennsylvania. It was during a high school recruitment presentation that Debra learned of Wilberforce University, applied and was offered a full 4-year scholarship.

During her time at Wilberforce, Debra met lifelong friends and was active in many activities including the University Choir, the Wilberforce Gospel Choir, Philadelphia Pre-Alumni and the Que-T's. In the fall of 1986 she was initiated into the Beta Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. where she remains active with the South Jersey Alumnae Chapter. She has served as the Recording Secretary and Chairperson of the Educational Development Committee. She helped to establish the Teen Summit and was recognized for 25+ years of service both the National President and the Chapter President.

Debra is a 1989 graduate of Wilberforce University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology/Pre-Medicine. She has also earned a Master of Education degree in Secondary Education from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa in 1992 as well as a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership in 2002 from The College of New Jersey in Ewing, NJ. She also earned a Middle School Mathematics Certification in 2010 from Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ.

Debra B. Edwards-Shepherd is a Middle School Science Teacher in the Camden, NJ City Public School District where she has taught for 30 years and held leadership positions including Department Chairperson, Curriculum Developer and Mentor Program Coordinator. In addition, she worked as an Adjunct Professor of Biology at Camden County College, Academic Tutor for the CHAMP Program at Rowan University and Chemistry and Biology Instructor with the Upward Bound Program at Camden County College.

In 2016, Debra decided that it was time to give back to her alma mater and joined the Philadelphia, New Jersey and Delaware Chapter of the Wilberforce University Alumni Association and has been active since. She is a Lifetime Member and currently serves as the Secretary of the Philadelphia, New Jersey and Delaware Chapter supporting the many activities of the chapter. Debra has been active in the local recruitment efforts for Wilberforce University and

My love for Wilberforce University is unwavering. In those "corn fields", I learned to be resourceful and to navigate life's challenges (both positive and negative) with intelligence and dignity. My hope is that Wilberforce University will again reach its glory and thrive as it has in the past for the current and future students. Providing them with the nurturing needed for academic excellence and social awareness while actively engaging with the community.

Debra B. Edwards-Shepherd is the proud mother of two sons, Darius (a graduate of Virginia State University) and Kendall (a high school junior and athlete). She's also the caregiver to her mother, Willie Mae and the sister to Lisa Edwards-Warren (Wilberforce University Class of 1992) and sister-in-law to Glen Warren, Sr. (Wilberforce University Class of 1990).

2023 Distinguished Service Award

Lester L. Holmes, Jr.

CLASS OF 1999

CLEVELAND, OHIO CHAPTER



Lester L. Holmes, Jr., a Cleveland, Ohio resident, is a proud 1999 graduate of Wilberforce University. With a background in journalism, Mr. Holmes spent more than 15 years as a reporter with Xenia Daily Gazette, New Pittsburgh Courier, Real Detroit Weekly, Associated Newspapers of Michigan, and BET News. Throughout his career, he has conducted interviews with elected officials, music superstars, and individuals with captivating stories.

Currently, Mr. Holmes holds the position of Communication Officer at Cuyahoga County, where he focuses on crafting effective messaging for the Department of Health and Human Services. Additionally, he contributes to the popular podcast "Let's Talk Cuyahoga."

Deeply committed to serving the community, Mr. Holmes is a staunch advocate for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and his alma mater, Wilberforce University. He takes pride in his role as the chairman of the Destination HBCU College Fair, organized by the Cleveland Chapter of the Black Colleges Alumni Association. This annual event brings together high school students from across the Great Lakes Region to meet recruiters from the nation's top HBCUs, including Wilberforce University. Before the pandemic, the College Fair Weekend attracted an impressive average of over 5,000 participants and is now gradually returning to those numbers.

Furthermore, Mr. Holmes has held the esteemed position of Immediate Past President of the Cleveland Chapter of the Wilberforce University Alumni Association, actively contributing to fundraising efforts and event planning. He also remains an engaged member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and the NAACP, furthering his commitment to community service and advocacy.

Mr. Holmes continues to make a significant impact through his multifaceted roles, effectively combining his journalistic expertise, communication skills, and passion for education and community service.

2023 Distinguished Service Award

Tianna L. Jones

CLASS OF 2001

PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER



Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. Tianna was raised by her Mom, Grandmother and Uncle. She was the only child for the first 10 years of her life then her Mother got married and Tianna had a baby sister! Her elementary and high school years were in the Detroit Public schools. She enjoyed her middle school years at St. Benedict Catholic school.

Through Tianna's school years she was a dancer and learned different genres at Wendy's School of Dance. When it was time to decide where to go for high school, she decided to go to DSA- Detroit High School for Fine and Performing Arts. Tianna was so excited to graduate from high school and go away to college. She knew that she wanted to go to an HBCU but she had to find the one for her. She initially wanted to go to Tuskegee University, but after learning it would be a 17-hour drive, she had to reevaluate. During her senior year she attend a college fair at Second Baptist Church in Downtown Detroit. It was at this college fair where she learned about this tiny little school in Ohio that she had never heard of, but this school had her major (Social Work) and was only a 4 hour drive from Detroit. She visited other schools such as Michigan State and University of Michigan, but she knew she didn't want to go to one of these schools and possibly be swallowed by the sharks, so this tiny school called Wilberforce University was now her first choice.

She started her career at the WU during the summer of 1997 with the Wise Program (Wilberforce Intensive Summer Program) with other incoming freshmen. During this program they took classes such as a computer, math and History of Wilberforce which all counted towards credits for graduation. Also, during the Wise Program, Tianna and the other students contributed to a compilation that was published. In this compilation they examined various environmental issues and how technological advances could help to preserve the environment.

Tianna had some semesters that were better than others, but she persevered. During her junior year she went through the Rites of Passage with Black Women United and that process along with life at the WU helped to mold the person that she is today.

She graduated and worked in Detroit shortly after then moved to Philadelphia to start grad school. After some years in Philly she finally decided that it was time to get active in the local chapter. She went to her first meeting in 2014 and our late friend George Lewis volunteered her to be the new president of the chapter on that day! Since then, she has been active in the chapter in some shape, form, or fashion.

Tianna loves Wilberforce just as much as other alums and she wants to do her part to give back to the school so it can thrive again as it did when she was there. She wants students from around the country and the world to have better opportunities at Wilberforce than she did. Tianna wants Wilberforce to be a FORCE to be reckoned with and to be the new mecca of HBCUs.

2023 Distinguished Service Award

Hollande (Holly) G. Lawson

CLASS OF 1984

GREATER CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA CHAPTER



Ms. Holly Lawson is a 1984 graduate of Wilberforce University with a B.A. in Psychology and English. She earned a Master of Science in Health Administration from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois. Ms. Lawson is a platinum life member of the National WUAA. She is one of the 2016 charter members of WUAA, Greater Charlotte Chapter. She was chapter treasurer from 2016 to 2022. In January 2023, Ms. Lawson was elected Vice President of the chapter.

Ms. Lawson is a native of Dayton, Ohio in Montgomery County and a third generation AME, raised up in the family's home church, Wayman Chapel AME, Dayton, Ohio. She is a product of the Dayton Public School System, and a graduate of Meadowdale High School, Class of 1980. She attended Wilberforce University from 1980 to 1983; then completed a one-year mandatory cooperative education work as an Outstanding Scholar assignment with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Huntington, WV. After graduating in 1984, she was initiated into Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc in Huntington and has been a diamond life member for 38 years.

Ms. Lawson worked for the federal government performing professional human resources work, traveling as a civilian employed with several installations including Wright-Patterson AFB, Fairborn, Ohio; US Army Corps of Engineers, Huntington WV and Sacramento, VA; and Department of Veterans Affairs, Dayton, Ohio, Atlanta, Georgia, Salisbury, North Carolina and Durham, North Carolina. She is a former HR Specialist; HR Director; Chief, HR Program Manager and Senior HR Consultant with the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Integrated Systems Network, six offices that covered eight (8) VA medical centers in the states of North Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. Ms. Lawson was the first black female Human Resources Management Service Chief appointed with the W.G. Bill Hefner Medical Center in Salisbury, NC. She retired from federal service in January 2020 with 38 years of service.

She is currently active with the Salisbury Alumnae Chapter in Salisbury NC. She is a former affiliate member of the Northern California; Dayton, Ohio and Atlanta, GA WUAA Chapters. She has been a National WUAA Member of the President's Club and the Vivian Lewis Society, consistently for over 25 years. Ms. Lawson is currently a wellness advocate and the proud mother of one adult son, Julian Christian.

2023 Distinguished Service Award

Tesha Johnson Lowrey

CLASS OF 2000

ATLANTA, GEORGIA CHAPTER



Tesha Lowrey graduated from Wilberforce University in 2000 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. She has a master's degree in public administration from Grand Canyon University. She is an active and financial member of the Atlanta Chapter and the National Alumni Association. Tesha currently serves as Vice President of the Atlanta Chapter. She has previously served the Atlanta Chapter as Secretary, Vice President, Interim President, and Chair of the Membership Committee. She assists the Atlanta Chapter with recruiting efforts by working at in-person high school college fairs and virtual fairs during the pandemic. She donates money to Wilberforce University on a yearly basis. Tesha is currently serving as a WUAA Board of Directors Member. She is a committee member of WUAA National Alumni Conference, WUAA national membership committee, and Chair of the Covid task force committee.

Tesha is a proud mom of 10-year-old son, Aiden Lowrey. Being a mom brings her so much joy. She is the Founder and CEO of Lowrey Staffing. Lowrey Staffing is a national provider of HR and talent acquisition services to companies in need of highly specialized business professionals. She is a graduate of Goldman Sach's One Million Black Women: Black in Business Program - Cohort 3.

Tesha is a member of several civic organizations including, the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc., where she serves as Chair of the Education Committee. As the committee chair, she is responsible for overseeing the High School to High Heels Group Mentoring Program and education workshops for African American girls. She also serves on the leadership team for Order of the Eastern Star - PHA, Daughters of the Imperial Court - PHA, and Order of the Golden Circle - PHA. She is a member of Turner Chapel AME Church in Marietta, Georgia.

It is an honor to be recognized by the National Association for this distinguished award. To gold and green be true. *Suo Marte.*

Distinguished Service & Hall of Fame Award Recipients *2013 - Present*

2013

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Ann Birt
Marvin D. Morrison
Janice Moultrie
Carmen L. Parker

2014

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Osagie Evbuoma
Willie Mae Ewings-Travis
Samuel Jenkins
Charlene Mallory
Elaine F. Springer

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Adam Heyward - *Posthumously*
Curtis Louise Williams Paradise

2015

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Nicole A. Bohanan
Willie D. Kiser-Golden
Rubin K. Moultrie

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Thomas J. Kimbrough
(RET) LTC Monroe L. Manning
Eldrige E. White

2016

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

James Bates
Michael Brown
W. Ann Lee
Sheri J. Neale
Mary R. Warr

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Floyd W. Alexander, Sr., B.S., M.Div., D.D.
Loretta L. Booker
Fon R. Holloway
Nancy D. Milner - *Posthumously*
Joyce A. Vance

2017

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Barbara Brandon
Donna A. Cotton
Paula Pelliccia
Janice Powell-Walker
Camella D. Leffyear Greenway

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Jacqueline Y. Brow
Beautie M. White

2018

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Gwendolyn L. Beckwith
Barbara R. Greenwood
Marion W. Ogleton Johnson
Latoya N. McFarland

ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD

Alforetta M. Hughes

2019

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Carrie P. Boston
Eddie H. Brailsford, CPA
Dwight P. Cass, Jr.
Michele A. Fleshman
James B. Stafford, III

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Wanda C. Mills

2020

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Miriam V. Ham
Tianna LeGardye
Ricardo Whitted

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Jonathan Benjamin

2021

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Barbara B. Baulding
Daphney A. Garrison
Charmaine Johnson, Ed.D., D. Min.
Earline P. Middleton
Rev. Dr. Russell M. Morrow, D. Min.
Dauphine (Del) Woods

HALL OF FAME AWARD

Dr. Charlene Mallory

2022

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Mary A. Bussey
Rosita E. Edison
Penda L. H. James, M.Ed.
Iris A. Fowler Roseboro
Stacey Hunter Withers

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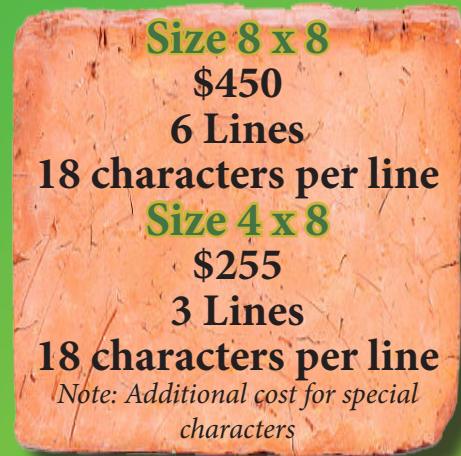
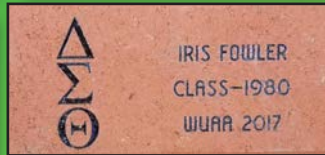
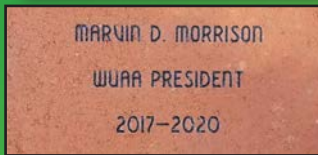
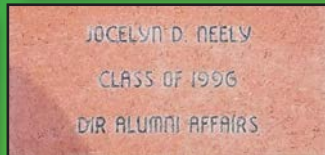
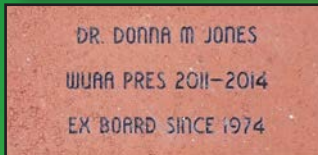
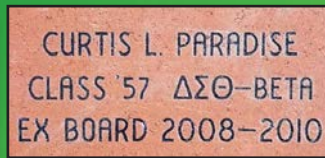
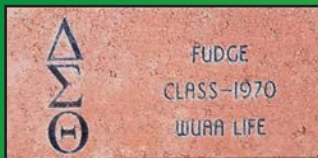
Andrea Y. Massengile

Golden W Club Inductees Class of 1973

Tekeste B. Abraham
Yvonne Cobbs Armes
Elaine Rogers Arrington
Grayceye Askew
Ruby Barnes
Yvonne Brother Battle
Carolyn Bolton Bond
Franklin Brown
Wilfred A. Brown
Eric A. Calhoun
Morris Carey
Cynthia E. Chandler
Rev. Annie Collier Clanton
Jeanette McDonald Clayborn
Joyce Davis Collins
Shirley Dixon Coursey
Gwendolyn Gasque Crawford
Ruth Wilder Davis
Tyrone M. Davis, Sr.
Charlene Diane Dawson
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Theodore Fountain
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Rev. Dr. Madeline Freeman Green
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James Thomas Maultsby, Jr.
Samuella Marlow-Davis
Levi McCray, Jr.
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Vertrell Davis Peterson
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Rev. Dr. Carlyle F. Stewart
Martha A. Tarrant
Sarah Wilson Thomas
Blondell Swinton Tolliver
Beverly A. Vanleer
Mildred Payne Walker
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Barbara Matthews Watson
Dr. Deborah Williams
Patricia Roper Williams
Terrye Parks Williams
Antonia Ball Workman



WUAA BUY-A-BRICK PROJECT



TO ORDER

- Complete online form with payment
- Orders is placed with 5 or more orders
- Bricks made/pre-viewed in 3 weeks or less
- Bricks are returned to WU
- Bricks installed at Fountain weather permitting
- Percentage of funds raised donated to WU

MAKE PAYMENTS:

Online Cash App.:

\$WilberforceAlumni

[Memo: Enter your name/Brick purchase]

Or

By Check:

WUAA

P.O. Box 370, Wilberforce, OH 45384

Attn.: Brick Purchase

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Alma Mater

Words by BISHOP JOHN GREGG
ARRANGED by CHARLES WOODE & HENRY GARCIA '40

I

In the state of old Ohio, Glorious to view;
Stand our noble Alma Mater, Dear old W.U.

II

Men and maidens throng the campus, From all states they come,
And from o'er the rolling waters, To this common home

III

On the sacred grounds we gather, Pledging to be true
To thy ancient proud traditions Dear old W.U.

VI

From the walls have gone forth stalwart sons and daughters brave,
Reflecting honor on the mother who her blessings gave

V

Hear we pledge a loyal service and devotion too.
Hail to thee our Alma Mater Dear old W.U.

CHORUS

Swell the chorus ever on to Gold and Green be true;
Hail to thee our Alma Mater, Dear old W.U.

Thursday, July 27th

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
REGISTRATION
Over the Rhine

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM
WILBERFORCE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT
Walnut Hill

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
MEET-UP FOR JAZZ & MORE...
Brew & Barrel

FRIDAY, JULY 28TH

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
PHYSICAL FITNESS - LINE DANCING W/BARB GARVIN
Adult Park

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
REGISTRATION
Over the Rhine

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM
WELCOME
Madisonville Ballroom

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM **ALUMNI
SPOTLIGHT BRUNCH**
Madisonville Ballroom

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
ANNUAL MEETING
Madisonville Ballroom

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
REGISTRATION
Over the Rhine

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM
RIVERBOAT CRUISE
Spirit of Cincinnati

SATURDAY, JULY 29TH

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM
PHYSICAL FITNESS - LINE DANCING W/BARB GARVIN
Adult Park

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM
REGISTRATION
Over the Rhine

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
MEETINGS
Mount Washington Rooms A & B

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
MUSEUM TOUR
National Underground Railroad Freedom Center

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
DAY PARTY
Market Buyout

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM
REGISTRATION
Over the Rhine

5:45 PM - 6:15 PM
GREEN & GOLD RECEPTION
Adult Park

6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
GREEN & GOLD GALA
Madisonville Ballroom

9:00 PM - 9:30 PM
*******BREAK*******

9:30 PM - 12:00 AM
GREEN & GOLD AFTER PARTY
Madisonville Ballroom

SUNDAY, JULY 30TH

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
CHURCH SERVICE
Over the Rhine

11:00 AM
CONFERENCE DEBRIEFING
Mt. Adams

In Loving Memory of Those We Lost Since the 2022 Conference

Rev. Dr. Floyd W. "Preach" Alexander, Sr. '63

Angela Marea Atkins '87

Joel T. Cartwright '94

Edwina Drummer Coleman '57

Raejean Adams Collins '84

Frances Zene' Johnson Fogel-Gibson '70

Michael "Mike Gee" Georges, Sr. '86

Duane A. Goodman '77

Sharon McDaniel Hollis '68

Royal G. Holmes '51

Wendy Pearson Lambert '69

Rev. Dr. Charles A. McKinney, Sr. '77

Mary Diggs Milner-Sumlin '46

Linda Mobley '74

Rev. Lemuel L. Oxley '81

Rev. Dr. Elvin J. Parker, III '86

Richard S. Poole '78

Dexter Ross '88

Patrice Jackson Senior '74

Gloria Renee Thornton '77

Nathaniel Williams, Jr. '83



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Greetings from WUAA Memphis Chapter



Wilberforce University Alumni Association (WUAA) Memphis Chapter
Proudly Recognizes Our National and Local Alum

James B. Stafford III '73 WUAA National President



BACK ROW:

Delores "Dee" Davis, Rev. Dr. Russell M. Morrow, Joyce Bailey Wilson, Dorothy Bracy Alston, Dr. E. Kenneth Davis, Helen Wren, James B. Stafford III

KNEELING:

Lillie Morgan, Deborah Pratcher

NOT PICTURED:

Doris Griffith, Elrudia Tipton, Jeanette Clayborn, Deidre Iglus, Martha Tarrant, Rita Powell, Wanda Dubose, Vanessa Williams



The Wilberforce University Detroit Alumni Chapter

Congratulates

the WAA on its National Alumni Conference



Cleveland Council of Black Colleges Alumni Association
HBCU
ALUMNI CLE



Congratulations

The **Cleveland Council of Black Colleges Alumni Association** congratulates our member, Lester L. Holmes, Jr., for receiving the Wilberforce University Alumni Association's Distinguished Service Award.

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The Delta Chapter of
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The First Initiates of
The Mighty
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Delta Chapter Est. 1915

Undergraduates Initiates:
(Pictured to the right)

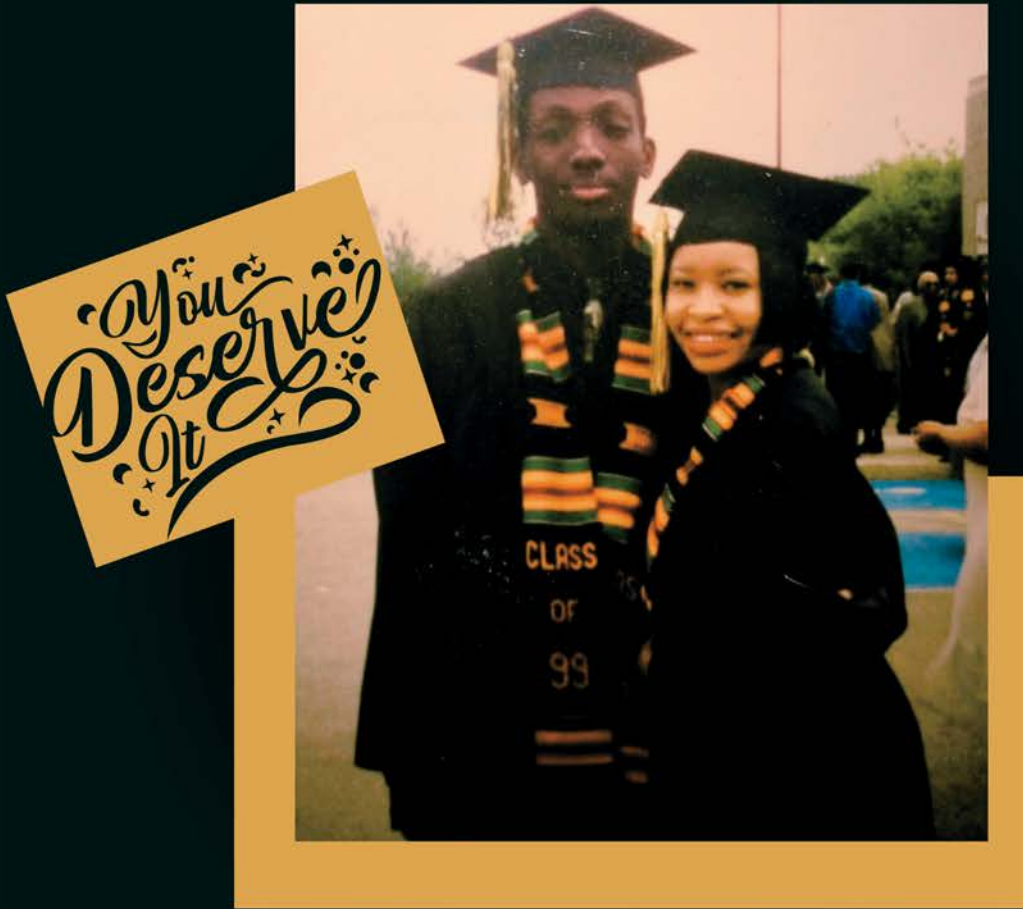
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**CONGRATULATIONS,
LESTER!
CLASS OF 1999**



**LOVE,
JAMILLA!
CLASS OF 1998**



*Wilberforce University Alumni Association
Greater New York Chapter*

*Extends Congratulations & Best Wishes
For a successful 2023 National Conference
Cincinnati, Ohio*



*“Preserving Our Legacy and Future by
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July 27 - 30, 2023

*Paula Pelliccia, President
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Hope Hunter, Corresponding Secretary
Pauline Holness, Treasurer
and
The Membership*





Congratulations Wilberforce University and the Cincinnati Chapter for hosting this gathering of alums in the Queen City.

The Atlanta Alumni Chapter looks forward to "Preserving Our Legacy and Futures by Sowing our Treasures".

Congratulations to Tesha Lowrey '00, for being the recipient of the National Alumni Distinguished Service Award

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OF THE LAKES**

CONGRATULATIONS

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**CHARLES CAMPBELL
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Charter Members

Dee Dee Smith, Derrick Smith,
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WUAA West Michigan Chapter



CELEBRATING 5 YEARS

CHARTER DATE- 07.19.18



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*Greetings and Best Wishes to the
National Conference Committee and
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The Dayton Chapter



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**The Washington, DC Chapter
Wilberforce University Alumni Association (WUAA)**

Extends Best Wishes

**to the
WUAA National Conference Committee
on a successful 2023 Conference**

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Wilberforce University Alumni Association

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Congratulations WUAA
On many years of
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Congratulations Ferman E. Brown III
2023 Distinguished Service Award

**Wilberforce University
Alumni Association**



Cleveland Chapter



Congratulations

**A job well done to the Wilberforce University
Alumni Association (WUAA) and the
Cincinnati Chapter of the WUAA for a
successful 2023 National Alumni Conference**

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Distinguished Service Award

KENNETH B. BIBB

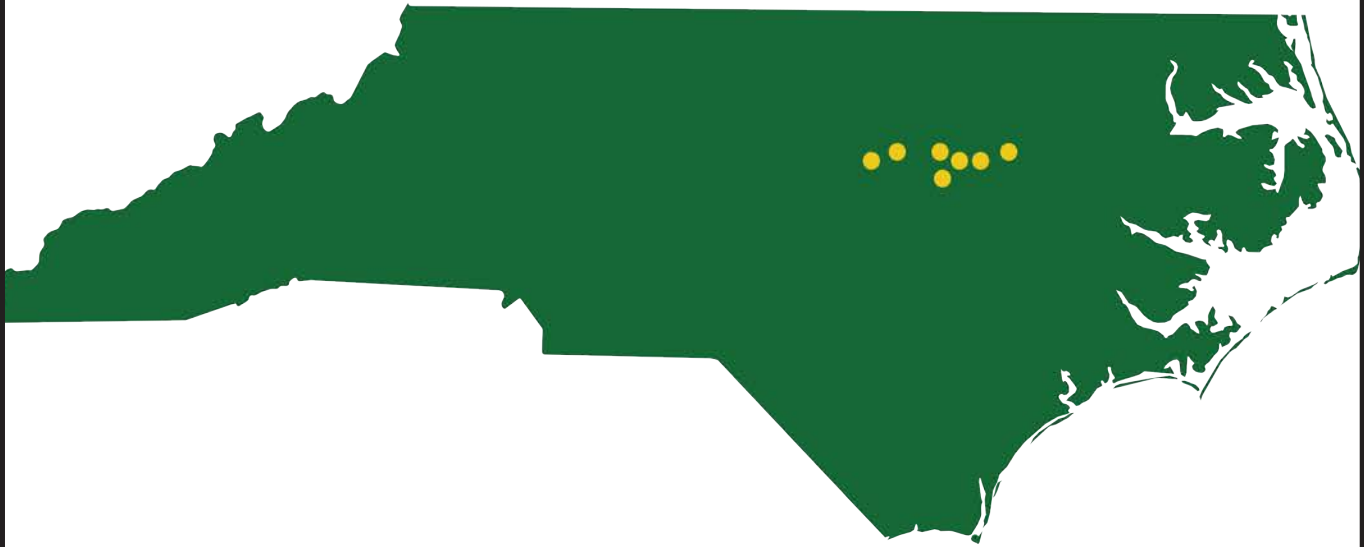
Wilberforce University
Class Of 1974



From the Bibb Family

We Salute You

**The Greater NC Alumni Chapter congratulates
the National WUAA on its annual meeting.
Thanks for welcoming us back home.**



The Greater North Carolina Alumni Chapter

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The Cincinnati Chapter
is excited to welcome Alumni to the

“Queen City”

Cincinnati, Ohio

The Cincinnati Chapter Officers

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*Preserving Our Legacy and Future
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July 27-30, 2023

Second Trinity Baptist Church

911 Nassau Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45206
(513) 861-6407

Congratulations to Our Pastor

Rev. Kenneth B. Bibb

Recipient of

Wilberforce University Alumni Association's

2023 Distinguished Service Award



Pastor Kenneth B. and Mrs. Lillie D. Bibb

We

Exalt - Equip - Evangelize

Congratulations and Best Wishes

to our devoted 2016 Charter Member & 2023-25 Vice President of the WUAA Greater Charlotte Chapter

Holly Lawson

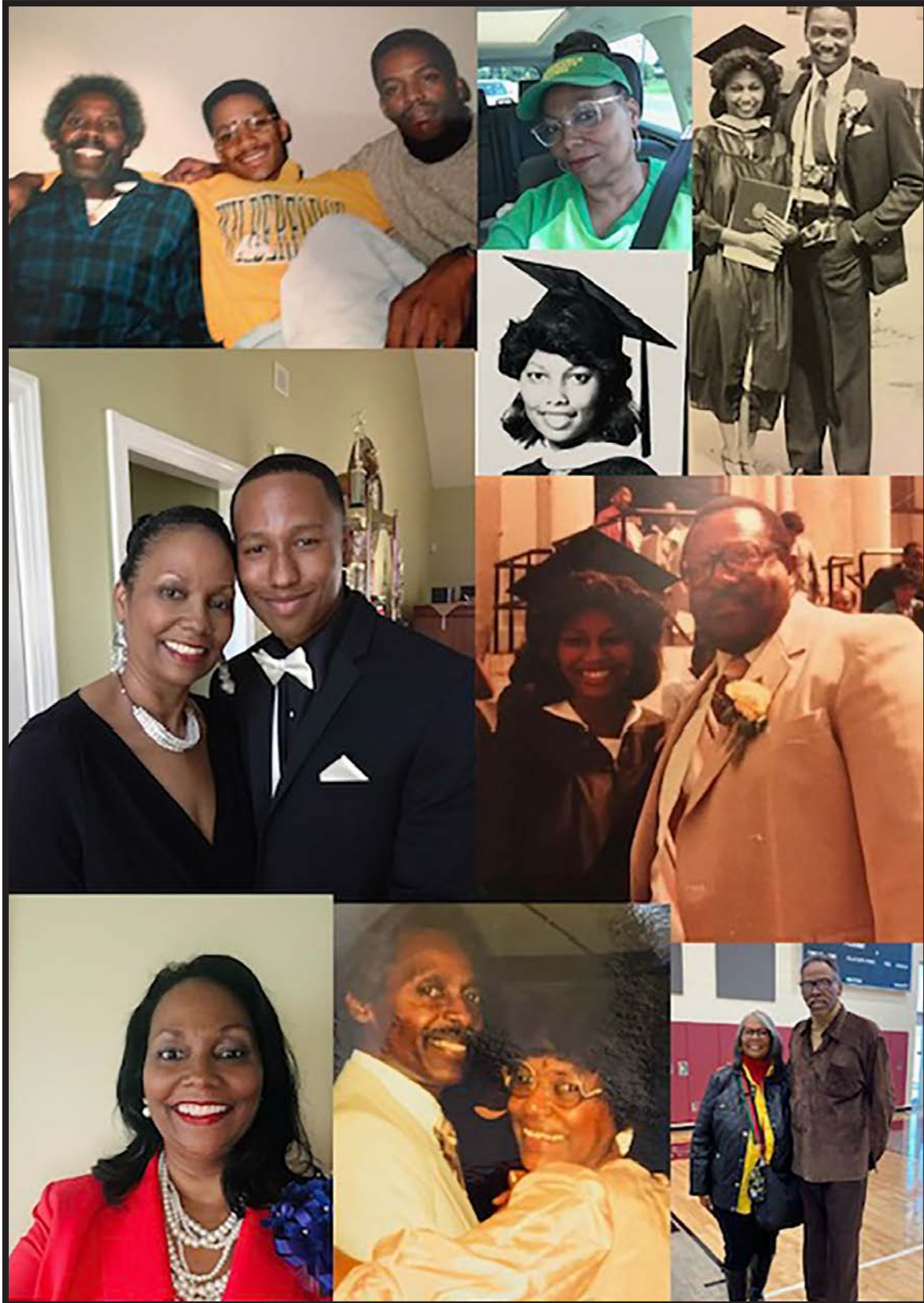
on your

2023 National Distinguished Alumni Service Award.



Congratulations
Holly Lawson, Class of 84'
2023 Distinguished Alumni Service Awardee

Vice President, WUAA Greater Charlotte Chapter





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National WUAA and the
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Hollande “Holly” G. Lawson, 84’

Vice President, WUAA Greater Charlotte Chapter
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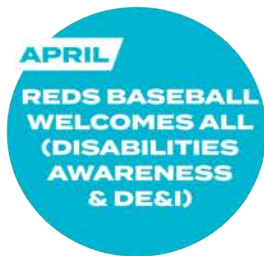
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WHAT:

A monthly awareness campaign throughout the 2023 Season. The Reds will utilize marketing, digital and radio assets along with in-park resources to highlight these important causes.

WHY:

The Reds are committed to turning words into action as we look for ways to address racism, equality, and other social issues in our society. In a continuing effort to drive positive change, we will utilize our platform and resources to bring awareness to causes that affect our fans, employees, and our community. This initiative will allow the Reds to proactively integrate social, civic and environmental causes into our core business.



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*Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Ferman E. Brown III
From Pastor Walls and the East Second
Street First Church of God congregation
as you receive the
2023 Distinguished Service Award from
The Wilberforce University National
Alumni Association*

*May God continue to bless you and make
you a blessing!
You are loved and appreciated!*



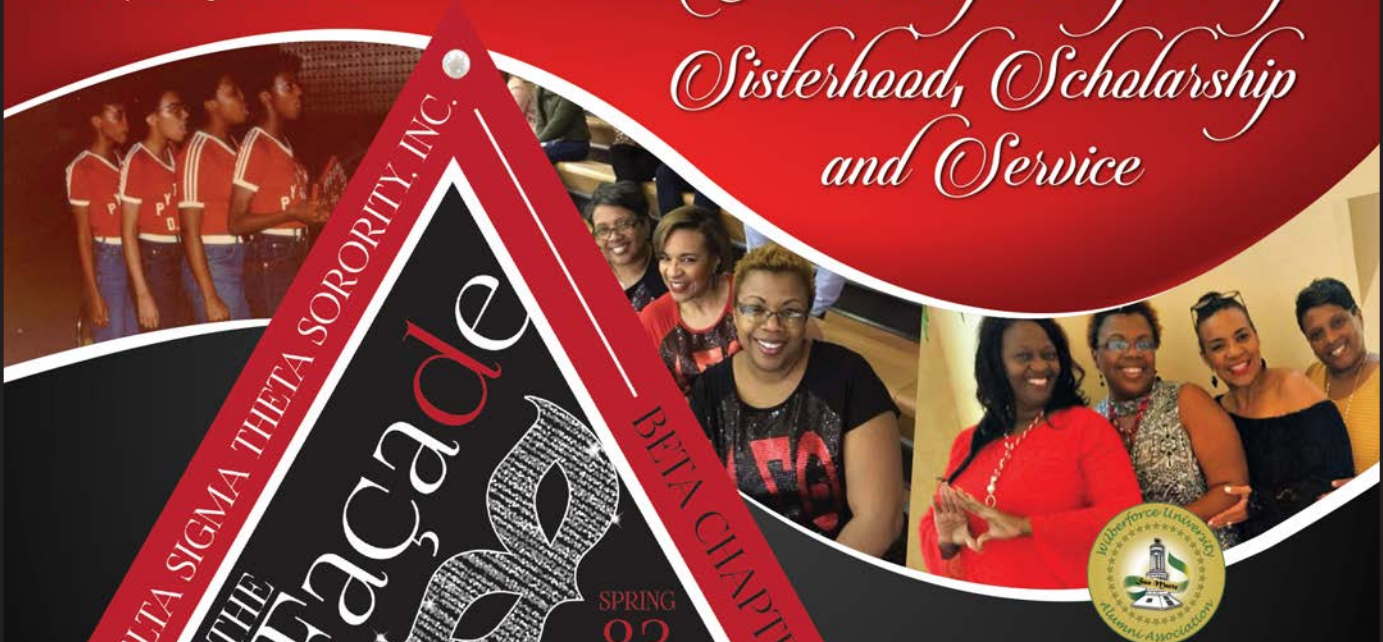
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Best Wishes for a Successful
Wilberforce University
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MEMORIAM

In Memory of
My Late Grandmother
Mrs. Georgia Ella Williams (1888 - 1985)

&

In Memory of
My Late Mother
Mrs. Luella Haney

Without Your Love and Support, I Could Not Have Made It.

Thank You!

*Best Wishes for Successful
and Productive 2023
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Back by Popular Demand Moonlight Cruise 2.3

**Bon-voyage Day Party at Hilton Philadelphia Penn's Landing
Saturday, August 12, 2023 @ 5 PM - 9 PM**

**Moonlight Cruise on the Spirit of Philadelphia
Saturday, August 12, 2023 @ 11:30 PM - 2:00 AM**

**Meet-up for Brunch at Liberty Point
Sunday, August 13th @ 12 noon**

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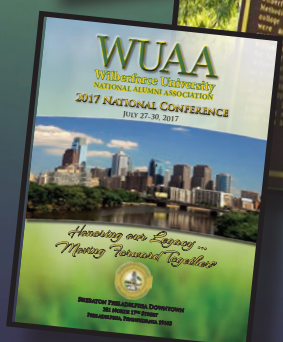
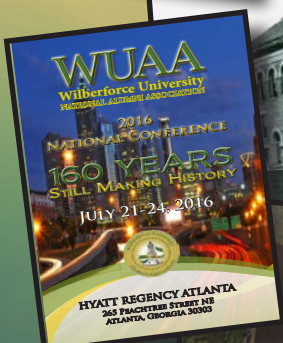
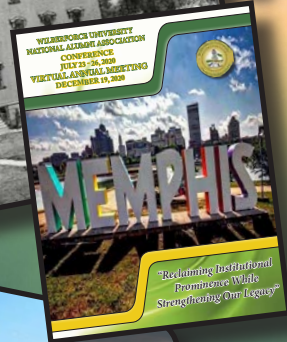
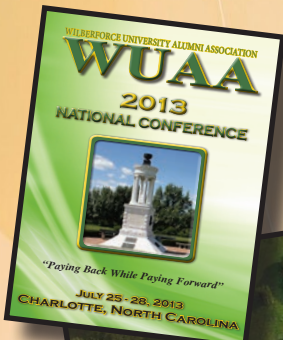
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