

THE BULLDOG CONNECTION

Atlanta Chapter of South Carolina State University National Alumni Association

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Greetings Bulldogs,

The mission of the SCSUNAA Atlanta Chapter is to assist the University in achieving its' mission through financial support for students, philanthropy and community service while providing opportunities for alumni advocacy and engagement. Thanks to our executive board and each of you for your commitment to the University and the SCSUNAA Atlanta Chapter. We are soaring upward and onward.



- We are growing our membership, the largest we have had to date.
- Recruitment is at its highest; we currently have more than 100 students at the University from the metro Atlanta area.
- We are helping to retain students from metro Atlanta by providing support to them while on campus at SC State via phone calls/text messages, visits, and care packages.
- We are continuing to support our beloved Alma Mater through time, talent, and/or treasure.

I would like to personally invite you to join our ongoing efforts to support South Carolina State University as we continue to give back with a renewed commitment to strengthen the Atlanta Chapter.

For the love of South Carolina State University, continue to be loyal sons and daughters.

- Let's stay informed. Attend monthly chapter meetings and alumni events.
- Our thoughts should be optimistic for our future – growth in chapter membership, scholarship funds, enrollment and our University overall.
- You are the best publicist for our University. Spread the word; share your experiences about SC State with parents, prospective students, family, and friends.
- Always wear SC State apparel when and wherever you can!
- Let's stay involved. Join a committee and be an active participant.

Thank you for taking an interest in our quarterly newsletter. In this newsletter, we have included some of our favorite articles throughout the years. Let us continue to work collaboratively and show our loyalty as we rally to her call. Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

With Bulldog Tenacity,

Sandra Mack, '91

Chapter President Atlanta Alumni Chapter, scsuatlpres@gmail.com

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations are in order for Alumnus Ellaway D. Amiker, III and his wife Francina Amiker. The two SC State Alumni are the official owners of Georgia's illustrious Melwood Cemetery.

Founded in 1928, Melwood Cemetery has been the last resting place for residents of the historic Stone Mountain area for nearly a century. For the last 6 years, Mr. Amiker has taken the company to new heights by increasing sales, clientele, strengthening relationships with Funeral Directors statewide and most importantly giving back to those that make Melwood a vibrant part of the community.

His greatest achievement yet took place in April 2023 when he would not only become the full owner of Melwood Cemetery, but he would welcome aboard his wife, a formerly retired educator of 36 years, to join the family business. Together the two former Bulldogs are eager to continue fostering a family-owned business that caters to being a magnificent resting place spread across vast, beautiful, and peaceful scenery that visitors may enjoy.

Melwood Cemetery's staff understands that this process, though overwhelming must be handled with the utmost care and grace. With 40-plus years in the business and being the former owner of Kennedy Memorial Gardens, Mr. Amiker has the experience and resources to accommodate your needs.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Amiker, clients will be received by fellow Bulldog, Denise Major, Family Service Director and her team at the office. The team will guide you through the process from beginning to end. We are here to help you in every way that we can. Want to know more? Contact us at:

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2024 STELLAR ALUMNI

The 2024 Stellar Calendar has been announced. It features 12 outstanding individuals who made indelible marks in their respective communities and career fields. For over a decade, South Carolina State National Alumni Association and the Atlanta Chapter (SCSUNAA) has highlighted and honored the lives of our beloved alumni. The Atlanta Alumni Chapter is proud to feature 4 of our chapter members that are showcased in the calendar. Congratulations to Dr. Wayne Blake, Deborah Herring, Tonya Bloodworth, and Reverend Raushanah Butler.



Dr. Wayne Morris Blake, Ph.D., CRC, CCM. CFLE/Retired (Community Service), is a native of Orangeburg, SC, received a Bachelors of Arts in Professional Sociology in 1976 and a Master of Arts in Rehabilitation in 1977 from SCSC. He completed his Doctor of Philosophy in Human Sciences in 1977 from Florida State University. He is a Life Member of the SCSUNAA and a member of

the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, where he serves as co-chair of Public Affairs committee.



Deborah Lynne Robinson Herring (Community Service), is a native of Orangeburg, SC, and received a Bachelor of Arts in English from SCSC, graduated Cum Laude in 1980. Deborah is a life member of the SCSUNAA and a member of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, where she works with the Ways and Means and Scholarship/Recruitment Committee.



Tonya Bloodworth (Education) is a native of Savannah, Georgia. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English Education from SCSU in 1992 and a Master of Education degree in Educational Leadership from Cambridge College. She is SCSUNAA member and a member of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, where she serves as the Metropolitan

Atlanta Scholarship and Recruitment Co-Chair.



The Reverend Raushanah N. Butler (Religion) is a native of Jacksonville, Florida, and received a Bachelor of Science in Marketing from SCSU in 1999. Reverend Butler is a Life member of the SCSUNAA and a member of the Atlanta Alumni Chapter, serving on the Executive Board as the Chaplain and on the Marketing and Membership Committee.

FAMILY TRADITIONS

Thanksgiving is the season of gratefulness for the goodness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, all HE has sustained and brought us through as a people and as a family. I remember as a child attending a mid-day football game on Thanksgiving Day on the campus of South Carolina State College. The stadium would be packed to capacity, the fans were dressed to impress and the 101 was all male and featured a single female as a solo majorette and the all-male band amazing.

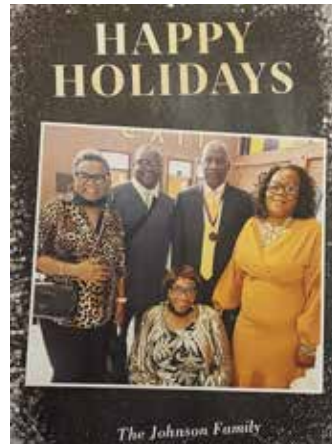


Family gatherings for Thanksgiving were a mainstay and something we looked forward to always. My family travels to Metro Atlanta for Thanksgiving annually. My mother, sister, sister-in-law and I would all work together in our Herring kitchen to prepare scrumptious meals. We worked together always and continue to give thanks still at how blessed we are as a family. While my parents who were rock solid in their faith and love of family are no longer alive my siblings and our families continue to gather at Thanksgiving!

Included on picture: Deborah, SCSC '80, Paul, USC '82, Leslie, SCSC '88, Spouse: John, Claflin 77; Sherri, '83, Children: Jia Hampton '10, Paul III, SCSU '12, John III, JSU '12, Sadia, SCSU '14, and Julian our grandson, for whom the sky is the limit!!

Article submitted by Deborah Robinson Herring '80

FAMILY TRADITIONS



We are an extension of the Johnson family and are ecstatic to carry on a tradition in honoring our grandmother, Maggie Johnson. Our grandmother was a jewel loved and received by the community for her helping hand and kind spirit.

One of our family traditions is to take a picture with mom to send out as our holiday card for the season. Our card usually represents a special event that took place throughout the year or the family having a joyous time. On the card is mom (who is now 88), sister, Linda, SCSU '75, brother, Tommy, cuz Terry, and me (not pictured, brother, Glenn). Our mother, Beverly is the lovely matriarch and holds true in strengthening the family bonds.

The picture is one that we took at homecoming. Our brother, Tommy was installed as a 2021 Wilson High School Hall of Famer for his service to the Florence community.

Article submitted by Brenda Mitchell Holmes '81

GRATITUDE

Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life. It turns what we have into enough, and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow.

- Melody Beattiey

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE



The Atlanta Alumni Chapter presented our 2023 virtual fundraiser on Saturday, July 29, 2023, via Zoom. This virtual summer dinner entitled “**Dine En Bleu ~ Summer in France**” proved to be a tremendous success for the chapter yielding over \$18,000.00 in scholarship funds. SCSU Alum and friends of SCSU used their dollars and “Got up for the Bulldogs”. SCSU Alum and friends were challenged to meet giving levels that were set to be appealing to everyone’s budget. These giving levels ranged from Loyal Pup (\$25) to Garnet and Blue (\$501 & up). Two giving Challenges were created to motivate giving a participation. Challenge one, donors were urged to make their donation by July 15th in order to be entered into a drawing during the virtual dinner. The Affinity

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Greetings from your Membership Committee! Thank you in becoming financially active for the current fiscal year! If you are not financially active but have been thinking about it or have assisted the chapter in some capacity, we thank you, too. At the present time, we are working to grow our membership to 300 plus financial members. This will be the largest number of members for the chapter to date. Please help us to reach this milestone by either renewing your membership or making contact with non financial alumni and encouraging them to pay their dues. Dues are needed to provide operating revenue for the chapter. This revenue is used to cover many of our monthly recurring expenses.

For those not aware, the National Alumni Association has presented a ‘Membership Growth Challenge’ for the current fiscal year (July 01, 2023 – June 30, 2024). The challenges are:

- New Chapter Membership Growth (challenge ends March 15, 2024)
- New Life Membership Growth
- Winning Criteria for Membership Growth: The chapter(s) with the highest percentage of new member growth within their Tier will be declared the winner(s).
- Guidelines for the New Life Member Growth Award
- The winning chapter(s) will be those that enroll the highest number of Life Members within their Tier.

Group challenge was the event’s second challenge. Class era and Divine 9 Affinity group leaders reached out to their respective group members via phone, text, and email requesting their monetary support. These two challenges created positive energy and sparked giving. The top donor Affinity Groups were Class era of 1970s (\$4,568.59), AKA’s (\$2,206.07), and Class era of 1980’s (\$1,934). Honorable mention Affinity Groups included the Deltas (\$1,509), Omegas (\$1,068) and Sigma Gamma Rho (\$1,000).

The Dine En Bleu was a fun evening for all in attendance and was well attended. DJ Cuervo ‘01 kept the vibe in hyped mode by donating his skills on the ones and twos. VP’s Mathew Mitchell and Robbi Brown kept attendees engaged with spin the wheel for cash. It warmed our heart when all the Loyal Sons and Daughters, winners of the” Spin the Wheel for Cash” donated their winnings back to the chapter. Funds for the” Spin the Wheel for Cash” were donated by our Amazing and hard-working Atlanta Chapter Executive Board. It was also thrilling to see how many attendees decorated their homes in the Summer in Paris theme.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Ways and Means Committee, Marketing Committee, Financial Team, Executive Board, Ms. Francesca Amiker, for our Calling Posts, Madam President, Communication Committee and a special thanks to Alum, DJ Ciervo. We also want to send out a big thank you to all our generous donors and attendees of “Dine’ En Bleu” Virtual Dinner!

Get ready for our 2024 Fundraising! It will be held June 1st at Atlanta Metropolitan College Conference Center, 1630 Metropolitan Parkway, SW, Atlanta, GA. Atlanta. More details to come.

If you have thought about becoming an active member of your Atlanta Alumni Chapter, please move forward and make your payment, which helps support students at South Carolina State University.

Elgin Mazone ‘1993, Chair and Michael Patterson ‘1982, Co-Chair.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Greetings Bulldogs! It’s a new fiscal year and time for new and energized members! Yes, it’s time for you to join the Technology Committee as we ascend in new directions to sustain our visibility within our community, SCSUNAA and beyond! No, you don’t have to be a technology guru, genius, nor have any technical expertise. The only requirements are willingness to learn, follow through with follow-up and do it all with Bulldog love.

MARKETING COMMITTEE

The Marketing Committee shares ongoing, high-quality marketing. “Marketing” ensures that our alumni at South Carolina State University gain useful sufficient information about the status of our wonderful institution and what is taking place in our communities. We value – and get sufficient value from – each committee. Please submit your marketing information to Pia Scott at drpscott2016@gmail.com or Brenda Holmes at holmesrbhr@bellsouth.net.

Atlanta Alumni Chapter Members Returns to South Carolina State University for Homecoming 2023

Generations of alumni made the trip to Orangeburg, SC for the 2023 Homecoming weekend.

The Atlanta Alumni Chapter of SCSUNAA registered a float for the parade. Our chapter had a king and queen for the first time to represent the chapter. Mr. & Mrs. Charles & Faye Stone and our Executive Board Officers, greeted the parade audience.



The parade festivities began at 9 a.m. at the Edisto Memorial Gardens, traveling through several streets, eventually making it onto campus.

The Atlanta Alumni Chapter of SCSU hosted its annual homecoming tailgate experience from 11:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. for alumni, friends, and current Atlanta area students. The tailgate was catered by Hit the Spot, LLC.



Game time kicked off at 3:30 p.m. as we played Howard University.

The game was also broadcasted on ESPN. It was a Bulldog winning game as we won our homecoming game with a score of 27-24.

Homecoming 2023 was an opportunity to celebrate everything about South Carolina State University. Whether this was a time for reflection on college days past, or a celebration of all the exciting updates and changes yet to come, it was a great weekend for everyone who returned to “Bulldog Land and the Livest Homecoming of America.”

-Jennifer Ryder
Homecoming Committee Chair

ATLANTA ALUMNI CHAPTER- SCSU HOMECOMING FLOAT



Congratulations Queen!



Faye was queen twice in one month! Her being as queen for the Atlanta Chapter was the first time for that title. She took her sister on a Carnival Cruise and volunteered for an unknown activity and through rounds of events she also won the title of Queen of the Carnival ship!

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

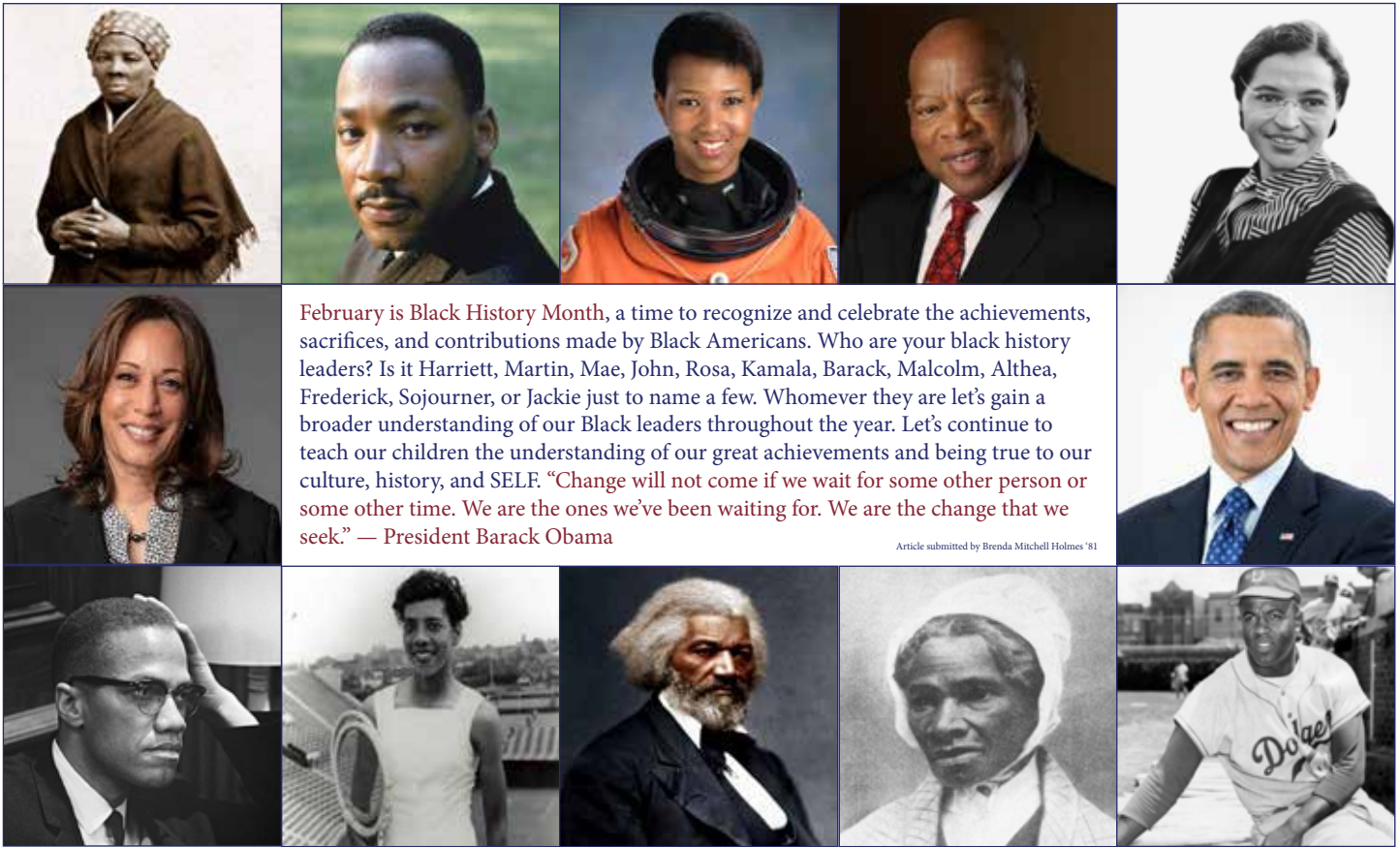
No More YOLO... - The Rev. Raushanah N. Butler, MBA, MDiv

There is a mantra that has gained worldwide attention that is still being spread today: YOLO – You Only Live Once. It is my personal belief that “YOLO” is bad advice. Why? I honestly believe that because we tell ourselves that we only live once, we use that “one” opportunity to do something big or impactful. We save up to take that big trip in 5 years because you know, “YOLO”! We wait for a milestone birthday to go sky diving because you know, “YOLO”! We do this and then we do that because you know, “YOLO”! The question we should be asking ourselves is why are we waiting to do anything? The answer to that is that we have the opportunity to do something we love or have been wanting to do EVERY.SINGLE.DAY!

When we live by the “YOLO” mantra we unknowingly put ourselves in a box (I USED to be guilty). And it doesn't make sense to think outside the box either because the box is still there, but we must eliminate the box altogether. One of my favorite scriptures is Ephesians 5:15-16, “So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days.” As we come to the end of another year and embark upon a new one, I encourage everyone to make a “Life List.” No bucket lists allowed. Let us remove the limits and do everything your heart desires now - legally and within limits of course. So, my brothers and my sisters, go ahead and buy the shoes, eat the cake, write the book, take the trip, start the business, and live your life. Again, “YOLO” is an inaccurate statement that has the potential of making us stagnant, because the truth is, we have the choice to live every day! .



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH



February is Black History Month, a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements, sacrifices, and contributions made by Black Americans. Who are your black history leaders? Is it Harriett, Martin, Mae, John, Rosa, Kamala, Barack, Malcolm, Althea, Frederick, Sojourner, or Jackie just to name a few. Whomever they are let's gain a broader understanding of our Black leaders throughout the year. Let's continue to teach our children the understanding of our great achievements and being true to our culture, history, and SELF. "Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek." — President Barack Obama

Article submitted by Brenda Mitchell Holmes '81

The Orangeburg Massacre is one of the most violent episodes of the civil rights movement, yet it remains one of the least recognized.

On February 5, 1968, a small group of students from both SC State and Claflin went to All-Star Bowling Lanes to protest its whites-only policy. The owner refused them entry and they left peacefully; word of refusal spread across both college campuses like wildfire. On the night of February 8, 1968, nine South Carolina Highway Patrolmen fired their weapons into a crowd of black students protesting on the front of the campus of South Carolina State College. The event became known as the Orangeburg Massacre and is one of the most violent episodes of the civil rights movement, yet it remains one of the least recognized. Three students were killed and twenty eight were injured. The three students killed were Freshman Sammy Hammond who was shot in the back; 17-year-old high school student Delano Middleton, whose mother worked at SC State was shot seven times; and 18-year-old Henry Smith was shot three times.



Henry Smith

Sammy Hammond

Delano Middleton

The student protesters were joined by Cleveland Sellers, a native South Carolinian and civil rights activist. After graduating from Howard University in 1967, Sellers returned to South Carolina with the goal of teaching students about black history. His activism, however, put him on the government's radar and earned him a reputation as a "black militant." Sellers was taken into custody at the hospital and charged with inciting a riot. He was brought to trial in September 1970, but the state couldn't prove he'd incited a riot at SC State on the night of February 8. The judge, however, allowed the state to charge him with rioting at the bowling alley instead and he was convicted and sentenced to one year of hard labor. He was released after seven months. In 2006, Cleveland Sellers's son Bakari was elected to the South Carolina Legislature.

Despite official government apologies, most survivors of the Orangeburg Massacre feel South Carolina continues to suppress knowledge of what really happened. More than fifty years later, they're still haunted by the carnage that took place and vow to continue to honor the victims and work to bring the truth to light to prevent a repeat of the tragedy. - History.com Editors

To read the full article: <https://www.history.com/topics/1960s/orangeburg-massacre>

BULLDOG COUPLES

LOVE is in the air and such a beautiful feeling for our Bulldog Couples. These couples met through the connections of South Carolina State University and are happy to share their love story.

Jane and Gregory (Greg) Williams

Jane '1979 and Gregory '1985 met in Washington Dining Hall at SCSU. Jane stayed in Mays Hall and Greg in Bethea Hall. Most of Greg's friends dated Jane's friends, but Jane only thought of Gregory as her "Little Brother."

In 1987, Greg was home for Christmas and made plans to meet Jane at Pappy's in Augusta, GA after visiting his aunt. He offered Jane and her friend some of his aunt's 7up pound cake. February 14, 1988, Greg called Jane to let her know he really liked her and no longer wanted to be her "Little Brother."



Gregory proposed to Jane in March 1988. Along with her Bulldog Glam Squad (Ms. T, Brenda Reid, and Carletta Wynn), they planned and orchestrated the wedding in 10 weeks. Jane and Greg are the proud parents of an adult daughter, Ashley Lynnette of Maryland. On July 2, 2024, they will celebrate 36 years of marriage. "Together is our favorite place to be."

Through the thought of being considered only a "Little Brother," Greg's aunt famous 7up pound cake, and the awesome Glam Squad, love has brought Jane and Gregory everlasting happiness!

Jean and David Bell

Jean '1980 and David '1977 initially met on a warm summer day in September 1976. She was a freshman and he was a senior at their beloved SCSU. Jean was a cheerleader and they were performing in front of Dukes Gym during a pep rally before the first home football game. David noticed this cute freshmen cheerleader and he actively pursued her. Shortly thereafter, they went on their first date at the Pizza Hut. It wasn't too much longer, David told his mom, "Mamma, I Found that Girl"; a



Jackson 5 song title. They dated Jean's entire four years at SCSU and married shortly after her graduation on August 9, 1980. Jean continued at SCSU and obtained a Master's in Education while David deployed to South Korea on an Army short tour. They have been married for 43 years and have two children and six grandchildren. "Every moment is a fresh beginning."

The lyrics of Mama, I found that Girl is Jean and David perfect love story. Here is a verse shared by David of his sunshine. "Oooh, mama, she's that beautiful dream - That I dream each night, She's that hurdle of... - On those wings, of their flight - She's those words left, When there's no more to say - She's my sunshine, At the end, of a perfect day. - Mama, I know, I know I found that girl."

Yolanda (Faye) Brown and Charles (Rock) Stone

Faye '1979 and Charles '1979 were introduced at SCSU their freshman year in August 1975; however, no date took place. Fast forward 39 years later, Faye was living in Knoxville, TN and Charles in Chicago, IL, when they got reacquainted at a Bulldog football game in Atlanta, Georgia, October 2014. After the game, they happen to attend a party at Jane and Greg Williams' home. They decided to attend the November homecoming together that same year as a first date, which was the coldest and strangest weather that day for a reacquainted love connection!



When Faye returned home, she started receiving flowers. When the first set of flowers arrived at her home, she knew they were not for her until she read the card and wondered how Charles got her address. The flowers started being delivered to her work place, as well! Charles was saying and doing all the right things to capture her heart and the flowers kept coming! This was the beginning of Faye and Charles journey!

They vacationed in Las Vegas and got engaged in April 2015 in Florida. Faye and Charles were married on July 4, 2015 and honeymooned in St. Lucia! They built a home in Covington, Georgia and are still on their journey, eight and a half years later! "Have enough courage to trust love one more time and always one more time."

As for the Stones' love story, reacquainted love captured Faye's heart and her flowers symbolize the forever love that Charles has for her!

In idle dreams of long ago,
I imagined my true lover;
A perfect match, a soulmate
An angel from above.
Now you're here, and now I know
Our love will stay and thrive and grow.

— Joanna Fuchs

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Francina and Ellaway Amiker

In the fall of 1977, Francina was a Freshman and Ellaway was a Junior at SCSU. Their romance began when Ellaway was on the field at band practice and saw a group of young ladies on the sideline watching. He caught the eyes of the most beautiful set of “cat eyes” that he had ever seen. Seeing how intrigued Francina was, as she watched the band, he found himself wanting to impress her and really stepped up his game. Being the Head Drum Major, Ellaway seized the opportunity to showcase his phenomenal skills during practice. Being so caught up in what he was doing, he turned around and noticed that she was gone; however, that same night, the 101 participated in a “Pep Rally” in front of Dukes Gym, where Francina reappeared out of the crowd. Ellaway was so thrilled to see Francina that he quickly asked for her name and what dormitory she lived in. Immediately after the pep rally, Ellaway headed straight to Miller Hall to see her. They took a walk toward the band room which gave them adequate time to engage in a more serious conversation.

After a fun filled two years courtship, Ellaway graduated in 1979 and moved to Atlanta and Francina graduated in 1981 and relocated to Cheraw, SC. The relationship ended for a couple of years, then eventually, Ellaway and Francina were reunited. One day they decided to go back to visit SCSU and as they approach the band room, they sat on that same brick wall. As they began reminiscing about the years that they spent at SCSU, Ellaway stood up, then knelt down on one knee and asked Francina to marry him, and of course her response was, “YES!”

After 39 years later, Ellaway and Francina have been blessed with 3 wonderful children. They currently reside in Atlanta, GA. “**The Best is Yet to Come.**”

Ellaway always emphasized that SCSU gave him the best gift ever, and that is his wife, Francina Whiteside Amiker!



Rosa and Cornelius Hall

At church in 1966, a cousin introduced Rosa and Cornelius and they became high school sweethearts. After Rosa graduated from high school in 1969, she enrolled in SCSU in January 1970 and Cornelius enlisted in the United States Air Force (USAF).



During the years Rosa and Cornelius were away from each other, their theme song was “Some Day We’ll be Together” by Dianna Ross and the Supreme.

Rosa graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration in 1974 and received her Master of Education Degree in 1978. Cornelius returned from the USAF in 1973 and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Education in 1979. They were married on August 31, 1974.

Rosa and Cornelius have been married for 49 years; they are blessed with 4 children: three daughters and one son; 11 grandchildren: 6 girls and 5 boys.

Rosa and Cornelius bible verse they live by is “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct your paths.”

In the enjoyment of retirement, the couple love song is “Fortunate” by Maxwell. “Fortunate to have you girl, I’m so glad you’re in my world, Just as sure as the sky is blue, I bless the day that I found you!”

Queen and Eric Washington

Queen Smalls ‘1982 from Huger, SC and Eric Washington ‘1980 from Bronx, NY met in the fall of 1978 at SC State College.



They started hanging out and spending time talking on the swings at Felton Laboratory Charter School. They had conversations about everything from classes to football, especially the Dallas Cowboys!

That was a huge deal for Eric; a nice girl who loved the Cowboys! Queen knew he was the one when he gave her a half-eaten bag of chocolate chip cookies after a disagreement. The more time they spent together, the closer they felt towards each other and realized their feelings were changing from friendship to something more and it continued to grow.

Queen and Eric said, “I do” on September 1, 1984, and have three wonderful, handsome sons. The couple continues to enjoy being in each other’s presence watching and attending football games and traveling the world. “**We Are One, Always and Forever!**”

Queen knew that when Eric shared his bag of chocolate chip cookies it was indeed a sign of Eric’s true love, the greatest gift of all!

GIVING TUESDAY

Loyal Sons and Daughters, please join the Atlanta Alumni Chapter for our BULLDOG DAY of GIVING. This day of giving will provide support for our local scholarships, operating costs, and also allow the chapter to support the SC State University's General Scholarship Fund.

We have designated the 3rd Tuesday of each month as 'GIVING TUESDAY'! Please make your donations at www.scsuatlbulldogs.org. The goal is each alum donate a minimum of \$25.00 each month on "GIVING TUESDAY."

Please consider recurring monthly payment/giving. Auto draft, credit/debit card, PayPal, Zelle, and mailed payments are accepted. However, the "preferred" method is recurring – auto draft.

Thank you for making the commitment.



MONTHLY VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Monthly chapter meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month; otherwise a notice will be sent. Meeting notifications are sent via email or Calling Post.

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Sponsored by: Marketing & Communications Committee (Raushanah Butler, Brenda Holmes, Matthew Mitchell, Pia Scott, Faye Brown-Stone, and Greg Williams).

The newsletter is targeted to be released each season. If you would like to submit a poem, quote, etc., Email Pia Scott (drpscott2016@gmail.com) or Brenda Holmes (holmesrbrh@bellsouth.net).



Save The Date

JUNE 1, 2024

Scholarship Funding Event

Atlanta Metropolitan College Conference Center,
1630 Metropolitan Parkway, SW, Atlanta, GA.

HALL OF FAME



Helen A Corbett-Brandyburg is pleased to announce that she has been inducted into the 2023 Vidalia High School Hall of Fame as a Member of the Championship 1967-68 J. D. Dickerson Girls Basketball Team.

The team was presented to the public between the girls and the boys game against Montgomery County, GA.

"I am excited that we made it, since The Team was from an All Black school, prior to integration, which helps to keep our history alive. The Hall of Fame Ceremony is an annual event and will be an opportunity to honor outstanding individuals and

teams, and help to create community and school pride.

This is the 2nd Class from over 100 years of Vidalia High School Athletics which began in 2022."

Visit the link at Vidalia Hall of Fame site.

Congratulations Helen on your great accomplishment!

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