

## Alexandria Old School Alumni Association, Inc.



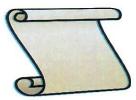
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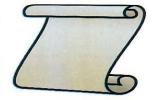
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### Linda Reed Howard, President

Gwen Brown Henderson, Founder, 2001





### Greetings from the President Linda Reed Howard

May the life you live and the work you do speak for you!

Greetings

Welcome alumni members and friends. I pray all is well with you and your family.

Thank you so much for your membership, donations and support. We truly appreciate your generosity over the last 24 years

Because of you, AOSAA, had a great year in 2024. As we move forward in 2025 and beyond we are planning on expanding our community awareness in Alexandria.

We would like to foster a sense of community involvement and pride. We encourage our alumni, family, friends, current residents, and local businesses to actively participate in helping us reach our goal. Together we can make a real difference.

Enjoy this quarterly Newsletter.

Linda Reed Howard President Alexandria Old School Alumni Association. *Inc.* 

### Accomplishments

2004 became a charter.

2004 annual community cookout.

2006 we became a non-profit.

2008 annual community cookout.

2011 AOSAA awarded a proclamation for May 20, 2011, by the city mayor.

2012-present- coat drive, turkey drive, sock drive, gift baskets, backpacks, donation to Alfred Street Church, 55 toiletries bags to Beulah Baptist Church.

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Who are we?

Alexandria Old School Alumni Association Inc. has been in existence since 2001 founded by Ms. Gwendolyn (Gwen) Brown-Henderson. The organization's name was created by Ms. Linda Howard and the organization's emblem was created by Mr. Charles Hall.

The organization was formed with classmates that attended the high schools of Parker Gray, George Washington, TC Williams and Hammond, and elementary schools of Lyles Crouch, Charles Houston and the middle school Thomas Jefferson.

We offer charitable and educational assistance to our Alexandria community. Our mission is to help our youth, and aide our senior citizens, and the less fortunate in Alexandria, VA.

Please help us expand our support in the community.

### Announces Our 2025 "Donald R. Allen Scholarship Program"

### Scholarships

## LISTEN UP!! LISTEN UP!! DON'T BE LEFT OUT!

"Graduating Seniors"

Apply for our scholarship.

Download the application from our website

at: www.aosalumniassn.org.

Applications can also be obtained from clindalove@comcast.net

Deadline to Apply: May 19, 2025.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**



Mr. Tarrick McGuire, The new Alexandria Police Department (APD) Chief.

After, four months into his tenure as chief of police at the Alexandria Police Department, Chief McGuire says he aspires to leave APD nationally recognized for the work the department has done to lead policing into the next century.



Alyia Gaskins has served on Alexandria City Council since 2021 and became the first African American woman elected as Mayor in 2024. Mayor Gaskins is a tenacious fighter for families, communities, and health equity, and is dedicated to building a healthier, more prosperous Alexandria for all.



After 25 years since its release, Disney is honoring the movie "Remembering the Titans. On a tight budget of \$30 million the movie grossed \$115 million in the United States and \$135 million worldwide. The movie was based on TC Williams High School football team, the Titans, and Marshall High School football team in the state championship game. In spite of the passed racial tension at the school. The Titans band together and won the championship game. Led by the late coach Boone and the late coach Yoast and star player the late, Petey Jones.

### from page 2 "Accomplishments"

2015 sponsored a fashion show/ luncheon to honor teachers. 2015 started awarding gift cards to our seniors.

2018 a field trip with youths to the Black American Culture Museum

Over 24 years awarded \$37,000.00 in scholarships.

January, February, and March

In January we rung in a new year 2025. Lord continue to protect and guide us through the year.

February was Black History Month. Young black authors ranging from 6-15 made history with the UNSUNG, the first published online Kids Zone.

March is Women History Month. We celebrate the countless contributions and achievements of women throughout history.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU, HAP-PY BIRTH-DAY!

### **JANUARY**

### Priscilla Collier 1-25 Diane Gilliam 1-24 Virginia Groveton 1-07 Loretta Haley 1-12 Windy Burt Henderson 1-31 Valerie Jackson 1-10 Linda Pendergrass 1-06 Warlene Surratt 1-28 Diane Tayler 1-22 Tammy Waldo 1-09 Rachel Walker 1-05

### **FEBRUARY**

Terry Greene	2-10
Octavia S. Caldwell	2-28
Raymond Golden	2-20
James Haley	2-28
Thomas Hollis	2-22
Charles Miles	2-04
Shiela Niller	2-25
Rose Marie Sirbert	2-27

### MARCH

3-19
3-13
3-15
3-03
3-31

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

There were several early black neighborhoods in Alexandria. The neighborhoods were, the Berg, colored Rosemont, The Bottoms (The Dip), Cross Canal, Fishtown, Hayti, The Hill, The Hump, Mudd Town and Uptown. These neighborhoods are pre-dated the civil war.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- 1. April 10 is National Sibling Day. Our siblings are our family, and they are a hugh part of our lives-that's why we celebrate them on National Siblings Day. Reach out to your brothers and sisters and let them know how much they mean to you. This month is also Stress Awareness Month.
- 2. May is National Awareness Month a catalyst for us to learn more, seek help, offer support, and open our hearts and minds to vulnerable conversations.
  May 6-10 is Teachers Appreciation Week an opportunity to show teachers are valued, appreciated, and deserving of more support.
- 3. June 19 is Juneteenth a federal holiday in the US, It is celebrated annually on this day to commemorate the ending of slavery.
- 4. Robert and Mildred Worthy will celebrate 50 years of marriage in June.

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Let's relive our youth and
Jog our memory.
Complete the word search
puzzle and the
first 2 to do so and get it
back to us will win a prize.

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We appreciate any feedback from you. This is your newsletter, and we welcome any suggestions and topics for our next and future newsletters. clindalove@comcast.net

Thanks.

**HAPPY FIRST QUARTER** 

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