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## **NEWSLETTER**

# **“OLD SCHOOL CORNER”**



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**EDUCATION!**

**“The Key to Success”**

**“May the life you live  
and the work you do  
Speak for you”**

**Linda Reed Howard, President**  
**Gwen Brown Henderson, Founder**



*Greetings from the President*  
*Linda Reed Howard*

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 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.

This Newsletter is dedicated to EDUCATION. Honoring our teaching and saluting our student's academic achievements These teachers taught us more than learning they taught us how to prepare for life.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2025 GRADUATES!**

Best Wishes,

*Linda Reed Howard,*  
*President,*  
*AOSAA, Inc.*



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## **“2025 Donald R. Allen Scholarship Program”**

### **Congratulations To:**



Rriel Talley. Rriel graduated from ACPHS. Rriel carried a GPA of 3.38. Rriel was accepted to Temple University in the fall. She intends to pursue a degree in Clinical Psychology. She hopes to work for and with underprivileged and/or underserved communities. She is very active in her church and her community. What set her apart is her determination and passion. She pours herself into everything she does. She is listed in the Future Business leaders of America. March on Rriel!



Maddox Graduated from Westlake High School. Maddox carries a GPA of 4.58. He will be attending Michigan University in the fall. He will be majoring in aerospace engineering. He was accepted to intern in 2024 at the Naval Air Warfare Center Aircraft Division in Maryland. He has been accepted this year for a summer apprenticeship at the Naval Warfare Center in Virginia. Maddox is a youth leader in his church and served as Vice-president of the National Honor Society. Maddox, aim for the stars!

#### **PAST AWARD RECIPIENTS:**

Genesis Taylor, 2012  
Najee Surratt, 2012  
Ladaysia Styrgis 2013  
Nicole Hernandez, 2014  
Diana Jones, 2014  
Erika Rush, 2015  
Diamon Bostick, 2015

Jaden Brown, 2015  
Judia Addison, 2016  
Ciara Napier, 2016  
Rukiya J. Ahmed, 2016  
Lela Parker-Deck, 2017  
Dayquon Henderson,  
2017

Mickayla Brandao, 2017  
Monnik Williams. 2118  
Mary Mcoy, 2018  
MiRayla Addison, 2018  
Miya Usher, 2019  
Jordan Johnson, 2021  
Lorraine Johnson, 2021

### **Past Recipients cont'd**

Micah Hutchings, 2023

Malik Kunata, 2023

Nadia Heeggs, 2024

Logan Williams, 2024

### **Quotes**

1. The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you.
2. "Intelligence plus character—that is the goal of true education."

## **Not Sure about College?**

Trade schools offer several advantages for high school students, especially those who are interested in hands-on careers or want to enter the workforce more quickly. Here are some key benefits:

### **1. Faster Entry into the Workforce**

- Trade school programs are often shorter than traditional college degrees—many take 1 to 2 years—so students can start earning money and building experience sooner.

### **2. Cost-Effective**

- Tuition for trade schools is generally much lower than that of four-year colleges, reducing student debt.

### **3. Hands-On Learning**

- Programs are highly practical and skill-focused, often including internships or apprenticeships that provide real-world experience.

### **4. High Demand for Skilled Trades**

- Many trades (e.g., electricians, welders, HVAC technicians, healthcare assistants) are in high demand, offering strong job security and good wages.

### **5. Clear Career Path**

- Students leave with a specific skill set and often a certification or license, making the transition to a job more straightforward.

### **6. Smaller Class Sizes**

- Trade schools often have smaller classes, allowing for more personalized instruction and support.



## 7. Alternative for Non-Traditional Learners

- Ideal for students who prefer hands-on work to academic classroom settings and may not thrive in traditional college environments.

**"Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is your future. Today is your life. Live it."**

**Hazel Hayes**

## Honoring Our Teachers

Because of you we are doctors, dentist, educators, lawyers, judges, politicians, military leaders, Brigadier General, government careers, nurses, social workers, Entrepreneurs, business owners, professional athletes, ministers, and much more. *Thank you!*



Ms. Marion Allen  
Mrs. Evangeline  
Barnes  
Mrs. Flora Chase  
Mrs. Mary Fields  
Mr. Carlton Funn  
Mrs. Joan Funn  
Mrs. Gloria Greene  
Mrs. Bonnie Barnes  
Mrs. Ruby Watts  
Mrs. Mary Adams

Mrs. Jacqueline Green  
Mrs. Evelyn Hopkins  
Mrs. Eleanor Johnson  
Mrs. Alice Lewis  
Mrs. Marcia Payne  
Mr. Jube Shiver  
Mr. William Thomas  
Mrs. Evelyn Bankett  
Mrs. Alma Bushrod  
Mrs. Dorothy Ham  
Ms. Viola Williams

Ms. Kathryn Covington  
Mrs. Valeria Henderson  
Ms. Andelia Hunter  
Mrs. Willie Ann Jones  
Ms. Cortelyou Payne  
Ms. Evelyn Powell  
Mrs. Euna Smith  
Mrs. Natalie S. Vaughn  
Ms. Christine Howard  
Mrs. Katie Claybourne  
Mrs. Delores Copeland

Mrs. Winnie Burchett  
Mrs. Mary H. Futrell  
Ms. Viola Williams  
Mr. George Perkins  
Mr. James Bates  
Mrs. Nellie Martin  
Mr. Louis Johnson  
Ms. Sylvia Whitehead  
Ms. Barbara Finney  
Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy  
Mr. Arthur Dawkins

### **Teacher Honors cont'd**

Ms. Barbara Barnes

Mrs. Lavinia Barnes

Mr. George Bowman

Ms. Edith Burton

Mr. Alfred Carter

Mr. Richard Clayton

Mrs. Regina Duncan

Mrs. Laurretta Hall

Mrs. Mable Lyles

Mr. Ferris Holland

Mrs. Evelyn Johnson

Mrs. Helen Day

Mr. Edward Patterson

Ms. Gila Harris

Mrs. Willie Jones

Mrs. Ellyn Langhorne

Ms. Almeda Lee

Mrs. Dorothy Thompson

Mr. Wilbert Harris

Mr. George Webber

Mrs. Mable Smith

Mrs. Dorothy Key

Mrs. Sylvia White

### **"The Greatest Love of All"**

I believe the children are our future  
Teach them well and let them lead the way  
Show them all the beauty they possess inside  
Give them a sense of pride to make it easier  
Let the children's laughter remind  
Us how we used to be.

## **"GRATITUDE**

### **To Our Teachers"**

### **TEACHERS**

### **"WHY GOD MADE TEACHERS"**

When God created teachers,  
He gave us special friends  
To help us understand His world  
And truly comprehend  
The beauty and the wonder  
Of everything we see,  
And become a better person  
With each discovery,  
When God created teachers'  
He gave us special guides  
To show us ways in which to grow  
So, we can all decide  
How to live and how to do  
What's right instead of wrong,  
To lead us so that we can lead  
And learn how to be strong,  
Why God created teachers,  
In His wisdom and His grace,  
Was to help us learn to make our  
world a better, wiser place.



## COMMUNITY SCOOP

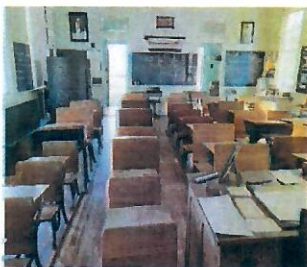


Ms. Marie Peaches, Polk Elementary teacher wins National K-12 Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) award. The PAEMST is the nation's highest honor for K-12 educators in the STEM field. Recipients of this award receive \$10,000, a presidential certificate and a trip to Washington, D.C. for professional development events.

"I enjoy watching children learn about life and the fact that life is science," Peaches said. "[Children don't] realize that everyday life, like the air you breathe or when you look up into the sky, that's all science. Watching them realize that everything you do, what you eat and how chemicals react, there's just nothing like it. Seeing their excitement makes me more excited about continuing to teach it."



Alexandria High School ace Spring 2025 tennis season. The Titans advanced to the Northern Region Tournament, where they beat Thomas Edison High School in the first round, before losing to top-ranked Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology in the regional quarterfinals. Alexandria City High School was the only city school to have both boys and girls teams play this spring.



Redistricting efforts for elementary and middle schools in Alexandria City Public Schools (ACPS). As it stands now, ACPS elementary school campuses are diverse in terms of both race and economic status, reflecting the demographic makeup of the city itself. At the core of this work must be equity, especially for underprivileged children in Alexandria," Kellen Patterson, a parent at Patrick Henry, said at the May 12 meeting. "School zones should not reinforce patterns of disadvantage. They should promote diversity, inclusion and fair access to high quality education for every child, regardless of where they live or what they look like."







## HAP PY BIRTH DAY TO YA!

APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Gracie P. Coleman, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lionel Smith, 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Johnnie Saunders, 1 <sup>st</sup>
Linda C. Funn, 8 <sup>th</sup>	Deborah Stephens, 4 <sup>th</sup>	Darlene Carr Greene, 13 <sup>th</sup>
Maria Hughes, 9 <sup>th</sup>	Darlene Price, 5 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Kennedy, 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Cecil Jackie Ross, 15 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Lynch, 13 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Charity, 23
Benjamin Callahan, 17 <sup>th</sup>	Michael Ashton, 15 <sup>th</sup>	Shirly Avery-Page, 27 <sup>th</sup>
Lillian Thompson, 20 <sup>th</sup>	Rozier Weir, 21 <sup>st</sup>	Janette Jacobs, 28 <sup>th</sup>
Carolyn Evsns, 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jerry Surratt, 24 <sup>th</sup>	
John Jones, 25 <sup>th</sup>	Johnnie Hackett, 27 <sup>th</sup>	
Shea Johnson, 29 <sup>th</sup>	Ann Evans, 28 <sup>th</sup>	
Leon Mills, 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bernadette Robinson, 22 <sup>nd</sup>	

### April

April is **National Minority Health Month**. This month focused on raising awareness about health disparities that continue to affect people from racial and ethnic minority groups.

- April 2 –World Autism Awareness Day, April 4 – Walk to Work Day:
- April 5 – National Self-Care Day: April 7-13 – National Public Health Week

### May

May is a month rich in historical and cultural significance, encompassing celebrations of spring, labor, and various cultural heritage observances. It is also associated with significant historical events, making it a month of both resilience and renewal.

- Arrival of spring and the rebirth of nature. Mental Health Awareness Month

### June

June is known for being the start of summer in the Northern Hemisphere. It's also associated with various celebrations and observances, In the Northern Hemisphere, (usually on June 20th or 21st) marks the longest day of the year and the official start of astronomical summer.

- Other observances are Pride Month, Father's Day and National Safety Month.
- National Safety Month, focused on raising awareness about preventable injuries and deaths,

last quarter Winner: Mildred Worthy

## OLD SCHOOL CORNER WORD SEARCH

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MARIAHUGHES  
JUNE  
GLORIAWARD  
LINDALUNCH  
DARLENEPRICE  
JOHNJONES  
DARLENEGREENE  
LINDACFUNN  
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JOHNNIEHACKETT  
MICHAELASHTON  
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APRIL  
MAY

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