

**7TH ANNUAL PHENIX LEGACY
RECEPTION AND DINNER
GEORGE P. PHENIX HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
1932 ~ 1968**



March on Washington ~ 50th Anniversary

2013 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREES

**PATRICIA NOTTINGHAM DZANDU
DOUGLAS M. SMITH
PASTOR WILLIE F. WILSON**

**JULY 27, 2013
CROWNE PLAZA MARINA HOTEL
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA**

Welcome

Welcome to the seventh annual George P. Phenix High School Alumni Association Legacy Reception Dinner and Dance. Today we will induct three more classmates as Distinguished Alumni.

In 2013 we celebrate and remember many events that have changed the well-being of African-Americans in America during the past 150 years. This year we celebrate the 150th anniversary signing of the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. President Abraham Lincoln has been given the credit of freeing the slaves. But the Emancipation Proclamation did not free any slaves in counties in Southern states controlled by the Confederates. It did not free slaves in Union held territories in Virginia, Maryland and other states. Many would remain enslaved until the passing of the 13th Amendment in 1865. There were many slaves and slave owners in Union territories who did not fully understand the true meaning of the proclamation so they thought their slaves had been granted freedom. And many slaves rejoiced that they were free, even though they were not.

But the quest for freedom started many years earlier. It was abolitionist like Frederick Douglas, Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth and John Brown who began the road to emancipation. On May 23, 1861 three slaves, Baker, Townsend and Mallory, escaped from the Confederate encampments in Norfolk, Virginia and in the dark of night rowed across the Chesapeake Bay to Fort Monroe, located in present day Hampton, Virginia. A day earlier General Benjamin Butler arrived at Fort Monroe to be commander of the Union Army. Those three slaves decided they would emancipate themselves from 242 years of slavery that would be the greatest inhumane crime America had committed on one ethnic group. General Butler declared the three slaves “Contraband of War” and within months more than 10,000 slaves had escaped from Maryland and Virginia to what was now being called Freedoms Fortress. Many escaped Blacks joined the Union Army.

We celebrate the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington and Martin Luther King Jr’s famous “I Have A Dream” speech. We remember the assassination of John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Medgar Evers.

So as we celebrate freedom and civil rights let’s not forget the struggle and perseverance of our ancestors, classmates, brothers and sisters who fought the fight for freedom and equality.

The Phenix Schools were only open for 36 years. Yet those 36 years represent a period in history that drastically changed America forever. Our classmates experienced the human degradation of segregation. A social injustice that still has impacts many lives today. During the those 36 years we witnessed a cycle of depressions and recessions that impacted employment opportunities for African-Americans. In 1954 Brown vs the Board of Education provided access to better education. Through civil disobedience we saw the end of racial injustice and the passing of the Civil Rights law of 1964. We experienced many inventions — first television, LP phonograph record, FM radio, computer chip, and remote controls.

We hope that you enjoy the Legacy Reception and Dinner. If you are not a member of the Association, we encourage you to join and to ask your classmates to join. The benefits of joining entitle you to many social activities during the year including the Alumni Newsletter 3-4 times per year; a copy of the monthly minutes; a card or flowers when you have an extended illness or are hospitalized. And part of your membership fee goes toward preservation of archives; social events, and hopefully printing a book on the Phenix Legacy. The Alumni Dues at \$35 annually.

Sit back and enjoy the program. Say hello to old friends as we remember those classmates who have passed on. See you here next year, Saturday July 19, 2014.

THE PHENIX LEGACY LIVES ON

The History of George P. Phenix High School

George P. Phenix was born on September 25, 1864 in the town of Portland in Cumberland, Maine. He moved to Hampton, Virginia in 1904 to teach at today's Hampton University. His exemplary service at the Institute earned him immediate notice and promotion. In 1908 he rose to the position of Vice-principal. He further earned the responsibility of overseeing the Institute's summer-school program. In 1928, Phenix



succeeded Dr. James Gregg as principal of Hampton Institute. Dr. Phenix saw the need to have equal education for Black students and campaigned tirelessly to raise funds to construct a new K-12 school on campus. The school was under construction when Dr. Phenix died of an accident on October 4, 1930. Dr. Phenix was the first to use the title president. In 1931 the new school opened on campus and was named the George P. Phenix Training School in his honor. Ian Ross became the first principal of the school. This was the only high school black students could attend at the time. Mr. G. W. Stephenson became the sixth principal in 1954 and served until 1966. In 1962 the last class graduated from the Phenix School on the campus at Hampton Institute. In 1962 the City

of Hampton opened a new predominately black high school on LaSalle Avenue to replace the school on Hampton's campus and the school was named George P. Phenix High School to carry on his legacy and the first class graduated in 1963. In 1968 the Hampton City School Board, due to integration re-named Phenix to Pembroke High School. Pembroke closed in 1980. However the Phenix Plus 50 Alumni refused to allow the legacy to die. The Alumni Association gathered over 700 names on a petition to the Hampton School Board and a new \$100 million dollar school was named the George P. Phenix Pre-K8 School, located behind Bethel High School on Big Bethel Road.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 1953
GEORGE P. PHENIX HIGH SCHOOL

JUNE 12, 1953 - JULY 26-27, 2013

THEME: “God Has Blessed Us to Bear Witness to
Our 60th Class Reunion”



The Phenix Legacy Lives On . . .



*Best Wishes On This Special Day As We
Reflect Upon A Tradition of Excellence And
The Administrators, Teachers, and Alumni Who
Have Made George P. Phenix High School
So Special To So Many.*

*Barbara L. Johnson
Class of 1968*

*In Honor
of
William S. Webster & Louise Martin Webster
Phenix High School Class of 1940
and all of the Webster family members who received
their education for life at this great institution.
Barbara L. Johnson*

**Your Phenix Alumni Association
is a 501 c-3 nonprofit organization.**

Donations to your Alumni Association are tax deductible.

**We are also asking that you donate any Phenix souvenirs,
trophies, awards, year books, uniforms, choir robes,
newspaper articles, etc. to the alumni association.**

**We also encourage you to write a short paper on your
experiences at a Phenix School that may be included in
a future book on the Phenix Legacy.**

~ Program ~

4:00 P.M.

Meet and Greet, Find Seat

4:30

Welcome

Calvin Pearson, Alumni Association President

**Invocation and
Blessing of food**

Dr. Chauncey E. Mann, Jr., Class of 1952

~~ Dinner ~~

Recognizing Reunion Classes

**G. P. Phenix Prek-8 School
The Year in Review**

Dr. Ron Holloman, Phenix Administrator

Introduction of Speaker

Charles Wynder, Class of 1959

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Alvin Puryear, Class of 1955

**Distinguished Alumni
Awards Presentation**

Corlease Sills, Class of 1967

**Honoring deceased classmates,
teachers & administrators**

Pastor Willie F. Wilson, Class of 1962

Closing Remarks

Singing of the Alma Mater

Benediction

Dr. Chauncey E. Mann, Jr.

Enjoy the rest evening with DJ Mr. Flex, 757-298-5831

Join us for church service on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

Antioch Baptist Church, 1563 Old Buckroe Road, Hampton

~ MENU ~

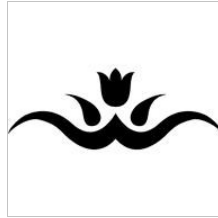
Garden Tossed Salad with Ranch and Italian Dressings

Grilled Chicken

Chef's Choice of Starch
Chef's Choice of Vegetable
Warm Rolls and Butter

Carrot Cake

Freshly Brewed Regular & Decaffeinated Coffee, Iced Tea



Thank You For Your Contribution.

The following classmates contributed money so that less fortunate
classmates could attend today's Legacy Reception.

Douglas M. Smith
Stephen C. Smith ~ Barbara A. Johnson

Rev. Willie Wilson ~ Rosilyn & John Melvin
Francis Minkins Tucker ~ James A. Gray ~ Ella Pinner Peters
Mannan Zakia Amin ~ Jo Shuler ~ Patricia A. Parks
Monroe Booker ~ Ellen Woolfolk

Keynote Speaker

Alvin N. Puryear

2011 Phenix Distinguished Alumnus



Alvin N. Puryear is Professor Emeritus of Management and Entrepreneurship at Baruch College of the City University of New York, where he was the initial recipient of the Lawrence N. Field Professorship in Entrepreneurship. He also served as a College Dean, Department Chair, and Founder and Director of the Baruch-Cornell MS in Industrial Relations Program and the Field Center for Entrepreneurship.

Currently Dr. Puryear is a Management Consultant and serves on the Boards of Directors of three publicly traded firms: American Capital Ltd, a buy-out and asset management firm; and American Capital Agency Corp. and American Capital Mortgage Investment Corp., both of which invest in mortgage-related securities.

Prior to Baruch, he was an Associate Professor at Rutgers University's Graduate School of Business. Previously he held executive positions in finance with the Mobil Corp. and information technology with Allied Chemical Corp. During leaves-of-absence from Baruch College, he served as a Vice President at the Ford Foundation and First Deputy Comptroller for the City of New York.

Among his past affiliations: member of the Boards of Directors of the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi Trust Company, Green Point Financial Corporation, and North Fork Bank Corporation; trustee of Yale University member of the Smithsonian National Board; and Chairman of the Boards of Directors of the Association of Yale Alumni and three agencies of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

At Phenix, Dr. Puryear was Valedictorian and Vice President of the Class of 1955. A member of three varsity teams, he was Co-Captain of the 1954 football team and was named to the Group I Virginia Interscholastic Athletic League All-Star Football Team. A three-year starter in basketball, he served as Team Captain in 1953 and 1955. His track events were the shot-put and discus.

After Phenix, Dr. Puryear received a BA degree from Yale University where he was an All-Ivy League lineman on the football team and a Ranking Scholar in Sociology. Later he received MBA and PhD degrees in finance from Columbia University. While at Columbia, he coached football at the Riverdale Country School for five years where the team was undefeated in 51 consecutive games.

Sheriff B.J. Roberts

**Proudly Supports the Legacy of
George P. Phenix High School**

**Class
Of
1968**



**Sheriff
Since
1992**

The Legacy Reunion is an excellent opportunity for us to fellowship with our Phenix family. It is great to reminisce about the past and celebrate the present with fellow classmates. I am indeed proud to be a Phenix High School alumnus.”

Paid for by Friends of B.J. Roberts



PATRICIA NOTTINGHAM DZANDU CLASS OF 1966

2013 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Patricia Nottingham Dzandu, DNP RN PMHCNS-BS, Class of 1966, is currently an Advanced Practice Nurse/Adult Psychiatric Clinical Nurse Specialist-Board Certified at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Hampton. She provides cognitive behavioral, individual, family and group psychotherapy services in the Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences Outpatient Clinic with collateral roles in accreditation, consultation, education, informatics, quality improvement and research. She considers it an honor to provide nursing care to our nation's Veterans who "borne the battle honorably for our freedoms". It was eighteen years ago that Dr. Dzandu entered the VA system as a nursing manager for a sixty bed psychiatric unit. She has expressed how it was a transformative experience to return to midlevel clinical and management practices after serving twelve years as Chief Nurse Executive at Peninsula Psychiatric Hospital (currently Riverside Behavioral Health Center) and Richland Psychiatric Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas.

She graduated from Phenix with academic honors, volunteered at Hampton General Hospital as a candy Striper and was Miss Homecoming her senior year. Dr. Dzandu received a BSN degree from Hampton Institute and holds a Master of Arts degree in Community Psychology from University of New Haven; Nursing Executive Certificate from Wharton School of Business; Master of Science degree in Psychiatric Nursing with a role concentration in Nursing Administration from Texas Women's University and the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from George Washington University. Dr. Dzandu has made numerous appearances as a lecturer on behavioral health and nursing leadership. In March, 2012, she had the privilege of presenting her research outcomes on Schizophrenia at the Mayo Clinics Annual Nursing Conference. Throughout her career, Dr. Dzandu has received numerous awards including the Veterans Health Administration Secretary's Award for Nursing Excellence; a Fellow for Leadership Institute of Black Nurses from New York University College of Nursing; Texas University 100 Distinguished Alumni Award. Recently she was a nominee for the Department of Veterans Affairs Federal Women of the Year.

Her parents, Thomas and Jessie were proud alumnus of Phenix High School and they helped salvage some of the schools memorabilia that the School Board threw in the dumpster when the school closed. Patricia and her brother Dana becomes the first siblings to be recognized as Phenix Distinguished Alumni.



In Memory of Katherine Mildred Epps-Brown



Katherine, 94, lovingly entered into the arms of her savior on Friday January 11, 2013. She was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Resident of Newport News/Hampton, Virginia and Detroit. Beloved mother of Elaine A. Brown-Wilmore (Louis Jr.). Proud grandmother of Michael L. Brown, Louie III, Lisa M. Wilmore, and Regina D. Brown. Predeceased by husband, Walter L. Brown Jr.; son, Reginald Dennis Brown; siblings, Leonard, Lawrence and Annie Bell Epps. She leaves many to cherish her memory. She was a 40 year member of Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church; a retired nurse from Henry Ford Hospital; a member of First Baptist Church East End (ushering for 25 years). She was a LPN nurse at Riverside Hospital and was a member of Ruth Unity Midlothian #3 Order of the Eastern Star.

My mother was a superior friend, wife, grandmother, niece, aunt, sister-in-law, mother-in-law, nurse, daughter, granddaughter and Christian. She was kind, attractive, trusting, healthy, energetic, religious, intelligent, nurturing, and eloquent. Among her other virtuous qualities, she was magnificent, industrious, loving, daring, righteous, educated; but demanded the very best from everyone. Mrs. Brown, affectionately and reverently known as; Ma, nana, grandma, aunt, sister, sweetie pie, pistol, and fire cracker #1, was exceptionally perfect in my eyes. She was always pleasant and sincere. I want you to know that my Mother was beautiful, respected, outstandingly wonderful and neat as a pin. RIP, My QUEEN, you will be sorely missed by your daughter and family, friends, all those you met.

Elaine A. Brown-Wilmore

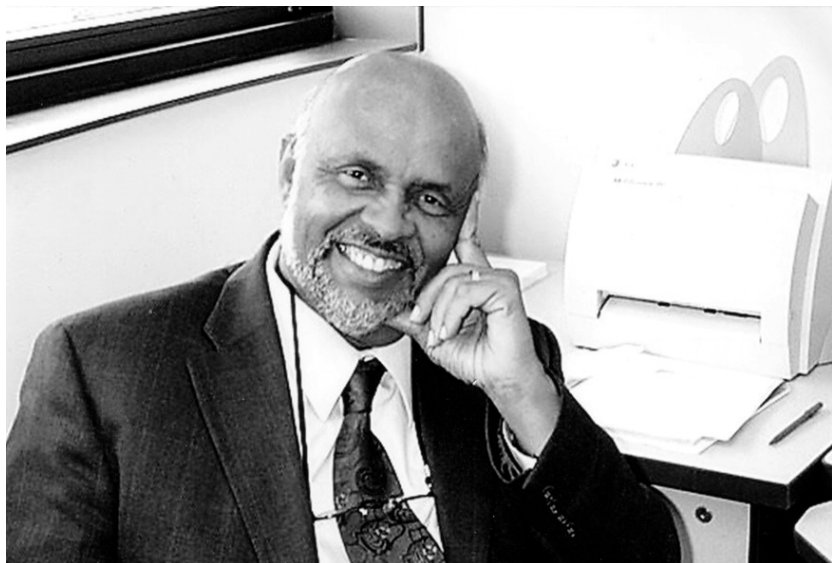
Dr. Patricia Nottingham Dzandu

CONGRATULATIONS “PAT”

You do honor to the
Lively Family Legacy
and
we are proud of you.

Love, Aunt Pearl

Pearl L. Bailey
Phenix Class of '41
Washington, DC



**DOUG SMITH
CLASS OF 1960**

2013 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Doug Smith, class of 1960, is an award-winning journalist with more than 30 years of successful achievement as an editor and writer with three of the most influential newspapers in the United States – **Newsday, The New York Post and USA Today**. In October 2001, Smith retired from a 15-year stint at USA Today where he was recognized as one of the world's preeminent and influential tennis writers. He covered numerous tennis events each year, including the Grand Slams – Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and U. S. Open. Smith routinely broke news in the tennis world. In addition Smith wrote a column - “Match Points” - on the USA Today website. Since his retirement he has worked as a freelance journalist for several publications including USA Today and The New York Times.

His 1992 world exclusive on the late Arthur Ashe having contracted AIDS promoted years of useful discourse in newsrooms, as well as in the nations' journalism schools. He wrote numerous cover stories and introspective features on the superstars of tennis - Andre Agassi, Jennifer Capriati, Pete Sampras and the Williams sisters, Venus and Serena. In recognition of his sustained excellence in tennis reporting and writing, Smith is the recipient of numerous awards, including the **U. S. Tennis Association Lifetime Achievement Award** (1988), the **Women's Tennis Association Media Person of the Year** (1989, 1995). Smith also made important contributions to the world of book publishing as an editor and writer. In 1992, he edited and updated Ashe's three-volume book, **Hard Road To Glory: A History of the Black Athlete in America**. In a collaborative effort with former tennis pro Zina Garrison, Smith wrote her autobiography - **Zina, My Life in Women's Tennis** – published in 2001. In 2004 he published, **Whirlwind, the Godfather of Black Tennis**, a biography of the late Dr. R. Walter Johnson, who trained hundreds of promising black junior player tennis players and tennis greats Althea Gibson and Arthur Ashe.

Smith is a 1964 graduate of Hampton University where he majored in mathematics. He was a member of the University's CIAA championship teams 1961-62 and 1964. He entered the U. S. Army as a commissioned officer in 1964 and later commanded troops under combat conditions in Viet Nam (1968-1969). Smith was awarded the Bronze Star with “V” device for heroism in action, the Purple Heart and the Army Commendation Medal.

Warmest Congratulations

Doug "Diddy Wit" Smith,

Journalist, Author, Aspiring golfer

on his selection as

A Distinguished Alumnus of Phenix High School

Class of 1960

Our Love and Pride,

Anne, Jerome, Jared & Michael

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PASTOR WILLIE F. WILSON CLASS OF 1962

2013 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Pastor Willie F. Wilson, born in Newport News, Virginia and ordained Nana Kwadwo Bofo I, a Wolof Priest in the Gambia, West Africa, is very much at home in Anacostia where for the past 31 years he has propagated and nurtured a Christocentric, Africentric, Afro-sensitive, *Weltanschauung* ministry that simply says: “*It’s a Family Affair.*” Pastor Wilson received his Bachelor Degree in Journalism from Ohio University. Pastor Wilson also attended Howard University School of Divinity where he received a Masters Degree and did his Doctoral Studies. He was the recipient of several awards including the **Rockefeller Protestant Fellowship Award** for academic achievement and the **Vernon Johns Preaching Award for the most “Outstanding Orator and Preacher”** of his graduating class. His repertoire includes training in self-evaluation techniques and psychiatric counseling under the esteemed instruction of Dr. B. Haldane and Dr. Ernest Bruder. In Asankrangwa, West Ghana he was inducted as a sub-chief by the Asankare-Bretuo as NANA KWADWO BOFO I, and with this honor he has the uttermost credence and positive authority to perform any and all ceremonies relating to African people at home and abroad.

In 1986, Pastor Wilson was recognized by **USA Today Newspaper** as one of the 10 most valuable people in America. Reverend Wilson has counseled with African Heads of State including the current President of Ghana and has married African kings and queens of the universe. Under his leadership **Union Temple Baptist Church** has expanded its ministry of “firsts” to include Alcoholics Anonymous, Rites of Passage programs, Kwanzaa Celebration, gay/lesbian forum, inter-faith worship with Orthodox Muslims, and ordination of women. Thirty-one years ago it was unthinkable to have step teams and praise dancers in the church; however, today such ministries are widely accepted as expressions of praise to God.. With more than 10,000 members, the church has distinguished itself with an elaborate investment program that has funneled more than \$5,000,000.00 into housing, education and health services. In 1997 Pastor Wilson and Union Temple Baptist Church were awarded the **PRESIDENT’S SERVICE AWARD** by President Bill Clinton. This is the most prestigious Presidential recognition given for community service. Reverend Willie F. Wilson has authored *The African American Wedding Manual and Releasing the Power Within Through Spiritual Dynamics, The Genius of Jesus Revealed* and just recently released a new and much anticipated book, *How African Religion Changed the American Church* . He has been cited in numerous publications and has appeared on television and radio talk shows across the country.

May The Light from Each Candle

Shine in our hearts today for our fellow students and teachers who left a vacant space. We shall cherish the memory of each one of them that was so dear to us all.

But GOD gently said come and they answered His call.

And remember GOD is our Savior and the only way to love, joy and peace. For His undying love for us will never cease. When GOD has touched your heart and put a light of burning love there, enough to have peace within, enough for you to share. He gave us the brightest light through His only son who bled and died on the cross for everyone.

We shall think of those that have gone who once walked the halls of Phenix High. They will always be in our memories although we said our good byes.

Written by Elsie Wallace, Class of 1948

★ CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE ★

This certificate is presented to
THE GEORGE P. PHENIX HIGH SCHOOL LEGACY

for excellence in
BEING THE TIE THAT BINDS

Frances Minkins Tucker
Signature



July 27, 2013
Date

Class of 1953

**THANK YOU TO THE PHENIX ALUMNI
MEMBERS,
FAMILIES AND FRIENDS
FOR KEEPING THE PHENIX LEGACY
ALIVE**

HAVE A BLESSED & ENJOYABLE REUNION



**In Loving Memory of
REV. HENRY VEAL, Jr.**

Morris Brown College &
Union Theological Seminary Alumnus.
Associate Pastor for Senior Ministries
Victoria Congregational Church, Queens

Submitted by

Yvonnecris Smith Veal, MD, Wife
Phenix Class of 1953
Past President, 'National Medical Association'

Michael E. Veal, PhD, Son
Professor, Dept. of Music & Ethnomusicology
Yale University, New Haven, CT



REMEMBERING THE FIRST AFRICAN LANDING

3RD AFRICAN LANDING COMMEMORATION DAY FESTIVAL

Hampton, Virginia

August 16 ~ 20, 2013

A commemoration of the first Africans who arrived in America on English occupied territory at Point Comfort, today's Fort Monroe in Hampton.

2013 Events Schedule

Friday August 16th - Hampton History Museum - 120 Old Hampton Lane

6:00 pm - Reception, 7:00 pm - WORLD PREMIER of the Documentary produced by the Angolan Government on the arrival of the first Africans at Point Comfort. **FREE**

Saturday August 17th - American Theatre - 125 East Mellen Street, Hampton

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 pm - Symposium - An interactive panel discussion on the Preservation of African History and Culture in Colonial America. **FREE**

6:00 pm - American Theatre

3rd Annual VIRGINIA JUNETEENTH JAZZ & HERITAGE RECONCILIATION & HEALING CONCERT Featuring Rev. Ron Myers SR. MD, Todd Ledbetter, Herman Burney, Bob Ransom Jr., Junie McDonald and William "MoBetter" Ledbetter. **\$20.00**



Rev. Ron Myers, Sr. MD



Todd Ledbetter



Herman Burney

Tuesday August 20th - Fort Monroe - Noon - Near Continental Park

4th Annual WORLD DAY OF RECONCILIATION & HEALING FROM THE LEGACY OF ENSLAVEMENT, Prayer Service. **FREE**

Tuesday August 20th - Fort Monroe - 7:00 PM - Near Continental Park

2nd Annual Ritual of Remembrance by The Sankofa Projects includes a Libation, Drumming & Dancers to honor the arrival of the first Africans in English America. **FREE**

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ANNIVERSARY CLASSES

THE YEAR IN REVIEW

1933 - 80TH ANNIVERSARY

Unemployment reaches highest level with 1 in 3 unemployed, hurricane hits Peninsula, Congress repeals prohibition, FDR inaugurated as President, Langston Hughes “Mulatto” premiers in NYC, Congress authorizes Civilian Conservation Corps, New Deal, Adolf Hitler new German Chancellor, Einstein arrives in US as refugee, King Kong premiers, loaf of bread 8¢, 1st drive-in movie, FM radio.

1938 - 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Ella Fitzgerald records “A-Tisket, A-Tasket”, Recession pushes unemployment to 19%, Orson Wells panics the nation with broadcast of War of the Worlds, March of Dimes established, Inventions include Teflon, ball point pen, instant coffee, minimum wage is 40¢ per hour, gas is 10¢ a gallon, monthly rent is \$27, new car \$763, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs open.

1943 - 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Hitler declares War, Duke Ellington plays at Carnegie Hall, rationing of canned foods, meat, cheese and butter, race riot in LA, 1st jet fighter is tested, Ford and GM makes aircraft engines and bombs instead of vehicles, Pentagon and Thomas Jefferson Memorial completed, Great Depressions ends due to war related jobs, 1st warship names after black person—Leonard Harmon, gas 15¢, Coca-Cola 5¢

1948 - 65TH ANNIVERSARY

Mahatma Gandhi from India assassinated, Satchel Paige, age 42 debuts with baseball Cleveland Indians, Cold War - Harry Truman approves second military draft, Truman signs Executive Order 9981 ending racial segregation in the Armed Services, LP 33 1/3 vinyl record invented, stamp 3¢, loaf of bread 14¢, movie ticket 60¢, gas 16¢, wages \$2,950, Velcro is invented.

1953 - 60TH ANNIVERSARY

Dr. Salt invents Polio vaccine, Ernie Banks becomes Chicago’s 1st Black baseball player, Queen Elizabeth II crowned Queen of England, cigarettes reported to cause cancer, 1st color TV set costs \$1,175, Playboy Magazine, Hydrogen Bomb developed, Transistor radio invented, gas 20¢, Kodak Brownie camera \$13, average wage \$4,000

1958 - 55TH ANNIVERSARY

Althea Gibson wins Wimbledon and US open in tennis, recession pushes unemployment to 7%, Packard cars ceases production, Toyota builds Datsun, computer microchip developed, first satellite launched from Cape Canaveral, gas 25¢, wages \$4600, monthly rent \$92, new inventions include remote control and hula hoop,

1963 - 50TH ANNIVERSARY

John F. Kennedy and Medgar Evers assassinated, Lyndon Johnson sworn in as President, KKK dynamite Baptist Church in Birmingham killing 4 girls, Martin Luther King Jr. delivers I Have a Dream during March on Washington that attracts 250,000 people, Beatles perform on Ed Sullivan Show, 1st State Lottery, zip codes implemented, James Meredith becomes first Black to graduate from U. of Mississippi, gas 29¢, loaf of bread 22¢, average wages \$5807, inventions - lava lamp, touch tone phone.

1968 - 45TH ANNIVERSARY

Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy Assassinated, riots throughout the US against war in Viet Nam, Civil Rights Act of 1968, Black Power salute at Mexico Olympics, Lyndon Johnson orders bombing to end in Viet Nam, NASA launches Apollo 7 - first manned mission, Top movies - Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner and Planet of the Apes, first heart transplant, inventions - 1st ATM, Emergency 911 service, air bags, Boeing 747, Sly and the Family stone records Dance To The Music, gas 34¢, movie ticket \$1.50, minimum wage \$1.60, new car \$2,822, new house \$14,950.

Class of 1963 - 50th Anniversary

The Turning Point in Civil Rights

1963 was noted for racial unrest and civil rights demonstrations. Nationwide outrage was sparked by media coverage of police actions in Birmingham, Alabama, where attack dogs and fire hoses were turned against protestors, many of whom were in their early teens or younger. Martin Luther King, Jr., was arrested and jailed during these protests, writing his famous "Letter From Birmingham City Jail," which advocates civil disobedience against unjust laws. Dozens of additional demonstrations took place across the country, from California to New York, culminating in the March on Washington. President Kennedy backed a Civil Rights Act, which was stalled in Congress.

President John Fitzgerald Kennedy Assassinated

Born on May 29, 1917, in Brookline, Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy served in both the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate before becoming the 35th president in 1961. The most contentious domestic issue of Kennedy's presidency was civil rights. Constrained by Southern Democrats in Congress who remained stridently opposed to civil rights for black citizens, Kennedy offered only tepid support for civil rights reforms early in his term. Nevertheless, in September 1962 Kennedy sent his brother, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, to Mississippi to use the National Guard and federal marshals to escort and defend civil rights activist James Meredith as he became the first black student to enroll at the University of Mississippi on October 1, 1962. Near the end of 1963, in the wake of the March on Washington and Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Had a Dream" speech, Kennedy finally sent a civil rights bill to Congress. One of the last acts of his presidency and his life, Kennedy's bill eventually passed as the landmark Civil Rights Act in 1964. The 35th President of the United States, was assassinated at 12:30 p.m. Central Standard Time (18:30 UTC) on Friday, November 22, 1963, in Dealey Plaza, Dallas, Texas.^{[1][2]} Kennedy was fatally shot by a sniper while traveling with his wife Jacqueline, Texas Governor John Connally, and Connally's wife Nellie, in a presidential motorcade. A ten-month investigation in 1963–64 by the Warren Commission concluded that Kennedy was assassinated by Lee Harvey Oswald, acting alone, and that Jack Ruby also acted alone when he killed Oswald before he could stand trial.

The March on Washington

The 1963 March on Washington attracted an estimated 250,000 people for a peaceful demonstration to promote Civil Rights and economic equality for African Americans. Participants walked down Constitution and Independence avenues, then — 100 years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed — gathered before the Lincoln Monument for speeches, songs, and prayer. Televised live to an audience of millions, the march provided dramatic moments, most memorably the **Rev Martin Luther King Jr.'s** "I Have a Dream" speech. Far larger than previous demonstrations for any cause, the march had an obvious impact, both on the passage of civil rights legislation and on nationwide public opinion. It proved the power of mass appeal and inspired imitators in the antiwar, feminist, and environmental movements. But the March on Washington in 1963 was more complex than the iconic images most Americans remember it for. As the high point of the Civil Rights Movement, the march — and the integrationist, nonviolent, liberal form of protest it stood for — was followed by more radical, militant, and race-conscious approaches.

Medgar Evers Assassinated

Medgar Wiley Evers (July 2, 1925 – June 12, 1963) was an African-American civil rights activist from Mississippi involved in efforts to overturn segregation at the University of Mississippi. After returning from overseas military service in World War II and completing his secondary education, he became active in the civil rights movement. He became a field secretary for the NAACP. Evers was assassinated by Byron De La Beckwith, a member of the White Citizens' Council. As a veteran, Evers was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. His murder and the resulting trials inspired civil rights protests, as well as numerous works of art, music, and film. On the early morning of June 12, 1963, just hours after President John F. Kennedy's speech on national television in support of civil rights, Evers pulled into his driveway after returning from a meeting with NAACP lawyers. Emerging from his car and carrying NAACP T-shirts that read "Jim Crow Must Go," Evers was struck in the back with a bullet fired from a rifle. He staggered 9 meters (30 feet) before collapsing. He died at a local hospital 50 minutes later. Mourned nationally, Evers was buried on June 19 in Arlington National Cemetery, where he received full military honors before a crowd of more than 3,000.

45th Anniversary - Class of 1968

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Assassinated



Martin Luther King, Jr. was an American clergyman, activist, and prominent leader of the African-American civil rights movement and Nobel Peace Prize laureate who became known for his advancement of civil rights by using civil disobedience. He was assassinated at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee on April 4, 1968, at the age of 39. King was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 7:05PM that evening. James Earl Ray, a fugitive from the Missouri State Penitentiary, was arrested in London at Heathrow Airport, extradited to the United States, and charged with the crime. On March 10, 1969, Ray entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to 99 years in the Tennessee State Penitentiary. He died in prison on April 23, 1998, at the age of 70. King received death threats constantly due to his prominence in the civil rights movement. As a consequence of these threats, he confronted death constantly, making it a central part of his philosophy. He believed, and taught, that murder could not stop the struggle for equal rights. After the 1963 JFK assassination, he told his wife Coretta: "This is what is going to happen to me also. I keep telling you, this is a sick society."

King travelled to Memphis, Tennessee in support of striking African American sanitation workers. The workers had staged a walkout on February 11, 1968, to protest unequal wages and working conditions. At the time, Memphis paid black workers significantly lower wages than whites. On April 3, King returned to Memphis to address a gathering at the Mason Temple (World Headquarters of the Church of God in Christ). With a thunderstorm raging outside, King delivered the last speech of his life, now known as the "I've Been to the Mountaintop" address where he said "I just want to do God's will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've *seen* the promised land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land! And so I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man. Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!"

Robert Kennedy Assassinated

Kennedy remained committed to civil rights enforcement to such a degree that he commented, in 1962, that it seemed to envelop almost every area of his public and private life—from prosecuting corrupt southern electoral officials to answering late night calls from Coretta Scott King concerning the imprisonment of her husband for demonstrations in Alabama. During his tenure as Attorney General, he undertook the most energetic and persistent desegregation of the administration that Capitol Hill had ever experienced. He demanded that every area of government begin recruiting realistic levels of black and other ethnic workers, going so far as to criticize Vice President Lyndon B. Johnson for his failure to desegregate his own office staff.

A great many of the initiatives that occurred during President Kennedy's tenure were as a result of the passion and determination of an emboldened Robert Kennedy, who through his rapid education in the realities of Southern racism, underwent a thorough conversion of purpose as Attorney General. Bobby played a large role in the Freedom Riders protests to protect the Riders in continuing their journey. Later, during the attack and burning by a white mob of the First Baptist Church in Montgomery, at which Martin Luther King Jr. and some 1,500 sympathizers were in attendance, the Attorney General negotiated the safe passage of the Freedom Riders from the First Baptist Church to Jackson Mississippi, where they were arrested. In September 1962, he sent U.S. Marshals to Oxford, Mississippi, to enforce a federal court order allowing the admittance of the first African American student, James Meredith, to the University of Mississippi. President John F. Kennedy reluctantly sent federal troops after the situation on campus turned violent. Kennedy remained adamant concerning the rights of black students to enjoy the benefits of all levels of the educational system. Robert Kennedy saw voting as the key to racial justice, and collaborated with Presidents Kennedy and Johnson to create the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964, which helped bring an end to Jim Crow laws.

On June 5, 1968, in Los Angeles, California, after winning the California and South Dakota primary elections for the Democratic nomination for President of the United States, Kennedy was shot as he walked through the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel by Sirhan Sirhan, a 24-year-old Palestinian/Jordanian immigrant.

Previously Honored Distinguished Alumni

Class of 2012

Geraldine Courtney, class of 1950 is a graduate of Virginia State College (VSU) and Columbia University. She began her professional career as a teacher at her former grade school, Aberdeen Elementary. She later became an Assistant Principal and a Principal. She was appointed Hampton's first Director of Elementary Education. Working with the local Police department and the Sears Roebuck Foundation, Chicago, Illinois, she began a professional program for primary students (K-3) to promote a calm, respectful appreciation for police officers. Geraldine presented a proposal and in collaboration with several primary teachers devised the Officer Friendly Kit, sponsored and published by the Sears Foundation. She served on the Officer Friendly National Committee and worked as Consultant, demonstrating the practical use of the kit. She was a Critic Teacher at Hampton University. She was nominated by her peers and was selected Virginia's National Distinguished Principal by members of the National Principals Association.

Princess Robinson Facen, Colonel, USA (Ret), class of 1966 was a Cheerleader and a member of the Modern Dance Group while at Phenix. She received her Associate in Applied Science Nursing Degree from Thomas Nelson Community College in 1972; and in 1978, her Bachelors of Science Degree in Nursing from Hampton University. After working in the Veterans Administration (VA) hospital for eight years, she joined the Army Nurse Corps, subsequently serving 28 years and obtaining the rank of Colonel. During this period she obtained a masters degree in Health Care Administration from Central Michigan University, 1984; a Masters in Nursing Administration and a Certificate in Nursing Education from George Mason University in 1990. She held various executive levels, supervisory and managerial positions while serving in the U.S. and abroad to include Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, D.C.; 121st Evacuation Hospital, Korea; Hanau Health Clinic, Germany; Task Force Med Eagle, Bosnia Herzegovina; Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii; and the Combat Support Hospital in Honduras

Emory Thomas Turner (posthumously) was affectionately known as Shug. He graduated with honors from Phenix High School in 1956 and was voted the most outstanding student by his peers. Shug along with a handful of students set a historical precedence as the first "Negro" students to take the National College Entrance Examination. He was awarded a full academic scholarship to Purdue University but he elected instead to accept a full athletic scholarship to play football. He was drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles and the Dallas Texans in 1960. His pro career was cut short by a serious automobile accident. He returned his Alma Mater, Phenix High School where he taught Biology and Physical Education as well as coached football and track. In 1968 his football team won the V. I. A. Eastern District Football Championship. He latter became Assistant Principal at Caroline High School; principal at King George Middle School; and Vice Chairman of Spotsylvania County School Board. On June 25, 1993 as he was in the process of moving back home, he died in a car accident.

Previously Honored Distinguished Alumni

Class of 2011

Celestine Wynder Carter, class of 1953, received her B.S. degree from Hampton Institute, and her M.Ed. degree from Boston University. She credits the years at Phenix as providing her the quality experiences necessary for her success in life. She has been described as a community activist and educator. During the years of teaching, she enriched the lives of hundreds of young people at Huntington and Warwick High Schools in Newport News, VA. After the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. she and the late Rev. Cornelius Fauntleroy initiated the largest community march ever to be held in Newport News. In 1993 she became actively involved in the local NAACP branch and was later elected as the first female president.

Olivia James Cherry, Class of 1946, received a certificate from Cortez Peters Business School in Washington D. C. While in school she was selected to work at the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB). After working at the NLRB for years and no advancement in 1950 she moved to New York where she integrated the Accounts Department at R. H. Macy's Department Store, the largest store in the world. This was before integration and she was the first black hired in any office position at Macy's, paving the way for others to follow. She later became the first black secretary to the president of the Lutheran Church of America, where he governed 180 pastors and their churches.

Janice E. (Jay) Johnson, Class of 1957, received a BA degree in Psychology from Wilson College in Chambersburg, PA. and an MA in Guidance and Counseling from Hampton Institute. Janice has spent most of her life working with and for young people. In professional Girl Scouting she rose through the ranks from field director to national staff member to Executive Director of Western Reserve Girl Scout Council in Akron, Ohio. She then moved back to Hampton where she was employed for 15 years with the City Of Hampton. During her work with Hampton's Citizens Unity Commission she cofounded the "Opening the Door to Diversity Book Group".

Dr. James E. Lassiter, Jr., DDS, class of 1951 had a key role in assisting Mrs. Etta Bright, then Band Director, organize the first marching band at Phenix. In 1956 he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Howard University and received his Doctor of Dental Science Degree from the Howard University College of Dentistry. Dr. Lassiter continues to be actively involved in training students at the College of Dentistry in Newark and the Farleigh Dickenson University of Dentistry, to become highly qualified dentist. Prior to becoming a consultant to the Colgate-Palmolive Company, the Head Start Program, the Job Corps, and the Medicaid Utilization and Review Committee, he was a consultant to the W. K. Kellogg Foundation, and the Congressional Black Caucus Braintrust.

Alvin N. Puryear, PhD - Dr. Puryear was Valedictorian of the Class of 1955 and, as a member of three varsity teams, was awarded nine letters, a record at the time. Dr. Puryear received a BA Degree from Yale University where he was a two-way tackle on the football team and a Ranking Scholar in Sociology. He received MBA and PhD degrees from Columbia University where he was both a Samuel Bronfman Fellow and a John Hay Whitney Fellow. Until 2007, Dr. Puryear was the Lawrence N. Field Professor of Entrepreneurship and Professor of Management at Baruch College of the City University of New York. During leaves-of-absence from Baruch College, Dr. Puryear served as a Vice-President of the Ford Foundation and First Deputy Comptroller of the City of New York.

Previously Honored Distinguished Alumni

Class of 2010

Hugh Harrell III, Class of 1962 - has ancestors who were Nottoway, Chickahominy, Pamunkey, Mattaponi, Cherokee, African and Irish. His heritage led him to co-found the Weyanoke Association for Red-Black History and Culture. The Association specializes in researching, collecting and disseminating information about peoples of African and Native descent. Hugh is also a singer and co-founder of Legacy of Weyanoke, and a cappella vocal ensemble specializing in the music and stories of African Diaspora. He has toured with major performing organizations to North America, South America, the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Europe, Italy, Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay and has performed with Handel's Messiah as a soloist with the Phenix High School Choir and Hampton Institute Choir.

Linwood D. Harper, Class of 1965 - Butch as he is affectionately known, has excelled at creating opportunities through sports to foster an environment for the youth to succeed. In 1982 he co-founded the Aberdeen Athletic Association that started out with one team and ten kids. The program has grown to include 5 football teams, 5 cheerleading squads, 20 basketball teams and 6 baseball teams. The program now is known as Deen Ball Sports, Inc. and has over 100 coaches and 600-700 kids every year. Mr. Harper served as Youth Director for the Boo Williams AAU Program for over twenty-five years. Mr. Harper serves as a member of the Hampton School Board and enthusiastically voted to support the naming of a new school after George P. Phenix.

Barbara L. Johnson, Class of 1968 - After graduating from Phenix, Ms. Johnson received her B. S. Degree in Pre-Med with concentration in Chemistry in 1975. She began her professional career as an analytical chemist and instrument engineer for Dow in Midland, Michigan. She then decided to go to law school and received her J. D from the College of William and Mary in 1984. Ms. Johnson is a trial lawyer for Paul Hastings in Washington D. C., specializing in the representation of management in labor and employment litigation. Ms. Johnson's current practice involves litigation in a number of areas, including civil rights discrimination, public law (municipalities and schools), environmental racism, and employment arbitrations. Ms. Johnson routinely assists employers with workplace investigations, implementing affirmative action plans and diversity programs, and day to day employment law issues.

Charles A. Wynder, Class of 1959 - After graduating from Phenix he attended Florida A&M University, graduating with honors in Health and Physical Education. After teaching in the Hampton City School system for one year, Charles received his Masters of Arts Degree in School Administration from Hampton University in 1970 and became an Instructional Supervisor. Mr. Wynder was commissioned a Second Lieutenant, United States Army in 1964. Subsequently, serving in numerous leadership and supervisory roles, one being the first black aide de Camp to the Deputy Commanding General US Army Communications Zone Europe. He concluded his military career with the rank of Colonel, US Army. As a single parent, he and his three children were selected as the Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Family of the Year. His community work ranges from Boy Scouts, Peninsula Habitat for Humanity; Williamsburg James City County Community Services Board and Big Brothers – Big Sisters volunteer.

Class of 2009

Mark W. Clark, MD MPH - Dr. Clark, class of 1967 was known at Phenix High School as a studious person who was excelling in all that he was aspiring to do academically. When Dr Clark had completed most of his studies in Cardio Vascular Medicine, he came to the Peninsula area and joined the staff at Newport News General Hospital in addition to other hospitals in this area. His reputation and status as a Cardio-Vascular Surgeon and his ability to therapeutically manage cardiac pathology had preceded him. He brought a wealth of knowledge and advancement to the Newport News Hospital that helped elevate the level of health care practice and service to the Southeast Community. His Cardiology Team in addition to himself were, Dr V Francis, and Dr. D Ridley. They were a team of highly specialized physicians who all seemed to be well prepared and fluent in their practice of cardiovascular medicine. His Educational accomplishments includes Columbia University – 1970 – Bachelor of Arts; Harvard University; Doctor of Medicine and Masters in Public Health; Massachusetts Gen Hospital, Senior Assistant Resident, Medical College of Virginia, Cardiology Fellow. The designation of Fellow of The American College of Cardiology (FACC) represents recognition of high professional achievement in a cardiovascular subspecialty.

Mr. Rudy Langford - Mr. Langford has a diverse professional career, having worked as an adjudicator and accountant, General Accounting Office; Clerk, Circuit Court and Department of Corrections, Washington, DC Government; and Postmaster and Lecturer, Hampton University. He worked for ten (10) years with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement, working directly under Hosea Williams, 1958-1968. Also, he worked in three presidential campaigns, Robert Kennedy, Jimmy Carter, and William “Bill” Clinton. Mr. Langford has demonstrated exceptional leadership qualities, serving as President of: the State Coalition for Justice for Civil Rights, the Hampton Tenants’ Association, and the Coalition for Good Government. He is founder of over sixteen (16) Civic Organizations, 1985-2005 and holds membership in the NAACP, SCLC, Urban League and Rainbow Coalition. Mr. Langford is sometimes deemed as controversial in his activism. However, he may also be perceived as an “unsung hero.” This is because of his many acts of kindness, compassion and assistance, especially with the youth and senior citizens in the community. He willingly accepts this responsibility, but these services are largely unknown by the general public.

Knox W. Tull, Jr. - Mr. Tull, class of 1962, attended Hampton Institute where he spent two years. He then transferred to the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor where he received the BS degree in Civil Engineering in 1967. He received the MS degree in Civil Engineering in 1972 from the Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta. He has completed the Owner/President Management Program (OPM31) at the Harvard Business School in Boston, MA. Prior to forming his company, Knox worked as a bridge engineer in California and as a structural engineer in Washington, DC and Atlanta, GA. He has also served on the faculties of Howard University and the University of the District of Columbia. Knox is the President and CEO of Jackson and Tull an engineering and technology company founded in 1974 and based in the Washington, DC area. A noteworthy project is providing construction inspection services for the rehabilitation of the Manhattan Bridge in New York City. J&T has evolved into a 250-person, primarily aerospace company with offices in Albuquerque, NM; Houston, TX and Los Angeles, CA. The company provides engineering services and builds satellite instruments for NASA, the Air Force and other customers. A noteworthy project is the Hubble Space Telescope. J&T is a family business. Brenda Temple Tull is an officer and manager. Mossi is the Chief Operating Officer (COO). Nzinga, Kimathi and Hatshepsitu are managers and engineers.

Class of 2008

Jean Wooden Cunningham - Jean began her professional career as a junior high school teacher in Prince George County, Virginia. After a year, Jean relocated to New York and began working for IBM. After law school Jean began her legal career as a labor attorney with a three year stint with the Ford Motor Company and then continued her legal career with Reynolds Metals Company and Alcoa. She rose in the corporate ranks to the position of vice president and retired as vice president of human resources from Integris Metals. In 1986, Jean was elected to the Virginia House of Delegates, 71st House District and served with distinction until 1998, always running unopposed. Among her numerous awards and public service includes Co-Chair, Governor Warner's PASS Initiative; Outstanding Legislator Award Virginia Interfaith Center; NAACP Lifetime Achievement Award

Lillie Mae Johnson Jones - Lillie Mae (1950) was the president of her high school class and graduated from Dixie Hospital School of Practical Nursing in 1958. She retired from Langley AFB Hospital in 1994 where she was often recognized as the Civilian of the Quarter. She served as chairperson for the Licensed Practical Nurse group. She was instrumental in the hospital receiving an outstanding rating from the Air Force Health Services Management Inspection Team. She was selected as the 1st Tactical Fighter Wing Surgeon Civilian of the Year. Ms. Jones served 2 terms as the President of the Phenix Plus 50 Group and served two terms as the President of Phenix Alumni Association. She has been recognized by the Hampton Alumnae Chapter; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, and citations from Zion and Queen Street Baptist Church.

Dr. Sarah E. (Price) Moten - Sarah is a 1960 graduate of Phenix High School and received her B. S. Degree from Hampton Institute, a Masters Degree from George Washington University and a Doctorate from Clark Atlanta University. Since 1982 she has had a distinguished career with the Federal Government. In 1982 she was a Country Director for the United States Peace Corps serving in Africa. She then held positions with the United States Department of Health and Human Resources; United States Department of State; the National Council of Negro Women; International Affairs Consultant, National Security Council; and currently works for the United States Agency for International Development – Africa Bureau. Her diverse career included being the Chief US Negotiator, Japan, for the return of refugees to Cambodia and Nicaragua.

Dr. Terry M. Whittaker - Dr. Whittaker was an outstanding student athlete at Phenix in the classroom and on the basketball court and football field. He served as senior class president for the Class of 1968. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Dr. Whittaker received a master's degree from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis and a doctoral degree from the University of Delaware. He was the first African American football player to receive the University of Wisconsin's Ivan B. Williamson Award for outstanding scholastic-athletic ability. He joined the University of Delaware in 1983 and has risen from Director to Assistant Dean of the Learner College of Business to the current position of Assistant Provost in 2003. Dr. Whittaker has received numerous honors and awards for his exemplary community service and work in higher education administration. He supports the Y. H. Thomas Community Center and the Aberdeen Civic Association.

Class of 2008 continued

Walter T. “Fuzzy” Ward (Posthumously) - Fuzzy (1957) received a B/ S. Degree from Hampton Institute and a Masters from Manhattan College. Walter was best known for his great athletic skills in basketball. He played for the Baby Pirates at Phenix from 1952-1957. It was there he gained much popularity and fame for being the best all time player in the history of the school. At Hampton Institute he broke the all-time scoring record. He was drafted by the Detroit Pistons and the Washington Capitols to play professional basketball, but was required to accept the military draft. He served in the U.S. Army where he played basketball and was a one-man scoring machine. After his tour of duty he played in the nationally acclaimed Rucker Professional Basketball Tournament in New York, and the Eastern Professional Basketball League.

Class of 2007

Dr. Mary Christian - Dr. Christian served her community and the Commonwealth of Virginia for over fifty years. Dr. Christian started her professional career as a teacher at Aberdeen Elementary School in Hampton, Virginia. For more than 25 years, Dr. Christian was a professor at Hampton University in the School of Education. She then was elected to the House of Delegates and retired after 18 years of service.

Lionel Hope - At Phenix he was an avid athlete who was quarterback of the 1941 and 1942 State Football Championship teams, Captain of the basketball team, and a pivotal track team member. During his career he worked as an auditor for the District of Columbia; and Management Analyst for University of the District of Columbia. He entered politics and was elected to the Alexandria City Council in 1982, and became the City's first Black Vice Mayor.

Lillian Epps Johnson – A graduate from Phenix High in 1948, she earned a MA in Nursing from St. Philip School of Nursing at the Medical College of Virginia in 1952. Mrs. Johnson retired from Langley Air Force Base Hospital in 1987 after 32 years of faithful service. Mrs. Johnson was the first civilian employee to receive the Congressional Award for Exemplary Service to the Public and the Community and received the Outstanding Civilian Nurse and Federal Women of the Year awards.

Wilbert L. Lovett Sr. – He was Guidance Counselor and taught Physical Education and Biology and coached football at Phenix High School. Served as Athletic Director, Assistant Principal, and was the first Black Principal appointed to serve at Hampton High School. Was also principal at Bethel High School. He was instrumental in starting the Upward Bound Program at Hampton Institute for at risk students in high school and he started the National Teachers of Education Seminar at Hampton Institute.

Dana Nottingham – Dana was an outstanding tennis player at Phenix and earned a Masters in City Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1977. He currently is the Executive Director of the Miami Florida Downtown Development Authority. From 1996 to 2002 Dana was the founder and president of Nottingham & Associates, a consultant firm specializing in real estate, economic development and community building. From 1989 to 1996 Mr. Nottingham was a real estate executive Vice-president for the Walt Disney Company.

Irving Peddrew, III - A Phenix 1953 graduate, Irving was the first African-American to be allowed to enroll at Virginia Tech. His success opened the door so that others could follow. On March 29, 2003, Irving L. Peddrew III and Charlie L. Yates were guests when Virginia Tech dedicated the Peddrew-Yates Residence Hall in honor of their achievements as and the first African-American to enroll and graduate from Virginia Tech.

Leonard H. Powell - He is a widely respected national and international motivational and inspirational speaker. For over 25 years he served as an internal and external organizational development consultant. He is president of Powell and Reese, Inc. Management Consultants specializing in *Energizing the Human Potential* in Organizations. He is founder of the Powell Foundation, an organization designed to improve life in communities.

B. J. Roberts - A 1968 graduate of Phenix High, Sheriff Roberts began his law enforcement career as a patrolman on the Newport News Police Force. He then launched a 19-year career with Hampton University's Campus Police, rising to the rank of the Director of Police and Public Safety until 1992, at which time he was elected the first African-American constitutional officer and Sheriff for the City of Hampton.

Ruppert Leon Sargent (Posthously) – A graduate of Phenix High School, he completed two years of college at Hampton Institute before entering the military. In 1967 in Viet Nam, 1st Lt. Ruppert Sargent valiantly gave his life by throwing himself on two grenades to save the lives of his fellow soldiers. In 2002 the City of Hampton dedicated the new administration building the Ruppert Leon Sargent Administration Building in his honor.

Mildred Smith - A graduate of the Dixie Hospital Nursing Program, she began her career at Hampton General Hospital. In 1963 she led a sit-in of the segregated cafeteria and was fired. She fought her battle all the way to the Supreme Court and won. Her victory eventually integrated all services of the hospital. She worked as a Supervisor at Whitaker Hospital before retiring from the VA Medical Center.

Raymond Washington – A 1954 graduate, earned his MS in Education from Indiana University. He began teaching in 1961 and rose to Assistant Superintendent in Hampton in 1976. In 1991 he was appointed the first Black Superintendent of Hampton City Schools and remained until he retired in 1994. His legacy was implementing programs for low achieving and gifted students.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday September 3rd

Monthly meeting at the Hampton Public Library on Victoria Boulevard at 11:00 a.m.

The agenda includes a vote on if the Alumni Association should acquire General liability insurance.

December

Annual Alumni Christmas Party. \$10 for association members who have paid dues. \$20 for all others and guests. 6:00 p.m. Fee includes buffet dinner, door prizes, and caroling. Plan now to attend as we get in the Christmas spirit. Send your money to the above address.

Annual Cookout - June 2014 - date not yet determined

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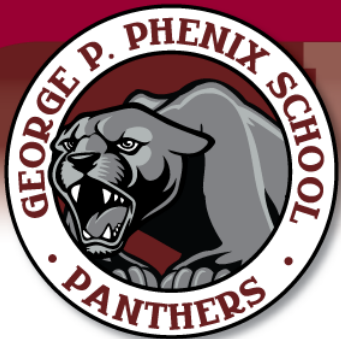
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