

**8TH ANNUAL PHENIX LEGACY
RECEPTION AND DINNER
GEORGE P. PHENIX HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
1932 ~ 1968**



2014 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREES

**JO SHULER
ARLINGTON W. CHISMAN, JR., PH.D.**

**JULY 19, 2014
CROWNE PLAZA MARINA HOTEL
HAMPTON, VIRGINIA**

Welcome

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

This year we recognize the class anniversary years of 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964 and 1969 for those classmates who attended Phenix and the school name was changed to Pembroke in 1968. In 2014 we celebrate and remember many events that happened during their school years.

Those first classes at Phenix had to endure the affects of the Great Depression. Their parents worked low paying jobs, lived in poor housing areas, food rationing, faced constant discrimination, but still found away to send their children to school. By 1934 the country was starting to emerge from the depression and federal works projects provided more job opportunities. In 1939 the country starts preparing for war with Germany. The production of airplanes, vehicles and machinery puts more people back to work.

In 1944 the US Congress declares war on Germany and on June 6, 1944, D Day, the US invades Normandy. In 1954 the Supreme Court rules in Brown versus the Board of Education that separate but equal schools is unconstitutional. That ruling has little impact on Hampton because there was no enforcement to integrate schools. Black students were gradually given the right to enroll in predominately white schools but Phenix remained a predominately black school. The students in 1954 saw the ruling as a hope for the future, but had little impact on their immediate status. Many saw the decision as a move forward toward to equal access to quality education, but in retrospect it was the beginning of the end for Phenix High School. In 1968 all public schools were forced to integrate. It was okay to send black students to other schools, but white students did not want to attend Phenix, a former predominately black school, so the name was changed to Pembroke. One of the greatest social benefits occurred in 1954 when President Eisenhower signed the Social Security Bill. Taxes were withheld from paychecks and put into a trust to pay retirees a stipend for life. Imagine life for your parents and for you without this benefit.

In 1964 the US declares war on Vietnam and many of our classmates are among the 58,000 who died during the war, including our own alumnus Ruppert Sargent. In 1964 we also witnessed the passing of the Civil Right Bill that provided equal access to schools, public accommodations, housing, jobs, and equal protection under the law. In some ways we were finally free at last.

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, 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, hospitality and bereavement, 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.

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.



A Tribute to the Phenomenal



In some ways we were all touched by her words. Maya Angelou liked to say that people will forget what you said or did in your life, but they will never forget how you made them feel. When she wrote "Now you understand just why my head's not bowed", I don't shout or jump about or have to talk real loud. When you see me passing It ought to make you proud. I say, it's in the click of my heels, the bend of my hair, the palm of my hand, the need of my care, 'Cause I'm a woman Phenomenally. Phenomenal woman, That's me". You knew she was encouraging all Black women to stand proud and be a phenomenal woman. When she wrote "You may shoot me with your words, You may cut me with your eyes, You may kill me with your hatefulness, But still, like air, I'll rise". She was talking what Black people have had to endure for generations to be respected. An acclaimed American poet, storyteller, activist, and autobiographer, Maya Angelou was born Marguerite Johnson in St. Louis, Missouri. Angelou had a broad career as a singer, dancer, actress, composer, and Hollywood's first female black director, but is most famous as a writer, editor, essayist, playwright, and poet. By 1975 Angelou had become recognized not only as a spokesperson for blacks and women, but also for all people who are committed to raising the moral standards of living in the United States." Her life included writing poetry by age 9, giving birth as a single mother by 17, and becoming San Francisco's first black streetcar conductor. She also danced at a strip joint, sang on records, acted alongside James Earl Jones and earned a Tony nomination for her work on Broadway. She wrote music and plays, received an Emmy nomination for her acting in the 1970s TV miniseries "Roots" and danced with Alvin Ailey.

Angelou also worked as a coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and lived for years in Egypt and Ghana, where she met South African liberation pioneer Nelson Mandela. In 1968, she was helping the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. organize the Poor People's March in Memphis, Tennessee, where the civil rights leader was slain on Angelou's 40th birthday.

Angelou's most famous work, *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1969), deals with her early years when she lived with her brother and paternal grandmother. In one of its most controversial moments, Angelou describes how she was first cuddled then raped by her mother's boyfriend when she was just seven years old. When the man was murdered by her uncles for his crime, Angelou felt responsible, and stopped talking. Angelou remained mute for five years, but developed a love for language. She read black authors like Langston Hughes, W. E. B. Du Bois, and Paul Lawrence Dunbar, as well as canonical works by William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, and Edgar Allan Poe. When Angelou was twelve and a half, Mrs. Flowers, an educated black woman, finally got her to speak again. And that began a lifelong journey of revelation and inspiration by the indomitable woman.

~ Program ~

4:00 P.M.

Meet and Greet, Find Seat

4:30

Welcome

Calvin Pearson, Alumni Association President

**Invocation and
Blessing of food**

**Evangelist John Smith, Minister of Evangelism
2nd Baptist Church, Hampton, Class of 1960**

~~ Dinner ~~

Recognizing Reunion Classes

G. P. Phenix Prek-8 School

**Amaya Tharpe, Phenix Pre-K8 School
Teacher of the Year, The Year in Review**

**Introduction of Speaker
Keynote Speaker**

Calvin Pearson, Alumni President

**Distinguished Alumni
Awards Presentation**

Corlease Sills, Class of 1967

**Honoring deceased classmates,
teachers & administrators**

Joyce Turner, Class of 1962

Closing Remarks

Singing of the Alma Mater

Benediction

**Evangelist John Smith, Minister of Evangelism
2nd Baptist Church, Hampton, Class of 1960**

**Enjoy the rest evening with the Legendary
“Bobby Jay”**

**Join us for church service on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.
Zion Baptist Church, County Street, Hampton**



~ MENU ~

House Salad with Mixed Greens, Red cabbage, Cucumbers,
Carrots, Cherry Tomatoes.

Rosemary and Garlic Rubbed Sirloin with Cranberry Chutney

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

Chocolate 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.

Knox W. Tull, Jr.

Leonard Powell

Stephen C. Smith

Celestine Carter ~ Rosilyn Melvin

Ernest Richardson Jr. ~ Frances Minkins Tucker

Monroe Booker ~ Charles Wynder ~ William & Annette Young

Carolyn Mann ~ Patricia Gross ~ Sandra Livingston Brown

Alberta H. Robinson

Linda S. Woods ~ Evelyn Gloster Dawkins

Keynote Speaker

Pastor Willie F. Wilson, Class of 1962 2013 Phenix Distinguished Alumnus



You can say he is back by popular demand. As a 2013 recipient of the Phenix Distinguished Alumni Award, he left the audience wanting more of his unique oratory and experiences at Phenix High. Pastor Wilson was born in Newport News, Virginia and ordained Nana Kwadwo Boafo I, a Wolof Priest in the Gambia, West Africa, is very much at home in Anacostia where for the past 32 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.

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-two 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.

*Sheriff B.J. Roberts
Class of '68*

*proudly joins
Alumni, Friends and Family
in celebrating the legacy of*

George P. Phenix High School

July 19, 2014



Committed to Excellence



JO SHULER CLASS OF 1960

2014 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Hampton native, dedicated orthopedic nurse and Mary Kay Legacy Leader, Jo Shuler is an enterprising George P. Phenix alumnus. Jo Shuler was born and raised in Hampton, Virginia. As an active member of the Class of 1960, Jo sang in the choir and was crowned Miss Baby Pirate in 1959. After attending Dixie Hospital School of Practical Nursing, Jo went on to the University of Virginia School for Operating Room Technology.

Having enjoyed a nursing career spanning more than 20 years as a LPN Certified Surgical Technologist specializing in Orthopedics, Jo started a part-time business in March 1982 as an Independent Beauty Consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics. She earned the use of her first Mary Kay car in 1985. Jo promoted herself to the rank of Independent Sales Director in August 1986 by helping women develop their own individual Mary Kay careers. Along the way she was personally trained by Mary Kay Ash, founder of Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Under Jo's leadership, her unit ***The Millionaire Soaring Eagles***, comprised of more than 150 women, has produced more than 10 million dollars in retail sales since 1986, with consultants in 21 states and in more than 50 cities in the U.S. Her unit has been the number one predominately African American Unit in Virginia for more than 25 years.

Jo became the first African American on the Peninsula to earn the use of the iconic Mary Kay Pink Cadillac. She is currently driving her 14th Pink Cadillac. Jo's consistent sales, motivation and leadership skills have earned her awards totaling more than 30 carats of diamonds, two full length mink coats, and seven international vacations with five-star accommodations. To date, her highest commission check for one calendar month has been in excess of \$16,000.

In addition to her Mary Kay career, Jo volunteers as a mentor with Transitions Family Violence Services in Hampton. She is breast cancer survivor and chaplain for George P. Phenix High Alumni Association. She and her loving husband Ernie are very proud parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. They are active members of Bethel Temple Assembly of God Church in Hampton.

The Millionaire Soaring Eagles



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Of George P. Phenix High School

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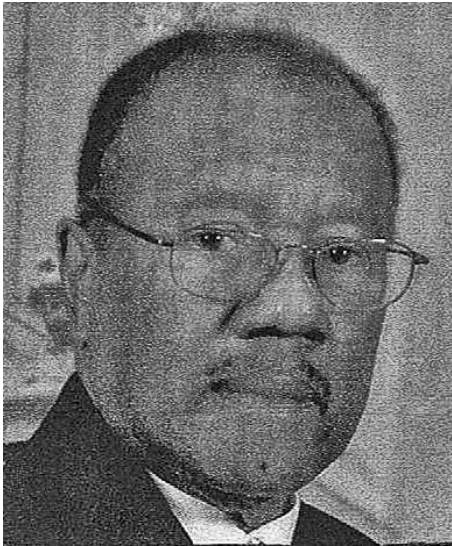
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ARLINGTON CHISMAN JR., PH. D. CLASS OF 1951

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Dr. Arlington W. Chisman, Jr., Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, the school of technology, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical University, Greensboro, North Carolina, Ph. D. in Vocational Technical Education from Ohio State University, graduated from Phenix High School in the Class of 1951.

Several months after graduation, Arlington enlisted in the U.S Air Force. He served a tour of duty in Korea during the war and was awarded the Korean Service Medal, The National Defense Service Medal, The United Nations Service Medal, and The Good Conduct Medal. After four years and four months in the Air Force he was honorably discharged. Several months later he matriculated to Virginia State College (University) where he majored in Industrial Management and graduated Cum Laude. Even though he graduated in the top five percent of his class in 1961 there were no recruiters for Blacks in management so he spent several years in construction before working in the Hampton Post Office for one year to earn money to attend Norfolk State University to obtain a teacher certificate.

With a teaching certificate he began to teach Business courses and Industrial Arts Courses. After interviewing with Mr. Stevenson he was offered the job as Work Shop teacher at Phenix for the 1966-67 school year. In addition to teaching he organized Phenix's first golf team. The students had to purchase their own equipment and still won third place in the State Tournament. At the end of the 1968 school year he decided to accept employment with Hampton Institute U.S.A.I.D project in Sierra Leone, West Africa. He spent two years there teaching Building Construction. He returned to Hampton to teach Vocational Electronics at Bethel High School. After three years at Bethel High the State Department of Vocational Education honored him with an "Education Professions Development Act fellowship" for the Doctoral Program at The Ohio State University. After earning his Ph. D. he returned to Hampton as the first Director of Vocational Education for Hampton City Schools. After three years he accepted the position of Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of Industrial Technology, North Carolina A&T State University.

After a distinguished career, he retired in 1995 and was appointed Faculty Emeritus Status in 1998. He is married to the former Gwendolyn Washington and they have one daughter, Wendi, who is deceased.

A TRIBUTE TO RUFUS 'RUDY' LANGFORD



THE CLASS OF 1953



ANNIVERSARY CLASSES

THEIR YEAR IN REVIEW

1934 - 80TH ANNIVERSARY

The great depression in America saw a turning point with unemployment decreasing to 22%. Federal public works projects, bridges and roads helps America back on it's feet. The FBI arrested John Dillinger, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, Pretty Boy Floyd and Baby Face Nelson. Average cost of new house \$5,970.00; average wages per year \$1,600.00; a gallon of gas 10 cents; a loaf of bread 8 cents; a LB of hamburger 12 cents; Studebaker Truck \$625.00. The Loch Ness Monster is spotted for the first time and Alcatraz Federal Penitentiary known as "The Rock" opens. Hank Aaron Is born.

1939 - 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Germany and the Soviet Union attacked Poland and war is declared on Germany, the United States begin rearming for war, which helped end the great depression. The United States hosted the Worlds Fair in New York. America's first A-Bomb program developed. Average cost of new house \$3,800.00; average wages per year \$1,730.00; gallon of gas 10 cents; loaf of bread 8 cents; LB of Hamburger 14 cents; average price for new car \$700.00. Regular television broadcasts began in the United States. Popular movies were Gone with the Wind and the Wizard of Oz. Packard first air conditioned car. Tina Turner and Marvin Gaye are born.

1944 - 70TH ANNIVERSARY

On June 6th the D-DAY invasion (Operation Overlord) starts with landing on the beaches of Normandy. Franklin D. Roosevelt becomes the only U.S. president to be elected to a fourth term. The GI Bill of Rights is passed and signed into law by Franklin D. Roosevelt. Average cost of new house \$3,450.00; average wages per year \$2,400.00; cost of a gallon of gas 15 cents; loaf of bread 10 cents. New inventions were Kidney Dialysis and Sunscreen. Diana Ross, Joe Frazier, Gladys Knight and Barry White were born.

1949 - 65TH ANNIVERSARY

World War 11 postwar prosperity is starting to get underway as citizens purchase 6.2 million new cars and 10 million televisions. TV Soap Operas is the new fad. Average cost of new house \$7,450.00; average wages per year \$2,950.00; a gallon of gas 17 cents; average cost of a new car \$1,420.00; minimum hourly wage rate 70 cents per hour; bacon per pound 50 cents. Inventions include RCA color television; first Volkswagen Beetle sold in US. Apartheid made official Policy of National Party in South Africa. First Polaroid Camera sold for \$89.95. Lionel Ritchie and Gloria Gaynor born.

1954 - 60TH ANNIVERSARY

As more wives moved back into the workforce the economy continued to grow. First mass Polio vaccination of children begins. The Supreme Court rules on Brown v. Board of Education, stating that segregation in public schools is unconstitutional. Cost of new house \$10,250.00; a gallon of gas 22 cents; average cost of a new car \$1,700.00; movie ticket 70 cents; The Dow Jones recovers back to pre Wall Street Crash highs of 381.17. Sports Illustrated first issue. President Eisenhower signs into law the new social security bill. Boeing 707 (America's First Jet Airliner). Swanson introduces TV Dinners

1959 - 55TH ANNIVERSARY

Alaska becomes the 49th State and Hawaii the 50th of the USA. NASA introduces America's first astronauts, John H. Glenn Jr, and Alan Shepard Jr. Television program included "Rawhide", "Bonanza" and "The Twilight Zone". Fidel Castro comes to power in Cuba. Average cost of new house \$12,400.00; average yearly wages \$5,010.00; gallon of gas 25 cents; average cost of a new car \$2,200.00; movie ticket \$1.00; loaf of bread 20 cents; Kodak Movie camera \$67.50; Mattel's Barbie Doll, NBC Xerox launches the first commercial copier, Microchip, Etch A Sketch, Computer Modem.

1964 - 50TH ANNIVERSARY

US Congress authorizes war against N Vietnam. Lyndon Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Cassius Clay won the Boxing World heavyweight championship from Sonny Liston. Average income per year \$6,000.00; gas per gallon 30 cents; average cost of a new car \$3,500.00; loaf of bread 21 cents, USA stamp 5 cents; movie ticket \$1.25. James H. Meredith, first African American at University of Mississippi. Election Poll Tax becomes illegal. Nelson Mandela imprisoned for life in South Africa. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. receives the Nobel Peace Prize. Sidney Poitier becomes the first black actor to win the "best actor" Oscar. The Beatles arrive in US. First VCR, first Ford Mustang. The Supremes take the stage.

1934 The Great Depression, which lasted from 1929 to the early 1940s, was a severe economic downturn caused



by an overly-confident, over-extended stock market and a drought that struck the South. The Great Depression finally ended with the increased production needed for World War II. During the Great Depression, millions of people were out of work across the United States. Unable to find another job locally, many unemployed people hit the road, traveling from place to place, hoping to find some work. A few of these people had cars, but most hitchhiked or "rode the rails." They would board freight trains and crisscross the country, hoping to find a job in one of the towns along the way.

1944 Although the term D-Day is used routinely as military lingo for

the day an operation or event will take place, for many it is also synonymous with June 6, 1944, the day the Allied



powers crossed the English Channel and landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, beginning the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control during World War II. Within three months, the northern part of France would be freed. On the morning of June 5, 1944, U.S. General Dwight D. Eisenhower gave the go-ahead for Operation Overlord, the largest amphibious military operation in history. On his orders, 6,000 landing craft, ships and other vessels carrying 176,000 troops began to leave England for the trip to France. That night, 822 aircraft filled with parachutists headed for drop zones in Normandy. An additional 13,000 aircraft were mobilized to provide air cover and support for the invasion. The Americans overcame light opposition to capture Utah beach. The task was much tougher at Omaha beach, however, where 2,000 troops were lost and it was only

through the tenacity and quick-wittedness of troops on the ground that the objective was achieved.

1954 Brown v. Board of Education was a landmark United States Supreme Court case in which the Court declared



state laws establishing separate public schools for black and white students to be unconstitutional. The decision overturned the Plessy v. Ferguson decision of 1896, which allowed state-sponsored segregation, as it applied to public education. Handed down on May 17, 1954, the Warren Court's unanimous (9–0) decision stated that "separate educational facilities are inherently unequal." As a result, racial segregation was ruled a violation of the Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution. This ruling paved the way for integration and was a major victory of the civil rights movement. Although this ruling was passed in 1954 many parts of Virginia were slow to in-act the law. Hampton Institute, home of the first Phenix School forced the city to construct a new Phenix High School on LaSalle Avenue, that opened in 1962. Hampton's African American students were allowed to attend Hampton High School but

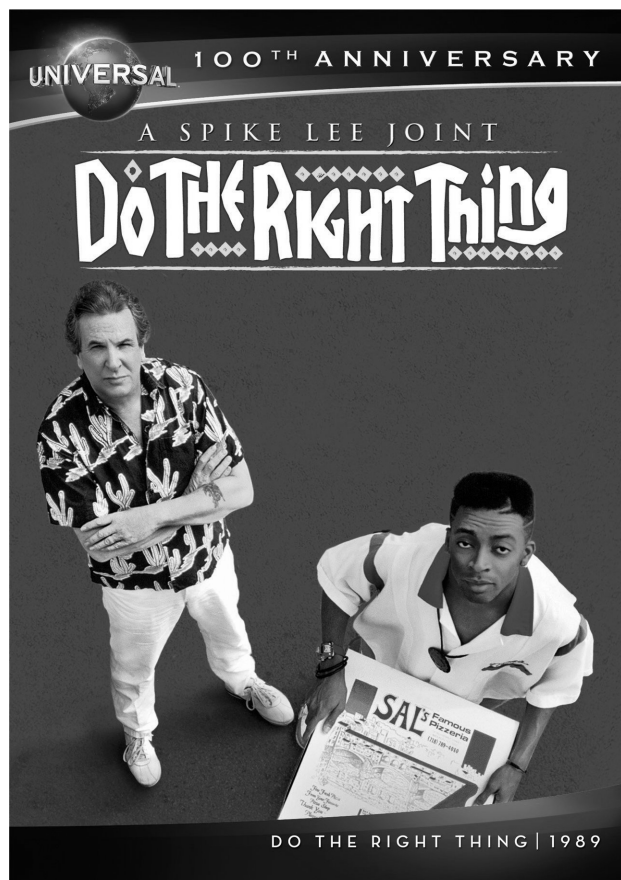
Phenix remained a predominately Black high school, separate and unequal, until the name was changed in 1968.



1964 The Civil Rights Act of 1964, passed on July 2, 1964, is a landmark piece of civil rights legislation that outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. It ended unequal application of voter registration requirements and racial segregation in schools, at the workplace and by facilities that served the general public (known as "public accommodations"). Powers given to enforce the act were initially weak, but were supplemented during later years. Congress asserted its authority to legislate under several different parts of the United States Constitution, principally its power to regulate interstate commerce under Article One (section 8), its duty to guarantee all citizens equal protection of the laws under the Fourteenth Amendment

and its duty to protect voting rights under the Fifteenth Amendment.

Do You Remember.....1989 25th Anniversary



Where were you during June 1989 when Spike Lee released his block buster film, "Do The Right Thing"? Spike Lee wrote the screenplay in two weeks and the film was shot entirely on Stuyvesant Avenue between Quincy Street and Lexington Avenue in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn. Spike Lee who produced and directed the movie also played the part of 'Mookie' in the film. Other members of the cast included Danny Aiello, Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Richard Edson, Giancarlo Esposito, Bill Nunn, John Turturro, and Samuel L. Jackson. It is also notably the feature film debuts of Martin Lawrence and Rosie Perez. The movie tells the story of a neighborhood's simmering racial tension, which comes to a head and culminates in tragedy on the hottest day of the summer.

While eating a slice at Sal's Pizzeria he is asked why he has no pictures of Blacks on his 'Wall of Fame' and he is demanded to put up some pictures of black celebrities on the wall since Sal's is in a black neighborhood and sells pizza to black people. Sal refuses and a riot ensues. .

The film was a commercial success and received numerous accolades and awards, including an Academy Award nomination for Lee for Best Original Screenplay and one for Best Supporting Actor for Aiello's portrayal of Sal the pizzeria owner. It is often listed among the greatest films of all time.¹ In 1999, it was deemed to be "culturally significant" by the U.S. Library of Congress, and was selected for preservation in the National Film Registry, one of just five films to have this honor in their first year of eligibility.

Though the Spike Lee Joint, about the angry events of a scorching hot day in Brooklyn, looks a bit dated these days -- gone are the boomboxes and fade haircuts of the late '80s -- there's no fighting the film's power. The issues raised by the film -- gentrification, ethnic clashes, police presence, the impact of violence -- remain topical. It had a reputation before it even opened. "Do the Right Thing" would doom race relations, said critics. Riots would engulf the multiplex. One can only imagine the fear that would have been stoked in today's Internet age.

Spike Lee said "when I wrote the script ... New York City was a very polarized city, racially, I wanted to do a film that would try to show what was happening at the time." The movie still haunts our culture. As Lee said in 2009, "We've got a lot of work to do."

Previously Honored Distinguished Alumni

Class of 2013

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". 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.

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. During his career he was recognized as one of the world's preeminent and influential tennis writers. He covered the Grand Slams – Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and U. S. Open. Smith routinely broke news in the tennis world. 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. 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). 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.

Pastor Willie F. Wilson, born in Newport News, and ordained Nana Kwadwo Boafo I, a Wolof Priest in the Gambia, West Africa, is very much at home in Anacostia where for the past 31 years he has been pastor at Union Temple Baptist Church. Pastor Wilson received his Bachelor Degree in Journalism from Ohio University and Masters Degree in Doctoral Studies from Howard University. In Asankrangwa, West Ghana he was inducted as a sub-chief by the Asankare-Bretuo as NANA KWADWO BOAFO I, and with this honor he has the uttermost credence to perform any and all ceremonies relating to African people. 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 and has married African kings and queens of the universe. 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.

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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.

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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.

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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

Monday September 8th

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

The agenda includes the election of officers for the next two years.

December—Date to be determined

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.

Annual Cookout - June 2015 - date not yet determined

Bus Trips — Let us know where you want to go and we will try to make it happen.

Join Your Alumni Association!!!!

You do not have to be a graduate to join.
If you attended or worked at a Phenix School you can join.

George P. Phenix Alumni Association Membership Form

Dues \$35.00 2014/2015

Name _____ (Maiden Name) _____

Date _____ Graduating Class _____ Dues attached \$ _____

Address _____

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Send this form to other classmates, or attach their addresses to the back of this form.

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Our strong band can ne'er be broken
Formed in Phenix High
Far surpassing wealth unspoken
Sealed by friendship's tie

Dear Ole Phenix, Dear Ole Phenix
Deep graven on each heart,
Shall be found unwavering true
When we from life shall part.

High school life at best is passing,
Gliding swiftly by,
Then let us pledge in word and deed
Our love for Phenix High.

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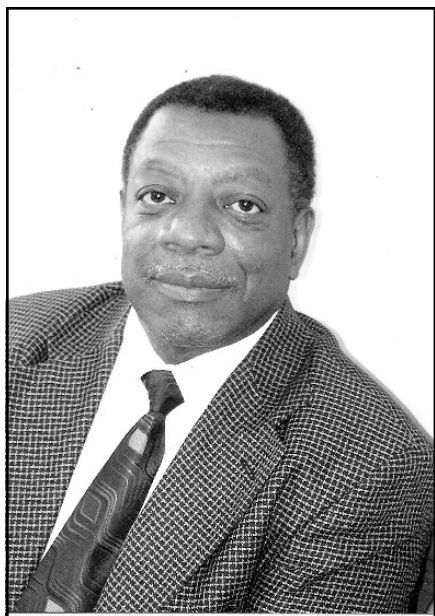
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The Legendary Bobby Jay



Sit down, but we rather that you get on up, and be entertained by the Legendary Bobby Jay. Let me here you say "Do It Bobby Do It". The undisputed king of oldies radio in Hampton Roads "loves the ladies, and the ladies love him." Robert Jackson, known to listeners as "Bobby Jay," hosts his Bobby Jay Show on 88.1 FM WHOV every Wednesday night from 6 pm to 9 pm. The Hampton University radio station broadcasts around the world so no matter where you live you can catch him on the Internet or your radio dial.

When Bobby J gets talking, the music takes a back seat. "This is your Bouncing Baby Boy Bobby Jay," he purrs, dishing out sass and sweetness to his female callers. Do it, Bobby, do it," they holler back. Bobby Jay says his role as a communicator, not just a DJ, accounts for his staying power in the changing radio business. "I'm not trying to be

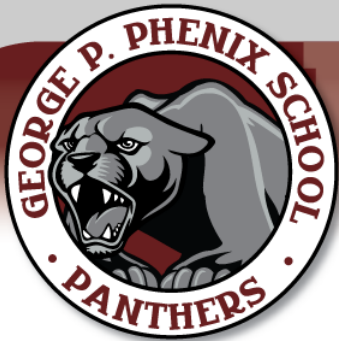
sophisticated or cute," he says. "I'm honest. I'm me, a crazy guy. I give them sheer realism, and it's fun."

He traces his over-the-top delivery back to his grandfather, a preacher in the small Florida town of Noma, where he was born. His family moved to Portsmouth when he was young, and his first exposure to radio came during his sophomore year at Norcom High School in the 1960s. Then he started working on a Saturday morning radio show hosted by "Daddy Jack" Holmes on the old WRAP-AM (1350).

Geared to high school students, the show was patterned after American Bandstand and played everything from gospel to R&B. It was a great start for this young radio performer who continued working at the station part-time into the 1980s while supporting himself with sales jobs.

In 1985, Bobby Jay launched his first oldies show Sunday nights on WRAP. He reached back into the 1960s and 1950s, playing the music of Chubby Checker, Al Green and other R&B artists. It's still the music audience members like to hear when he hosts oldies nights on Spirit of Norfolk cruises and at other locations.

Bobby Jay is still the undisputed king of oldies radio in Hampton Roads.



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