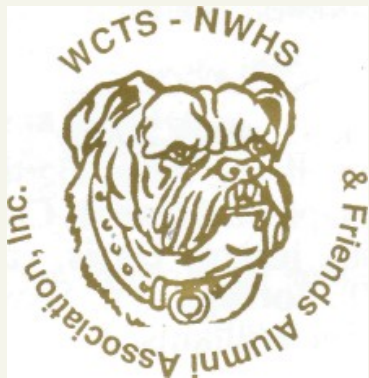


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Fall Newsletter

WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association, Inc.

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The National Board meetings are scheduled the 2nd Saturday of each month at 1 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings once again, Fellow Aggies!

Here's hoping your summer went well and that you had a safe and fun-filled travel season.

We had a successful Reunion weekend and we want that success to carry over into the Richmond/Petersburg 4th annual Oldies but Goodies Dance December 4, 2010, in South Hill, VA. (See Page 4).

Progress is being made on revitalizing our projects with help from our new consultant.

Enclosed is a survey that we are asking you to fill out and return to us as soon as possible so we can develop a database of skills and talents that will be accessible to us. The survey includes questions about you and your family members. We are getting older and we need the next generation to become involved with the alumni association so they will be able to carry on and enlarge the legacy we pass to them. We want this campus to be a vital asset to Wise and neighboring communities again.

We are bouncing back from last year's break-ins; however, we had another incident last month at the Cafeteria. Thieves got a little copper wiring and water pipes. The security system stopped them. You cannot stop a thief, but we are taking steps to make it harder for them.

Kudos to the member who made a \$1,000.00 donation to be applied to our loan balance and the member who paid the \$1,000.00 reward for information that led to the conviction of the thief who broke into our facilities.

Once again the Baltimore Chapter came through. They are financing the purchase of the security cameras for the campus. We wish to thank all chapters and individuals for their generous donations.

Many kids have benefited from our educational programs. We presently do not have grant funding support. We need individual contributions in order to continue these special programs.

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President's Corner continued....

Next year's Spring Gala will be held at the newly renovated Warren County Armory Civic Center. There are two suggestions for a theme for our next Gala - Hawaiian or African. What do you think? Contact our Executive Secretary, Mable Slade at 252-456-0076, Monday–Wednesday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., or send an email to wctsnwhsalumni@embarqmail.com.

Yours in Unity,

Thomas Harris

National President

Souvenir Booklet

The Alumni organization has embarked upon creating a Souvenir Booklet as a fundraising project. We want this document to be a good representation of the WCTS-NWHS heritage and legacy that was passed to us, which we want to pass to the next generation. Many of us have very fond memories of those hallowed halls and great teachers who tremendously impacted our lives. The costs for including data, pictures, or ads in the booklet are:

- Full page \$100.00
- Half page \$60.00
- Quarter page \$40.00
- Business Card \$25.00

In addition to traditional advertisements, this booklet will serve as an excellent vehicle for memorials and tributes, acknowledgements, special accomplishments, and other creative expressions.

If you, your class, your church, your business, your employer, or your club or organization desires to submit data for the Souvenir Booklet, please get your submissions into the office by the end of February 2011. Your pictures and documents will be returned upon request. The cost for each Booklet will be determined by the publication of the Spring 2011 Newsletter.

Administrative/Technical Support

The Administration office is open for your assistance Monday through Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Our new [FAX number is 678-626-8029](tel:678-626-8029).

Unfortunately we had another break-in; however, the ADT Security System was a deterrent. The thieves ran off before they did substantial damage.

We formed a partnership with the Senior Citizen Center in Warrenton to start an exercise class in October. If seniors in the Wise area show interest, the number of classes will be increased. Surveys from the Senior Citizen Center have been given out to raise interest in what they are doing.

We received additional donated computers from our partners in Durham. Several of the monitors are not working. As time permits I will research a repair solution.

We are still accepting old documents, books, yearbooks, pictures, posters, etc., for our Archive Room. Please support our fundraising efforts by supplying material and purchasing space in our Souvenir Booklet.

Mable H. Slade

Executive Secretary/IT Specialist

SATURDAY ACADEMY

The Fall Saturday Academy will begin the 2nd Saturday, October 9, 2010. The Dropout Prevention Grant funding has ended.

We thank the alumni and friends who contributed to the Educational Fund during our annual reunion. These funds were very much appreciated and enabled the Educational Program to continue through the fall.

Please continue to support the Educational Program so that we may continue to support the students in Warren County academically and socially.

Carrie H. Hill
Site Coordinator

CAMPUS RENOVATION PROJECT

Your support is sincerely appreciated and needed for us to continue our plans for the renovation of our Alumni campus. Our Business Loan for \$102,066.87 was used to replace the roof and do other renovations to preserve the structure of the Main Building. Payments of \$25,000.00, \$4,000.00 and \$1,000.00 have been paid on the principal, leaving a balance at this time of \$72,066.87. Making payments on the principal decreases the interest amount. Monthly interest payments average \$340.

Feel free to donate directly to paying down the loan balance. We appreciate all that you do.

Ongoing research for grants and fundraiser ideas to support our goal is crucial and we welcome your input.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

The organization is happy to announce we gave the following scholarships for FY2009-2010.

- Whitney Alston Brown, \$400.00, attending Winston-Salem State University
- Jerome M. Jones, \$400, attending North Carolina Central University
- Ebony Terry, \$400.00, attending University of North Carolina
- Janell Brown, \$400.00, attending Saint Paul College
- Patrick Williams, \$700, attending Winston-Salem State University
- Shanice Pritchard, \$1,000.00, Scholarship given by Mr. Richard H. Greene in memory of his wife Martha Valerie Palmer Greene.

Thank you members for making this possible thru your membership dues and donations. To the parents of the recipients, we would love to have you as members of our organization.

Anna P. Bullock
Chairperson

A T T E N T I O N

SENIOR CITIZEN

Kids can really benefit from what you know and they can help you stay active.

MENTORING young people in consistent, one-on-one relationships is a proven way to help them stay in school, improve academic achievement and avoid risky behavior. An estimated 3 million youths ages 10 to 18 are in formal mentoring relationships, but an estimated 14.6 million more need mentors to help keep them from dropping out, committing crimes and using drugs.

Local: Henry Durham recently introduced a new program to the Association for mentoring. Would you consider being a mentor?

National:

Big Brothers Big Sisters
<http://www.bbbs.org>

U.S. Dream Academy
<http://www.udreamacademy.org>

Mentor
<http://www.mentoring.org>

RICHMOND/PETERSBURG CHAPTER

The Richmond/Petersburg Chapter will sponsor its 4th annual dance on December 4, 2010 at the VFW Post in South Hill, VA.

Calling all Cowboys and Cowgirls. The dress this year is Western Attire. Just leave your fire at home.

There will be special recognition for the club or organization who have the most in attendance, i.e., Bowling Team, Skating Team, Horse Club, Hunting Club, Bridge Club, etc.

Prizes will be awarded for:

Best Dressed Woman
Best Dressed Man
Best Dressed Couple

There will be several Western trivia questions. Admission is \$15.00. Proceeds will benefit our Scholarship Fund. We thank you in advance for your support.

Directions: Travel on I-85, use exit 15, head South on US #1 approximately 2 miles, the VFW is on the Left 1472 Mecklenburge Ave. South Hill, Va.

Eddie Hinton
Chapter President

WARREN COUNTY CHAPTER

The Warren County Chapter had three floats in the Wise Fourth of July Parade and we sold Tee-Shirts that day. We still have Tee-Shirts available for purchase for \$10.00 each. See any local member.

We are happy to announce that our Vice-President, Henry Durham is starting a mentoring program.

The Chapter has been successful in completing the remodeling of the Principal house, which is now our Administration Building. Future plans includes putting Tarps over the openings in the Main Building, delivering fruit baskets to Senior-Citizens 90 years or older for Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays.

Our annual Sweetheart Ball will be Valentine weekend, February 12, 2011. Join us for a very enjoyable fun evening.

Don't forget to support the Oldie but Goodie dance Dec 4th in South Hill, Va.

Paul Plummer, Jr.
Chapter President

MARYLAND/DC/NORTHERN VA- CHAPTER

The Maryland, DC and Northern VA Chapter will hold its first fall meeting in October. You will be contacted with the date and time. We hope you had a wonderful summer.

Samuel M. Parham
Chapter President

Class Giving Report 2010

Kudos for your generous donations. Hats off to the "Top Two Classes".

1938—\$100.00	1960—\$200.00
1946- \$70.00	1963—\$125.00
1947—\$100.00	1964—\$46.00
1948—\$50.00	1965—\$150.00
1949—\$25.00	1966—\$200.00
1950—\$370.00	1967—\$136.00
1951— \$40.00	1968—\$50.00
1952—\$26.50	1969—\$1,395.00*
1955—\$25.00	
1956—\$40.00	
1957—\$1, 170.00**	
1959—\$60.00	

Esther Mayfield
Financial Secretary

IN LOVING REMEMBRANCE

Our heartfelt sympathy and thoughts are with the families and friends of our dearly departed Aggies. We apologize for the oversight of any names, please contact the office:

- Mrs. Martha Valerie Palmer Greene, wife of Richard Greene, sister of (Dorothy Arrington, Edna Howell & Alice Banks)
- Mrs. Meredith Spruill Williams, sister-in-law of (Zandra G. Spruill)
- Mr. Matthew J. Shearin, brother of (Roberta Shearin)
- Mr. Brown Jeff Hawkins, class of '58, son of (Mattie , brother of Calvin & Kenneth Hawkins)
- Mr. Charlie Russell, brother of (Annie , Christine, Mary, Jerome & Clinton Russell)
- Mrs. Sally B. Talley Hargrove, class of '67, sister of (Harriett, Josephine, Mary, Melvin, & Charles Talley)
- Mr. Cleveland Davis, class of '67, brother of (Mary Norton, Jean Downey, George & James Davis)
- Mrs. Margaret Townes Jones, class of '55
- Mrs. Ellender Marie Alexander Coleman-Pinto, class of '50, sister of (Esther Terry)
- Mrs. Catherine Clark Quinichette, wife of (John Quinichette, sister of (Henry & Nathaniel Clark)
- Mr. Guy Alston, class of '64
- Mrs. Emma Joyce Hargrove Frazier, class of '63, sister of (Leon, Eunice, Otis, Edwin, & Earl Hargrove)
- Mr. Charles Coleman, class of '52, brother of (Alfred Coleman)
- Mrs. Chestine Bullock Green, Class of '55, sister of (Malray, Lillian, Bernadine, Samantha)
- Rev. Rosa Paschall, former Chaplain and friend of the Association
- Mr. Eddie Hinton, Sr., Class of '47, father of (Eddie, Jr., Reginald, Gene Hinton)

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Through your support we are up to 102 members, our goal is 150, with your help we can make it. This has been one of our best fundraiser to-date and it has helped tremendously in our general expenses as we are steadily growing and need more financial support to achieve our goal of restoration of the campus. As of this date we have raised \$38,225.00, when all members are paid in full we will have raised \$51,000.00. Anyone wishing to join can do so by:

- Paying in full \$500.00
- \$250.00 first payment and a payment of \$125.00 the next two years to pay the full amount. All payments are due prior to May 1 the year of payment.

The plaque has been placed on the Cafeteria Wall, it is not complete without your name. Please make checks payable to WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association, Inc, and mail to: Henry Durham, Jr., at 484 Baltimore Church Road, Warrenton, NC 27589-8765.

To obtain an application go on line at: <http://wcts-nwhs.org> under "Your Contribution", Lifetime Membership, or call me 252-257-6777, or the office at 252-456-0076. Thank you in advance for your donation.

Henry Durham, Jr.,
Lifetime Membership Chairman

TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

Greetings fellow alumni and friends. New initiative stimulating concepts, High Speed Rail, are just a few of the buzz words being discussed at Task Force meetings. We are excited about regaining the momentum lost during the depressed economic conditions. Partnerships with local and national agencies are being cultivated as well as new aspirations.

We welcome our new consultant, Mrs. Deborah Warren, to our organization. She brings a wealth of excitement, knowledge, and expertise needed at such a critical time during our involvement. Our focus continues on recruiting youthful Alumni and Friends through positive, meaningful involvement in local, state, and national community activities. Concerns about young adult skill training as well as telling our story "From the Slave Ships to the White House" keeps us motivated.

In the words of our President, "Yes we Can, but don't be shy". There is no end to the opportunities we can create given the blessings experienced by our organization. We left our alma mater focused on big and great things. We didn't realize that what may be our greatest contribution would be lending our life skills to the cause. Please follow-up with our request for you to fill out the Skills Inventory Survey sharing your skills and expertise with us.

Paul D. Kearney
Chairman

Grant Committee

Fiscal year 2010-11 is turning out to be potentially a good one for grant funding. The Association has hired the services of a consultant to aid us in seeking funding for our educational program, the proposed Warren County Trades Training Project for heavy equipment operations and facility management and restoration of the historic high school Main Building. She is currently putting members of the Association in contact with individuals and organizations in the state that can help get these projects on track.

Currently, much of the \$15,000 received from Z Smith Reynolds has been spent on equipment and general operational expenses for our administration. We have also received \$45,000 of the \$60,000 grant from the NC Community Development Initiative for administrative capacity building. These funds are being used for compensation of our administrative staff, hiring of any needed consulting or contract assistance, and staff training.

Our problem area at this time is funding for our educational programs, the Saturday Academy and next year's Summer Enrichment Program. We no longer have funding from the Kellogg Foundation or the state Dropout Prevention funds. We cannot allow these programs to go by the way side. Hopefully, these programs will be kept alive by stretching the remaining funds and volunteer assistance, until other funding can be found. Some potential sources of funding may be obtained from mini grants from local retailers such as Wal-Mart, Target, and Lowes. Many companies have programs where they will give merchandise and small grants in the amounts of \$500- \$2,000.

We are requesting anyone reading this article, if you have a relationship with an organization that has a charitable giving program, please contact the Alumni Association with the individual's contact information. As it has been said, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste!" Let's try to keep our educational programs on track. The children of Warren County need us.

Reginald Hinton
Chairman

Academic Enrichment Program (Summer Camp 2010)

The WCTS-NWHS Alumni & Friends Association, Inc., held a one-week Summer Enrichment Camp (June 28-July 2, 2010) which served 42 students in grades K-8. The theme of the summer camp was "Connecting the Past with the Present." The camp was divided into four groups (K-2, 3-4, 5-6, and 7-8). Each group worked on a special project that incorporated reading, writing, speaking, history, and character traits. At the end of the week, the students presented their projects to the camp group, parents, and community members on the field trip to the Cherry Hill Plantation located in the Inez Community of Warren County.

In keeping with the theme, students in K-2, under the leadership of Mrs. Shauna Davis and Mrs. Zandra Spruill, colored various pictures of plantation scenes. The students learned that Cherry Hill is known for its musical concerts. Therefore, the students made tambourines and used them in their presentations as they sang "This Little Light of Mine." In their camp group, the students also worked on alphabet and sound recognition, following directions, comprehension, number and shape recognition, and other enrichment activities.

Grades 3-4 camp group, under the leadership of Mrs. Jaycynthia Robinson and Mrs. Kelly Wynn, created a travel booklet of a county or state that they wanted to visit using reading, writing, math, and technology skills. Students used the internet to research and select pictures of their chosen place to visit. The students chose to perform a musical selection, "I Wish I Could Fly," in honor of the Cherry Hill Plantation concerts. Other camp activities consisted of critical thinking math logic, reading passages, and reading games to increase students' reading comprehension.

Grades 5-6, under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Walton and Mrs. Clara Henderson, used the newspaper and other hands-on-activities to teach reading, writing, and math skills. Students selected articles of interest focusing on the main idea and finding the 5 W's (who, what, when, where, and why). Students also created cartoon strips depicting a character trait. Math activities included planning a shopping trip to buy a new wardrobe using the ads portion of the newspaper to select items and calculate the sales tax on their total purchase. Eighteenth Century history was discussed and students were to visualize life in Warren County during this period and compare the community (then and now) by using the internet to gather information on Cherry Hill Plantation, which is an 18th Century historic site. The students created their own "WCTS/NWHS Camp News" newsletter depicting articles of the groups' activities for the week and the field trip to Cherry Hill.

Grades 7-8, under the leadership of Mrs. Alberta Valentine and Mrs. Martha Moss, selected a project that included producing a play entitled "The Classroom Bully," which was performed by the students in the group. The play depicted a student who was always bullying other students until one student finally stood up to the bully. At the end, the bully changed and the other students forgave him. This activity integrated the skills of reading, writing, and public speaking. The play was based on the character traits of honesty, fairness, respect, responsibility and caring. The students used the computer to type the play and design a cover for the play booklet. Students also wrote analogies, created acrostic writings, using their names and descriptive words for their personalities. They also read and discussed short stories.

The week ended with a field trip to Cherry Hill Plantation in the Inez Community where we were greeted by Mrs. Mary Raiford, Executive Director of the Cherry Hill Historic Foundation, Inc. Mrs. Raiford shared with the group the history of Cherry Hill and the wishes of the last family to use the site as a place for concerts, public tours, and especially a place for youth visits/events.

A special thank you to our National President, Vice President, and all the summer camp volunteers who support the students in Warren County academically and socially.

Carrie H. Hill, Site Coordinator / Esther Mayfield, Assistant Site Coordinator

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SKILLS INVENTORY SURVEY

Please fill out your survey and return it as soon as possible, or by the end of January 2011. The organization can benefit greatly from your expertise and skills. Let's pay-it-forward by bridging the gap between the generations.

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