



## **The Board of Directors' Reports**

### **Message from the Board Chair**



**The Board of Directors met twice this year, 2021**, online utilizing the Go-To-Meeting application. The Board members decided to reduce our meeting from nine per year to six. We strongly believe this adjustment will not hamper the Board's ability to maintain a high level of consistent and steady progress towards achieving our goals.

**Our New Vice Chairman, Larry Carroll** brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise relative to Henderson Institute, his personal working relationships with the churches across Henderson, the Vance County School Board, Henderson City Council, and many other potential Vance County and Henderson Partners.

**Board Secretary, Janice Woods**, has continued to manage Board scheduling, maintaining Association records, recorded minutes and ensuring overall coordination of all Board activities. Janice is also Co-Chair of the Association's Constitution and By-Laws Committee and she is consistently providing direction and insight to the Board and the Chairman.

**Board Members Transitioning.** Four of our long-standing Board members retired and/or resigned starting in the fourth quarter 2019 and into the first half of 2020. Mr. Edward Ellis, Ms. Margaret Cross, Mr. Horace Bullock and Mr. Samuel Williams. These four Board members represented a wealth of knowledge and experience relative to the Association. Each of these loyal members were acknowledged during our first Virtual HI Class Reunion and there are plans to provide another small token of our gratitude for their many years of service to Dear Ole H & I. Please join us in saluting these former HI Officers.

**Board Members Transitioning – New Officers.** The Association and the Board are extremely privileged to have selected four outstanding new Board members: Ms. Ruth Helen Wilson, Ms. Karen P. Johnson, Ms. Geraldine Floyd and Mr. James Brame. Each of these members continue to support the Board with their high quality and solid performances on assigned tasks. Their love and dedication to the Association is both heart-warming and a breath of fresh air.

**The following is a summary of the activities the Board has been working on since our prior Newsletter:**

1)- **Michael Terry** continues to reach out to Alums from the class of 70, a part of his membership drive initiative.

**James Brame** identified six relatives, who are HI alumni and most of them have since joined the HI Membership.

**All 11 Bd. Members** were asked to identify at least one new candidate for HI membership. Each member has completed that assignment and the HI membership tally will increase by 11 members by the end of February this year.

**Membership Chairperson**, Vera Hodge is working with the Board to assign each of our current Board members as partners of our long-standing members to establish a call check-in model.

2)- **Our New HI Website Initiative** is nearing completion. Jackie Woodard and Fredrick Williams, co-chairs of this project have provided a targeted completion of early April 2021. They are promising the site will be well worth waiting for.

**3)- Our Newly Established HI Fundraising Committee**, consisting of Ms. K. Johnson, Mr. H. Richardson, Ms. E. Alston, Ms. Jones, and Mr. L. Carroll, presented their final draft of the fundraising procedures for Board review, approval and sign-off. This action should be finalized by the end this month.

**4)-The Alfred Street Baptist Church** HBCU Scholarship Festival was conducted virtually this February 2021. HI did not choose to participate in the program this year because of the time constraints. The HI Scholarship Committee plans to be fully engaged in the program in January/February 2022.

**Note:** Our very own Robert Bogan co-founded this program in the basement of the Alfred Street Baptist Church. The program is currently operating at a national level. Again congratulations Mr. Robert Bogan and thank you!

**Important:** Our current HI Scholarship program will remain fully intact & active (Geri Floyd will continue to support this effort as a newly assigned Board member).

**5)-Finally**, the Board will continue to work with President, Calvin Thompson, and other officers of the National Exec. Committee on Association activities/business in making sure we are aligned with our existing Constitution and By-law requirements.

Bill Holden, HI Board Directors Chairperson

## **Henderson Institute Board of Directors**

**Chairperson, William A. Holden, Jr.**

**Vice Chairperson, Larry Carroll**

**Secretary, Janice E. Woods**

**James A. Brame, Jr.**

**Geraldine Floyd**

**Karen P. Johnson**

**Michael D. Terry**

**Ozon Terry**

**Frederick D. Williams**

**Ruth H. Wilson**

**Jacqueline Woodard**

## **HI Association Fundraising Committee**

### **Status:**

. Potential Donors at the Local / Regional / National levels have been identified.

. A Standard Fundraising Process has been developed, documented and approved by the committee. An overview of the process was presented to the HI Board at the January 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. It was agreed that the process document would be shared with Board members for their review and consideration for acceptance as the standard guidance for future fundraising efforts. The process document was forwarded to HI Board members by Karen Johnson.

. It has been determined that the Fundraising Committee will move forward with contacting local / regional potential donors once the COVID 19 pandemic is more controlled (hopefully late spring / early summer 2021).

### **Members:**

Harold Richardson: Co-Chair

Evelyn Alston

Saundra Walton

Larry Carroll

Karen Johnson: Chairperson

## Helping Families Keep Warm

Former Henderson Institute graduates and students demonstrated their concern for others at a time when ongoing needs are heightened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the past years, Henderson Institute used money to participate in the annual Henderson Christmas Parade. We decided this year to use the money to donate to families referred to us. The Association donated \$400, which was matched by our Chairman of the Board, William Holden. We also received donations from our President, Calvin Thompson, Ozon and Linda Terry, and Evelyn Alston. The funds were used to purchase warm clothing, i.e., coats, boots, jeans and sweaters for children of families with a real need in our community.

The project is a continuation of the Association's long history of service to our community.

## National Executive Committee Reports

### Message from the President

Greetings and Happy New Year to **HI PANTHER NATION**

First and most importantly, I hope and pray that you and your family are safe and well as we continue to toil through this pandemic. Please continue to practice safety during this crisis.

The National Executive Committee ask for your prayers and support as we put forth our best effort to sustain the Alumni Association financially and historically.

We appreciate and need your financial support to continue to meet our mission and goals of providing scholarships, sponsoring and participating in community activities, sustaining our Annual Reunion and preserving the legacy of Henderson Institute.

Hopefully, when we think of Henderson Institute's legacy, we marvel at the accomplishments of the school's founders and the productivity of our teachers, who were dedicated in providing an education to the African American community. These teachers were not just educators, they also served as parents, counselors, providers and unaware to many students, their best friend.

We are still enduring an unprecedented year, yes, the disappointment of not being able to gather for our Annual 2020 Reunion because of COVID-19, which I am sure that many of you like myself missed significantly.

The committee is in the process of planning for the 2021 Annual Reunion which will be held September 3-4, 2021, at Vance-Granville Community College. We all look forward to reconnecting, sharing friendships, acknowledging achievements, displaying our pride and taking that trip back down memory lane. The class of 1970 will be the host class.

Our goal and vision are that the Henderson Institute Graduates and Former Students Alumni Association, Inc. remain strong in our operations and programs. Because we know that there are "Noble Sons" and "Daughters" still here, we will succeed.

We will keep you informed of the 2021 Annual Reunion plans as we will comply with COVID-19 guidelines. Hopefully everyone has received their vaccine shots or making plans to get vaccinated. Please stay safe and remain vigilante daily.

Calvin Thompson, National Executive Committee Chairperson

*"It's the oldest story in the world. One day you're seventeen and planning for someday, and then quietly and without you ever really noticing, someday is today, and that someday is yesterday. And this is your life." —*

Nathan Scott

## National Executive Committee Officers

President: *Calvin Thompson*

1st VP: *Saundra Walton-Jones*

Financial Secretary: *John Hodge*

2nd VP: *Harold Richardson*

Asst. Fin. Secretary: *Barbara Crews*

Treasurer: *Linda K. Terry*

Secretary: *Evelyn M. Alston*

Asst. Treasurer: *Dorothy Henderson*

Asst. Secretary: *James Harrison*

### Sub-Committees

Constitution/By/Laws: *Calvin Thompson*

National Awards: *Ola Thorpe-Cooper*

Membership: *Vera Hodge*

Publications: *Ruth H. Wilson*

Necrology: *Laverne Burwell-Grant*

Sargent at Arms: *Willie Holloway*

Museum Curator: *Edna Scott*

Chaplain: *Susie P. Warren*

Assist. Museum Curator: *Edith Carroll*

Parliamentarian: *Gilbert McKnight*

## Financial Secretary

The following represents financial highlights for 2020.

<u>ASSOCIATION FUND</u>	<u>DONOR</u>	<u>DONATION</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Membership Dues			3,280.00
Andrea Harris Contribution			2,110.00
Museum Endowment Fund	DC-MAC Chapter	500.00	4,315.00
General Operating Fund	Holden /Thompson Coats	600.00	4,255.00
	DC-MAC Chapter	450.00	
Museum Operating Fund			520.00
Refunds			45.50
National Scholarship Fund	DC-MAC Chapter	50.00	1,770.00

Thanks to Alycia Crews and Vera Hodge for hosting the ZOOM meeting in December 2020.

John E. Hodge, Financial Secretary

## National Scholarship Committee

This past year, the Scholarship Committee received eight (8) applications for awards. We usually invite the winning applicants to lunch at a local restaurant, however, due to the Corona Virus, that was not possible. The virus prevented seniors from many end-of-year activities like the Prom, Class Night, and that long awaited march/walk to the familiar tune, "Pomp & Circumstance", to receive their diplomas. Considering this disappointment, the committee decided to send each applicant a congratulations card with a \$25 gift card. These were personal gifts from committee members, not from the scholarship fund. Judging from the response, the gifts were very appreciated.

Our 2020 NC East Carolina graduate, Canaan Dale, received a BS Degree in Law and is continuing work towards a MS Degree in the same field. She expressed gratitude to the committee for its assistance and looks forward to contributing when her schooling is complete.

Other students currently in the program are:

2020	Taliya Lewis	UNC Chapel Hill	BS (Biology)
2019	Robert Susewell	UNC Chapel Hill	BS (Clinical Science)
2018	Kwaji Bullock	UNC Chapel Hill	BA (Bus. Adm.)
2017	Antonio Loyd	NC AT&T	BA (Comp. Tech)

Guidelines and applications for 2021 high school graduates can be obtained from our web page: **Henderson-Institute.org**. Applications are also being sent to local high schools and Vance Grandville Community College Early College Program and can also be obtained by contacting any committee member. **Please note:** any high school senior applying for this annual \$1,000.00 scholarship must have an un-weighted 2.5 GPA or higher. The application must be returned to Henderson Institute-Robert Bogan Scholarship Award, Attn: Scholarship Committee, P.O. box 2081, Henderson, NC 27536, **postmarked no later than March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (i.e., the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in March), 12 o'clock midnight.**

There are two vacancies on the Scholarship Committee. Please consider adding your expertise to the committee.

The committee extends thanks to all who have supported this effort over the years and ask your continued support as we move forward.

Robert L. Bogan, Chairman

**SAVE the DATE!**  
**2021 Annual Reunion      September 3-4, 2021**

**Membership Report**

Below is a chart of Association membership by graduating class year for 2019-2021.

Vera Hodge, Membership Chairperson

<b><i>Class Year</i></b>	<b><i>Membership Year</i></b>		
	<b><i>2019</i></b>	<b><i>2020</i></b>	<b><i>2021</i></b>
<b><i>1944</i></b>		<b><i>1</i></b>	
<b><i>1951</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>	
<b><i>1952</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>	<b><i>4</i></b>	
<b><i>1953</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>	
<b><i>1954</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>	
<b><i>1955</i></b>	<b><i>5</i></b>	<b><i>5</i></b>	
<b><i>1956</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>	
<b><i>1957</i></b>	<b><i>7</i></b>	<b><i>6</i></b>	
<b><i>1958</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>	<b><i>5</i></b>	
<b><i>1959</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>	<b><i>7</i></b>	
<b><i>1960</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>	<b><i>9</i></b>	
<b><i>1961</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>	<b><i>4</i></b>	
<b><i>1962</i></b>	<b><i>4</i></b>	<b><i>12</i></b>	

<b><i>Class Year</i></b>	<b><i>Membership Year</i></b>		
	<b><i>2019</i></b>	<b><i>2020</i></b>	<b><i>2021</i></b>
<b><i>1963</i></b>	<b><i>4</i></b>	<b><i>4</i></b>	
<b><i>1964</i></b>	<b><i>5</i></b>	<b><i>8</i></b>	
<b><i>1965</i></b>	<b><i>7</i></b>	<b><i>5</i></b>	
<b><i>1966</i></b>	<b><i>12</i></b>	<b><i>7</i></b>	
<b><i>1967</i></b>	<b><i>6</i></b>	<b><i>9</i></b>	
<b><i>1968</i></b>	<b><i>8</i></b>	<b><i>14</i></b>	
<b><i>1969</i></b>	<b><i>32</i></b>	<b><i>16</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>
<b><i>1970</i></b>	<b><i>6</i></b>	<b><i>8</i></b>	
<b><i>1971</i></b>	<b><i>2</i></b>		
<b><i>Legacy</i></b>	<b><i>13</i></b>	<b><i>14</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>
<b><i>1975</i></b>	<b><i>1</i></b>		
<b><i>Blank</i></b>		<b><i>1</i></b>	
<b><i>Totals</i></b>	<b><i>96</i></b>	<b><i>86</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>



## Necrology Report

There were 38 deceased graduates or former students of Henderson Institute from January 1, 2020 to December 2020. Contact was made with a card or phone call to the ones for which we had contact information. We hope that a card or phone call will help in some way.

Bereaved families expressed their gratitude for remembrance during their time of sorrow.

We also sent our condolences to these former graduates and students -- Gerald Alston, passing of mother; Reggie Brodie, passing of wife; Melvin Vass, passing of wife; Andrea Fitts, passing of mother; Annie Marble, passing of husband; Thomas McKnight, passing of brother, and William Holden, passing of brother.

LeVerne Burwell-Grant, Chairperson

### Alumni Transitions

*Deloris Alston*

*Johnny Alston*

*Charles Ballard*

*Badger Brame*

*Barbara A Bullock*

*Nathan Burwell*

*Joseph K Crews*

*Theodore Crews*

*Velma Hendrick Downey*

*Hazel Evans*

*James Hargrove Evans*

*Sue Boyd Fitts*

*Leola Wright Fogg*

*Laura Baskerville Ford*

*Walter Fuller*

*Alfonza Garner*

*Richard Gill*

*Emma Hamilton*

*Dr Andrea Harris*

*Geraldine Boyd Alston Harrison*

*Marie Hargrove Hawkins*

*Evelyn Henderson*

*Mary Henderson*

*Sally B Henderson*

*Jeffrey Holden*

*Charles James*

*Lucille Kelly*

*Dr Margaret Labatt*

*Ceola Allen Lee*

*Anthony Marble*

*Pete Meadows*

*Effie P Bullock Merritt*

*James Rainey*

*Arnold Scott*

*Sidney Scott*

*Meghan Venable*

*Shelia Henderson Williams*

*Carolyn Woodard*

*Lorraine A Wortham*



## Updated Henderson Institute Website

We are excited to announce that the New Henderson Institute Website will be Coming in Early April. The Website includes some details on the History, a link to the Updated Museum Site, the ability to review your Year Books. Also Spotlights on some key Contributors, a review of Current and Future Program Initiatives and offers the Capability to Join the Association and Register for Upcoming Reunions on-line. See you there!

Frederick Williams, Co-coordinator  
Jacquelyn Woodard, Co-coordinator

**[www.henderson-institute.org](http://www.henderson-institute.org)**

**New Look, Same Location**

**Coming in Early April**