



### BOARD of DIRECTORS' REPORT

Greetings H&I Family! I want to extend my well wishes to you and your families into the New Year, and to express my deepest appreciation to you for standing strong through difficult times to keep our Association active and productive. Twenty-Twenty-Two was an unusual year of new norms. COVID continued to linger while we experienced a combination of masks or no masks across all public spaces. Yet we are pleased to report another successful year for H&I. Our focus is to continue building on the excellent teamwork we worked so hard to achieve. Again, your support is the anchor that sustains our legacy, and we need your participation to keep "Dear Ole H&I" going strong. Let's work together and focus on making 2023 another stellar year for the Association.



performance in the management of all Association and Museum transactions. All accounts receivable and accounts payable were delivered accurately and on time.

#### **H&I Museum Funding Request**

The Association officers completed a Request for Proposal in Pursuit of State funding for the H&I Museum. The proposal was submitted, accepted, and forwarded for processing to the N.C. State Appropriations Committee in July of 2022. During our September 3, 2022, Class Reunion Business Meeting, Representative Garrison informed membership that the funding request was on track. Unfortunately, Rep Garrison will not be returning to the State Legislature. He has suggested that we contact legislators with experience and seniority to continue to track the request. H&I officers will determine how we plan to proceed.

#### *Let's begin with a Review of 2022*

##### **H&I Membership Support**

The Big Story for the year 2022 revolves around the tremendous commitment demonstrated by our members in sustaining the H&I operational objectives. Our H&I member volunteers led by Museum Chairperson K. Johnson supported the Association in a variety of ways; D. Justice managed all incoming calls to the Association through closure; C. Cheek volunteered to organize the 2022 Reunion Golf Tournament; L. Carroll, Rose Bullock, Mr. & Mrs. M. Anderson, Richard Bullock, Mr. & Mrs. James Henderson, R. Kingsberry, H. Richardson, O. Terry, supported the successful reopening of the Museum; and R. Bullock, V. Traynham and I. Kingsberry focused on content review management of the website. It was amazing to witness such dedication, and selflessness in assuring the success of "Dear Ole H&I." Words cannot express our feelings, nor our thanks for all your help.

##### **Association Financial Management**

The Association experienced another strong year managing the finances. Our Financial Secretaries, J. Hodge, and B. Crews, and our Treasurers, L. Terry, and D. Henderson, continued to exhibit exemplary

##### **Dr. Andrea Harris, Class of 1966, Honored**

In 2022, the Association was asked by Henderson City Councilwoman, Marion B. Williams, if it would support a recommendation to name a section of I-85 in Henderson in honor Dr. Andrea Harris. A positive letter of support was submitted, and the state approved the recommendation.

##### **Alfred Street Baptist Church HBCU College Festival**

##### **Local Churches**

The president of the Local Ministers Alliance reported in September 2022 that they were in the process of electing new officers and once the process was completed, H&I could present their ASBC-HBCU Scholarship program. The Association plans to meet with President Brooks to advance this program at the church level during this year.

##### **Vance County Schools**

Assistant Superintendent G. Powers provided H&I with the principal's names, contact information and the four high schools under her responsibility. Once the Association receives the 2023 information, it plans to reach out to these contacts and introduce the

complete ASBC-HBCU Scholarship details to the principals and their college-bound students.

### **Bereavement**

Two of our beloved senior leaders, Brother Jamie Burwell and James N. Fuller were called home in August 2022 and January 2023 respectively. They were both truly dedicated contributors with their time, talents, abilities and focused on the success of H&I. Our sincerest condolences are extended to these families. When made aware of a transition, the Necrology Chairperson, L. Burwell-Grant, contacts and acknowledges members and their families.

### **H&I Board Officer Staffing Requirements**

There are several open positions on the Board. Two active H&I members were recently identified and recommended for Board membership. Both candidates have been contacted and have been directed to the H&I nominating committee. The Committee Chair will be sending out candidate nomination forms to them to be completed and returned in the coming days. The Board secretary position slot is open.

We encourage all to step up, volunteer and pay it forward. Anyone interested in serving/supporting the

As we move forward, we're confronted with yet another cultural dilemma, "Critical Race Theory," an academic and legal framework that denotes systemic racism as a part of American society – from education to housing to employment and healthcare. H&I's primary focus is on education, and we will continue to work with partners of good faith to advance the lives of all people especially the marginalized.

*"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history, there 'is' such a thing as being too late. This is no time for apathy or complacency. This is a time for vigorous and positive action.*

*Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

William "Bill" Holden, Board Chairman

H&I Legacy should contact us at 252-430-0616. When prompted please leave your name and contact number(s). We will get back to you within 72 hours.

J. Ellis-Woods rejoined the Board in Sept 2022 resuming her role as Co-Chair of the Association's Constitution and Bylaws Committee, working special project initiatives, along with providing direction and insight to the Board and the Chairman.

### **H&I Utilization of Zoom**

This was our second successful year utilizing the Zoom technology to meet the various needs of our organization and at no cost to the Association. Our members can volunteer for service and support H&I in an officer's role from Maine to Florida and from the Carolinas to California.

### **The H&I Website**

The launch of the H&I Website was a huge success. J. Woodard and F. Williams have plans to add new pictures, new honorees, Association updates/information and upcoming events. Please continue to check the H&I Website frequently for information and future enhancements.

## **BOARD of DIRECTORS 2023**

**William Holden, Jr., Chair**

**Larry Carroll, Vice Chair**

**Karen P. Johnson**

**Ozon Terry**

**Frederick Williams**

**Ruth H. Wilson**

**Janice E. Woods**

**Jacqueline Woodard**

# 2022 Henderson Christmas Parade

On December 3, 2022, the Henderson Institute Graduates and Former Students Association, Inc. participated in the annual Henderson Christmas parade - Calvin Thompson, President, Sandra Jones, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Harold Richardson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Linda Terry, Treasurer, and Evelyn Alston, Secretary. Also participating



were the young nieces and nephews of Sandra. Our theme this year was “A Partridge in A Pear Tree.” Calvin and Linda walked along the side of the float passing out candy to the children along the parade route.

The Association has not been informed of 2022 winners. Last year HI won 2<sup>nd</sup> Place. We hope to have more participants from the Association next year.



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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT



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

I would like to thank everyone for your continued support of our Alumni Association. It is very valuable and greatly appreciated.

The National Executive Committee asks for your prayers as we put forth our best effort to lead in sustaining the Alumni Association financially as well as historically. We continue to meet our mission of providing scholarships, sponsor and participate in community activities, plan our annual reunion, and preserve the legacy of Henderson Institute.

The National Executive Committee is in the process of planning for the 2023 Annual Reunion which will be held September 1 -2, 2021 at Vance Granville Community College. Hopefully everyone is looking forward to reconnecting, sharing friendships, acknowledging achievements, displaying our pride, and taking that trip back down memory lane.

Our goal and vision are that the Henderson Institute Graduates and Former Students Alumni Association, Inc. remain strong in our operations and programs.

For those who joined us and experienced our 2022 comeback reunion experience, we look forward to seeing you again and for those who were unable to attend our comeback reunion, please don't miss out on the excitement of our 2023 annual reunion event.

My challenge to you, which class will have the biggest turn out. We will keep you informed of the 2023 Annual Reunion plans. Please stay safe and remain vigilant daily.

Calvin Thompson & National Executive Committee

*“Class reunions were about curiosity; about satisfaction at the avoidance of the mistakes of one’s contemporaries, now revealed in their emerging life stories; about reflecting on the ravages – and injustices – of time; and of realizing, perhaps, how strange and random are the twists and turns of fate.” – Alexander McCall Smith*

## 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: Vacant

Chaplain: Susie P. Warren

Parliamentarian: Gilbert McKnight

## HISTORICAL MUSEUM NEWS

### Honoring Our Female HI Graduate Military Veterans

During the HI 2022 Reunion it was brought to our attention that there were no photos of our female graduate military veterans on display in the museum. In an effort to rectify this omission, we would like to add photos of our heroines to the Veterans section of the museum.

We are requesting that photos of female veterans be submitted so that we can honor their service to our military and country.



Please submit a 7" x 9" or 8" x 12" photo of the veteran with the following information:

- Full Name
- Branch of Military Service (Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines or Coast Guard)
- Highest Military Rank Achieved
- HI Graduation Class Year

Please send the photo and information via email to [mrscolonelj@att.net](mailto:mrscolonelj@att.net) or via US Postal Mail to:

Karen Johnson  
4461 May Apple Drive  
Alpharetta, GA 30005

Upon receipt of the photos, they will be framed for display in the museum. Please submit the photos no later than April 15, 2023, so that we can move forward with this initiative.

Thank you.

Karen Patterson Johnson, Museum Committee Co-chair

## New Museum Hours



The hours that the Henderson Institute Historical Museum will be open have changed.

Monday – Wednesday, By Appointment Only

(Please call the Museum, 252-430-0616, at least 72 hours in advance to schedule a visit)

Thursdays, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Saturdays (2nd and 4th), 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Groups of ten or more should call the museum, 252.430.0616, 72 hours in advance to schedule a visit.

# THE 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REUNION

The Henderson Institute Graduates and Former Students Alumni Association celebrated its 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Reunion, Labor Day weekend, Friday, September 2 - Saturday, September 3. This was its first in-person reunion since 2019. The events began with a golf tournament Friday morning at Kerr Lake Country Club. There were 22 participants. The winners were Tim Sallie; 1<sup>st</sup> Place; Joe Allen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place; Joseph Peace, 3<sup>rd</sup>



Priscilla Johnson

Place, and John Reid, 4<sup>th</sup> Place. Reunion registration and a Meet and Greet were held at Vance-Granville Community College Friday afternoon. Registrants received their name tags, information for the business meeting and a gift bag from the class of 1970, then gathered for a light repast and social. T-shirts, car plates and face masks were sold that premiered the new panther logo.

The Saturday morning activity began with a welcome from Vance County Commissioner Leo Kelley, an HI graduate; and an update from Terry Garrison, NC House of Representative District 32. Garrison shared that he had sponsored a bill before the House in response to Henderson Institute's request for financial assistance for the repair and upgrade of the structure of Henderson Institute Historical Museum. William Holden, Chairman of the Board of Directors thanked Garrison for his support and encouraged attendees in Garrison's district to remember his help on Election Day. Breakfast was served, then the business meeting was opened by the National President, Calvin



Ola Thorpe-Cooper



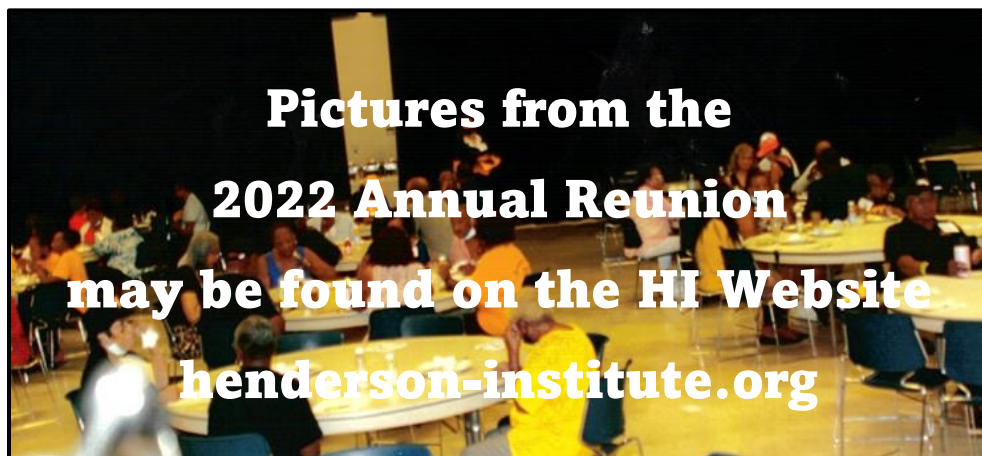
Annie Williams's Family

Alston performed two soul-stirring and room shaking spirituals. During the candle lighting memorial, Minnie Burwell Rahmaan read the names of graduates, graduate's family members and teachers who had passed since the last Reunion; and Shirley T. Richardson and Linda H. Bullock read the names of the 73 deceased members of the Class of 1970.

Association awards were presented to Rev. Ola Thorpe-Cooper, Community Leader; Priscilla Johnson, Service; Annie Williams Monroe, Humanitarian, and Jesse B. Adams, Hall of Fame. The Class of 1970 won the trophy for most class members registered. Michael Terry received an award for recruiting the most new Association members and received a thank-you gift from the Class of 1970. The Henderson Institute Historical Museum was presented two generous financial contributions, one from the Triad Chapter and the other from the Class of 1970. Members of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors were recognized. The banquet ended with the singing of the Alma Mater, and the weekend activities concluded with a dance at the Henderson Event Center.



Jesse Adams



# TRANSITIONS

## *Jamie Lee Burwell*



Always faithful to his Alumni Association, Jamie Lee Burwell passed August 28, 2022. He was a member of the Henderson Institute Class of 1957. His wife of 60 years, Edith Brodie Burwell, was a fellow alum.

In 1962 Jamie and Edith migrated to New Jersey where Jamie worked in restaurant management and ultimately with the New Jersey Transit System. Upon retirement they moved to Youngsville, NC to reunite with family and friends.

Jamie was an active member of the New York-New Jersey Alumni Chapter and when he returned to North Carolina, he continued to support his alma mater as a member the Triad Alumni Chapter. He served on both the Executive Board and the Board of Directors. He was always available to help; there was never a task too menial for him. He served willingly and devotedly. His presence and smile will be missed.

## *Dr. James N. "Jam" Fuller*



Dr. James N. "Jam" Fuller, a 1958 graduate of Henderson Institute, passed January 24, 2023. He resided in Greensboro, NC.

An Air Force veteran, James received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from A & T State University and his doctorate from the University of NC at Greensboro. He spent the entirety of his career in the Guilford County School System. He was a teacher and Asst. Principal and ended his tenure as Director of Community Intervention.

James was a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, the North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus, and a former member of Rialto Beautiful in Rialto California. He was also a longtime member of Providence Baptist Church, where over the years he served in various positions—Men's Fellowship, Church Teller Captain, Men's Day Program Chairperson, Usher, and Trustee. Providence honored him by awarding him

"Man of the Year.

Always a panther at heart, James was dedicated to his high school alma mater. He was a member of the Piedmont Alumni Chapter, and he served on the Henderson Institute Board of Directors as a member and as chairperson. We are grateful for his service.

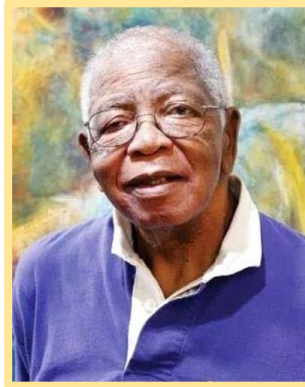
## September 2022 – February 2023

<i>Belinda Balthrope Bullock</i>	<i>Jesse Lee Floyd Sr</i>	<i>James Andrew Perry</i>
<i>Linda Hargrove Bullock</i>	<i>Moses Robert Fuller</i>	<i>Alfonza Solomon</i>
<i>Robert "Rebo" Bullock</i>	<i>Birdie H Hargrove</i>	<i>Alzada Davis Terry</i>
<i>Ervin Chavis</i>	<i>Ann Delores Hargrove</i>	<i>Fannie Charrington</i>
<i>Dorothy Bullock Cofield</i>	<i>Carolyn J Hargrove</i>	<i>Dorothy Person Thornton</i>
<i>Alice G. Cheatham</i>	<i>James L Hargrove</i>	<i>Clarice Jones Wilkerson</i>
<i>Homer Gene Colbert</i>	<i>Ada Rose Henderson</i>	<i>Charlie Williams</i>
<i>Mary Carroll Cook</i>	<i>Eddie Hicks</i>	<i>McCoy Williams</i>
<i>Eugene "Papa" Faines</i>	<i>Della Pearl Kersey</i>	<i>Shirley Kittrell Woodson</i>
<i>Bill Wiggins</i>	<i>Betty Jean Bullock Brodie</i>	<i>Jerry Rice</i>
	<i>Frank Royster</i>	

## *Johnny Plummer Johnson, Jr.*

Johnny P. Johnson passed peacefully on November 5, 2022. He was a 1953 graduate of the Henderson Institute.

He earned his undergraduate degree in Art from Virginia State University and his graduate degree of Fine Arts from Howard University. He continued his studies at the Corcoran School of Art. In 1994, he was elected to the Virginia State's Sports Hall of Fame as a legendary basketball point guard.



Planning to go to New York to become an artist, Johnny moved to Fredericksburg, Virginia in 1959 to begin a brief job as a teacher at Walker-Grant School. That job evolved into a life of commitment to family, church, community, and the arts. Johnny quickly became immersed in the culture of the school system, serving in various roles as elementary school teacher, high school art teacher, coach, and assistant.

Johnny was as an outstanding educator who taught on every level from grade school to college. He was the first African American member of the teaching staff at Mary Washington College and was a faculty member at Germanna Community College. His enthusiasm and skills as an educator were recognized by the state of Virginia as its "Teacher of the Year" in 1977. He was the first art teacher to receive this prestigious honor.

A very strong and devout Christian, Johnny joined Shiloh Baptist Church shortly after he arrived in Fredericksburg. He assumed numerous roles over the years, including Deacon, Sunday School teacher, and Sunday School superintendent.

Johnny's community activities were numerous. A devoted life member of the Omega Psi Fraternity, Inc., he received numerous accolades and honors from the Fraternity. He also served as a board member of the United Way, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, and the American Cancer Society. He was also a member of the Fredericksburg Jaycees (one of the first two African American members).

A leader in social issues, Johnny had long been committed to finding common ground between diverse communities. The "first black man" in several institutions and organizations, he brought grace, good humor, and common sense to the table as he publicly expressed and defended his beliefs about the

importance of equality for all. He was an active member of several human relations organizations, including the Fredericksburg Council on Human Relations (which he served as President).

During the civil rights protests immediately following the death of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Johnny founded the Young Men's Club to channel the energy of local young black males into constructive efforts. He was a charter

member of and a teacher at the Harambee 360° Experimental Theater, Inc. He was also a long-time member of the Fredericksburg Branch NAACP.

A revered and respected leader in the Fredericksburg arts community, Johnny was a founding member of the Art First Gallery of Fredericksburg. He was a participant in the U.S. Department of State's Art in Embassies Program and following a visit to Benin, West Africa, he spearheaded an Art for Africa Support group to provide art supplies to struggling artists. His paintings at the official United States residence in Montenegro and his exhibit at the Mutual Art Gallery in Jamaica to celebrate Jamaica's 50th Independence received rave reviews.

Johnny was always very humble about receiving recognition for doing that which he was required and called to do as a Servant Leader. Especially meaningful to him was the Johnny P. Johnson Day, July 7, 2018, and Germanna Community College's 2019 Philanthropist of the Year award. Although somewhat embarrassed by these recognitions, he often remarked that he had been "given his flowers while he could still smell them."

Johnny was a very proud graduate Henderson Institute. He was a charter member of the Board of Directors and an active supporter of the DC-MAC Chapter and the Alumni Association. During the early years of the Reunion, he would raffle one of his paintings to raise money for the museum. He even had an art show during a Reunion weekend. For about ten years, Johnny served as Association Parliamentarian. When allegations made against the Board of Directors were investigated, his compassion and expertise were evidenced. He was a panther who never roared, but his purr was heard by all.

# RECOMMENDATIONS/NOMINATIONS

## WEBSITE HONOREE

The Website Committee is planning to continue to honor individuals on the website. Criteria for the Honoree Recommendation are:

1. A native of Vance County
2. Significant contribution to HI
3. Significant contribution to Vance County/Community
4. Graduate of or Significant Association with HI

The recommendation must be a narrative of a minimum of 300 words, submitted as the final draft and include the following:

1. A brief overview of career/community activities
2. Veteran experience if appropriate
3. An individual picture of the proposed honoree

**Please forward your Honoree Recommendation to the Website Committee Co-Chair, Frederick Williams at [frederickdwilliams@gmail.com](mailto:frederickdwilliams@gmail.com).**

## ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

**Qualifications:** All nominees must have been a graduate, former student, legacy of or teacher at Henderson Institute.

### Procedures

1. The Committee will review how the individual relates to other nominees, outstanding contributions made to the community; chosen profession, and/or career. These are more important than a list of offices held, or honors received.
2. Nominations must include a narrative typed or clearly handwritten, double-spaced, but not more than five (5) pages. It should be well organized and neat. It may include: (a) activities that inspired you to nominate the individual; (b) comments about the nominee from employers, peers, co-workers, family and/or a community person. These should be included in the five (5) pages.

The nominee will be notified in writing of his/her nomination, unless specifically requested not to do so by the person making the nomination.

Awards will be presented at the Annual Banquet. A nominee may be submitted more than once for consideration. Yes, a person may nominate him/herself.

Each recipient, or his/her designee, is expected to attend the Banquet at his/her own expense.

### Award Categories

Please review each category description carefully before making a nomination.

1. **Humanitarian:** A person who has made outstanding contributions to the welfare of humanity.
2. **Hall of Fame:** A person having excelled in athletics, education, medicine, business, government, military, etc.
3. **Community Leader:** Someone who recognizes a need in the community and takes the necessary steps to meet those needs. (i.e. mentoring “at risk” kids, organizing help for the needy; organizing crime prevention programs, etc.)
4. **Service:** Someone who has given outstanding service and support to the success of our Association and/or Annual Reunions.

**The Awards Nomination Form will be in the June 2023 Registration Newsletter  
PLAN FOR YOUR NOMINATIONS NOW.**