



THE PANTHER PROWL

HENDERSON INSTITUTE REUNION NEWSLETTER JUNE 2024

Greetings Panther Nation!

To my fellow Panther Alumni, as we approach our 47th Annual Reunion we hope this message finds everyone doing well and in good health. This is **your** Alumni Association. We are here to help everyone stay connected. Thank you for your continued support.

I am excited to announce that the 2024 Henderson Institute Graduates and Former Students Annual Reunion will be held August 30 - 31, 2024 at the Henderson Country Club located at 300 Country Club Drive, Henderson, NC 27536. **The 2024 Annual School Reunion will be co-hosted by the National Executive Committee and the classes of 1964 and 1965.** The National Executive Committee continues to diligently plan for the Reunion to be a time for your enjoyment--visiting with friends, reintroducing yourself and just catching up will be AWESOME!

Two competitions implemented during the 2022 Reunion will continue this year along with several drawings.

Competition 1 - the class that has the most registrants will be awarded the Gold Cup for 2024 for the Most Alumni participants. The Cup will be placed in the museum with a placard indicating the winning class year. The class will hold that distinction for 2024 and may defend it in 2025.

Competition 2 - the alum who recruits and registers the most new Association members will receive a free registration for two participants for the 2025 Annual Reunion. There is a section online and on the registration form for **Referred By**.

Friday, August 30, the Vance County Arts Council is presenting Harold Melvin's Blue Notes at 7:30 at McGregor Hall. For ticketing information go to www.mcgregorhall.org.

The Association is excited for you to join us in person again and look forward to the chance to say "hello" and share stories about our time at our dear old Henderson Institute. It will be another wonderful time to remember-- the enjoyable days of our high school life. Safe travel to all.

Calvin Thompson, National President

Reunion Activities Schedule

All Activities will be held at the Henderson Country Club, Country Club Drive, Henderson, NC

Friday, August 30, 2024

Registration 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Meet & Greet 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Harold Melvin's Blue Notes 7:30 pm

Not an Association Activity

Saturday, August 31, 2024

Brunch 9:30 am

Business Meeting 11:00 am

Museum Open 1:30-3:30 pm

Reunion Banquet 6:00 pm

Reunion Dance 8:30 pm-11:00 pm

The Museum will be open Thursday, August 29, 2024, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

The BOARD of DIRECTORS

William Holden, Chair

It is almost that time—time for The Annual Henderson Institute Reunion. This will be the 48th year of the Reunion. We have met in many places and have celebrated with many faces, but one thing remains unchanged, our commitment to our beloved Henderson Institute.

We encourage you to come and celebrate. The Executive Committee has planned a banquet with live entertainment and modern presentations. The guest speaker will be Melissa Elliott, the first African American mayor of Henderson, NC.

REMINDERS:

1. Please pay your yearly dues. The last year that you paid can be found on the address label of this newsletter under your name. It states Membership Yr. **If the year is 2023 or prior, it is time to renew your membership.**
2. Periodically check the website, henderson-institute.org for updates.
3. Pay close attention to the Awards Nomination form. Do you know a panther or panthers who should be recognized for their contributions? If so, **nominate them.**

Finally, thank you for allowing us to serve you. We are **Panther Proud** to represent you.



ROBERT BOGAN NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP



The Henderson Institute Alumni Association is proud to announce that Maya Jean Lloyd is the 2024 recipient of the Robert Bogan National Scholarship. A graduate of Vance Charter School, Maya is the daughter of Chad and Sara Lloyd. She will be attending Auburn University, Auburn Alabama, in August where she plans to major in Business.

While at Vance Charter, Maya served as Vice President of the Student Government Organization and President of the Dark Knights and was a member of the Leadership team of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, JROTC and VCHS Honor Society.

Established in 2007, the Robert Bogan Scholarship is awarded annually to a student who has a positive attitude, has actively planned a career path, and is motivated to make a difference in the community. Maya will receive a \$1,000.00 recurring scholarship for four years if she maintains a 2.5 grade-point average or higher, for a total of \$4,000.00. The money is to be used for tuition or other university expenses.

Alfred St. Baptist Church's Annual HBCU Scholarship Festival 2023 Update

The Alfred Street Baptist Church's Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) Festival continues to annually bring high school juniors and seniors from across the country and HBCU representatives together. The event is an opportunity for students to learn about the variety of academic programs and financial funding that HBCUs offer. Henderson Institute is in its third year of partnering with the Vance County Board of Education in providing Vance County college-bound students the opportunity to actively participate in the Scholarship Festival.

In November of 2023, nine Vance County students were selected and travelled to the festival at the St. James Sport Complex in Springfield, Va:

Vance County High School

Aaliyah Burt	Alyisha Henderson
Amani Small	Miciah Solomon
Carmen Thorpe	K'Naya Williams

Vance County Early College

Danielle Anderson	Launtica Brown
Launtina Brown	

A Thank You from Vance County Schools



From: Hall, Dr. Tim <thall@vcs.k12.nc.us>
Date: Mon, Nov 20, 2023 at 3:11 PM
Subject: Thank you!

Mr. Holden and Ms. Terry,

As you are already aware, the trip was a great success! I just wanted to thank you and Henderson Institute on behalf of the students of Vance County Schools for the opportunity to participate in the ASBC-HBCU Festival both online and onsite. These experiences open doors and change perspectives for students. For this, we are very grateful.

I have attached one of the pictures which was published on social media by Vance County Early College. You can use [this link](#) to access the other pictures posted online by VCEC. Vance County Schools will be posting pictures on social media as well. I enjoyed getting to know you both while working with you on this project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

All the best,



Tim Hall, Ph.D.
K-12 Social Studies Instructional Specialist,
Vance County Schools

The students sponsored by HI who attended the Alfred St. Baptist Church's Scholarship Festival.

