

# NAA-SAU Newsletter

## Second Quarter 2022

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**NOTE: The NAA-SAU National (Summer) Conference and Workshop date has changed. The conference date is now, June 24-25, 2022 (This is a change from the original SAVE THE DATE of June 9-11, 2022.). The Conference will be held on SAU's campus in the Martin Luther King Jr Conference Center.**

**SAU at a Glance**



Please join alumni and community supporters at the Installation Ceremony for Dr. Christine Johnson McPhail. Click on image to learn more.

Also, in a salute to her leadership, Dr. McPhail was invited to attend the “*Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated College Presidents’ Summit*” in the Fall of 2021. This was a first-of-a-kind summit held to bring together and showcase Alpha Kappa Alpha women who serve as college presidents. Eighteen women met to discuss the future of the institutions under their guidance. We applaud Dr. McPhail for her leadership and governance of our Alma Mater.



**ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND**

**APRIL 27-30, 2022**

*Let's Continue to Reimagine* **SAU**

**SPRING 2022 REUNION CLASSES**

Emeritus Class (1941 – 1971)  
60<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion Class: 1962  
55<sup>th</sup> Year Reunion Class: 1967

**50<sup>th</sup> YEAR REUNION ANNIVERSARY CLASS: 1972**

45<sup>th</sup> Year Class: 1977      35<sup>th</sup> Year Class: 1987  
40<sup>th</sup> Year Class: 1982      30<sup>th</sup> Year Class: 1992

**25<sup>th</sup> YEAR SILVER ANNIVERSARY CLASS: 1997**

**HOMECOMING 2022 REUNION CLASSES**

20<sup>th</sup> Year Class: 2002      10<sup>th</sup> Year Class: 2012  
15<sup>th</sup> Year Class: 2007      5<sup>th</sup> Year Class: 2017

**HOST HOTEL**  
Raleigh Marriott Center City, 500 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, NC 27601  
Rate: Standard, \$179 per night, Last Day to Book: **Wednesday, April 6, 2022**  
Book at: [bit.ly/ReimaginingSAUHotel](http://bit.ly/ReimaginingSAUHotel)  
To purchase tickets in advance, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs  
919.516.4343.

**IT'S EASY TO GIVE:**

TEXT GIVE AND THE DONATION AMOUNT TO **919.373.6799** | GIVE ONLINE AT **GIVING.ST-AUG.EDU**

CHECKS MADE TO SAINT AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY AND CASH DONATIONS ARE ALSO ACCEPTED.

**PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN TO REPRESENT YOUR CLASS**  
#ReunionWeekend2022 #FalconPride

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27**

BACCALAUREATE CEREMONY 6 p.m.  
**Historic Chapel Lawn**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28**

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION OF  
DR. CHRISTINE JOHNSON MCPHAIL,  
13<sup>th</sup> PRESIDENT 10 a.m.  
**Raleigh Marriott Center City**  
500 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

ALUMNI REGISTRATION 2 - 5 p.m.  
**Alumni House**  
1410 Oakwood Avenue, Raleigh, NC 27610

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29**

REUNION CLASS BRUNCH 2022  
AND CLASS PHOTOS 9 - 11 a.m.  
**Martin Luther King Jr. Conference Center**  
50th Year Class Induction Ceremony  
(Free for 50th Year Anniversary Class (1972))

NATIONAL ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION MEETING 1 - 3 p.m.  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Conference Center**

ALL CLASS REUNION WELCOME RECEPTION  
7 - 10 p.m.  
**Raleigh Marriott Center City**  
500 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, NC 27601

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30**

REUNION CLASS BREAKFAST 7 - 7:45 a.m.  
**University Cafeteria**  
50th Year Anniversary Class  
Cost: \$8

COMMENCEMENT 9 a.m.  
**George Williams Athletics Complex**  
Speaker: TBA

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY  
STONE OF HOPE GALA  
(CLASS REUNION GIVING) 7 p.m.  
For your class gift to be included in the total amount  
gifts must be received by Friday, April 22, 2022)

**Raleigh Marriott Center City**  
500 Fayetteville Street, Raleigh, NC 27601  
Cost: General Admission \$150 per person  
(March 15-April 11, 2022)  
Reunion Class Members \$75  
(May 2022 Alumni in Reunion Only)

## NAA-SAU

### SUPPORT OUR Annual Fundraiser

#### Homecoming 2022, King and Queen Contest.

Homecoming is October 9-15, 2022. The crowning of Alumni King and/or Queen will be held as part of the Scholarship Gala, on Friday, October 14, 2022, at TBD.

Please visit this [page](#) to learn more.

**"NAA-SAU: A NECESSARY SUPPLEMENT  
TO SAU'S SUSTAINABILITY"**

*My tenure as president will come to an end, June 30, 2022. It has been, without question, a rewarding experience, complete with the requisite conditions of being in a leadership position—there are the pluses and minuses, the highs and the lows, the ups and the downs, and all of the adjectives and adverbs in between. As I reflect on my time as president, I am reminded of the question—“What is a necessary supplement?” From my window on the world, I see it as: That which is added to complete a state of being”—as the National Alumni Association to Saint Augustine’s University is a substantial supplement of the University. Alumni support is necessary to sustain our alma mater, in addition to executive and scholastic leadership. We, the alumni ARE a necessary supplement.*

A college or university cannot thrive and be recognized without the contributions from its Alumni. Let me count the ways: financial support, recruitment, mentoring and a visual demonstration of the legacy of the university. Future students, the academic community and others measure the success of a university by the products it produces, be it doctors, scientist, lawyers, teachers, judges, politicians, entertainers, or other recognizable vocations. A university is only as good as the graduates it produces, not only because of their individual accomplishments, but because the university can *lay claim* to the success of the individual. Another part of this narrative is the fact, that the more successful a university’s graduates are, the more they can donate to the school or get others to donate. This fact needs to be kept in mind, as alumni of Saint Augustine’s support the University’s Leadership effort in reimagining the institution.

As we think about reimagining Saint Augustine’s University, it should cover the full range of the institution’s activities—including revisions to the degree/curriculum offerings; certificate programs; associate degrees; and the athletic program. All the previously mentioned elements of the University’s programs are key to building a growing, sustainable, and prestigious institution called Saint Augustine’s University. Another critical element is having a knowledgeable, dedicated, and stable cadre of professors, staff, and university leaders. Part of the legacy of “St. Aug” is the outstanding people who worked at our alma mater, either as a teacher of a particular subject or as support staff. All made sure that the students’ educational needs were met. Certainly, many of us would have

had our college/university life curtailed were it not for the resolute individuals who made “St. Aug” their vocation and avocation.

I will be eternally grateful for your support. Thank you.

Falcon Pride---Dr. John T. Larkins, '66

## **Saint Augustine’s University and the National Alumni Association Mentoring Program (SAU-NAA SMP)**

The SAU *Mentoring Program* with the support of the NAA-SAU met in late January 2022, with approximately twenty-five alumni signing up to become Mentors. However, progress was stalled because of several challenges (e.g., background clearances, mentee assignments) and not everyone was assigned a Mentee. These issues are being reconciled and several Mentors and Mentees have begun to interact as they should under the guidelines for the program. We hope this effort will continue into the summer and the next academic year of the program. One of the objectives of the *Mentoring Program* is to help in the retention of Saint Augustine’s students through long term student-mentor partnerships. We will continue to accept applications from alumni to become mentors and work with Saint Augustine’s University Leadership to have a successful Mentoring Program.

### *Recruitment*

Recruitment efforts show great promise, with Dr. McPhail envisioning over two thousand students to be enrolled over the next two years. The NAA-SAU has been asked to help in this goal, not only in its normal recruitment activities, but by making a special effort to reach out to the two thousand or more students who have been accepted to attend Saint Augustine's but, who may be still undecided. We hope that with individual alumni contacting each of the accepted students we might be able to increase that number in the future.

NAA-SAU Chapters have begun reaching out to the students on the list, but we need more alumni to help. If you are aware of any students considering attending Saint Augustine's, make a special effort to reach out to these students and let them know about your alma mater or have them reach out to other alumni, who might be able to provide more information. Increasing enrollment is fundamental to reimagining Saint Augustine's and having money to do the things that are necessary for a new and unique institution. Increased enrollment will bring significant infrastructure challenges, which means raising money.

We can apply for grants and other foundation type assistance. We must work as a team to identify and pursue these resources.

### Fundraising

Alumni level of participation is monitored by organizations like the UNCF, and we at Saint Augustine's fall somewhere between ten and eleven percent, not measured by what we donate, but by **how many** of us donate annually. If those of us who participate in giving can encourage one other alumnus to make a small donation, we can double our alumni participation rate, which is significant in soliciting corporate giving. Many of the UNCF schools are raising their alumni participation rate and we can, too.

NAA-SAU Chapters continue to fundraise and have continued with their donations to the school during the last year. The NAA-SAU has been limited in having fundraising events, but we look forward to getting back to near normal in the coming academic year. Alumni giving, with NAA-SAU leadership, had been increasing over the past few years, however,

the Covid pandemic adversely impacted this trend, but we are back making strides in improving alumni giving. We are currently discussing our major fundraiser for Homecoming, 2022. We will keep alumni informed of the progress of planned activities. **Please continue your annual giving and commitments to SAU. Let set a goal of Alumni Giving at One Million Dollars for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.**

Special thanks to all the alumni who participated in the *Home Depot Retool Your School* campaign that garnered over twenty thousand dollars for SAU to resurface the outdoor basketball court. This was truly a team effort and demonstrates what alumni can do when we get involved and support these fundraisers. Next year we will start early and compete for first place. If you are not active in a NAA-SAU Chapter, but would like to sponsor a fundraiser, please reach out to any NAA-SAU Officer or Regional Coordinator for assistance.

### NAA-SAU Elections

The election of officers for the NAA-SAU, 2022-2024 term, is ongoing and the new leadership team will be announced at the Annual General Meeting during Commencement Week, April 26 – 30, 2022.

Please come out on Friday, April 29, 2022, to congratulate the new team and give them your support during their tenure. As you are aware these are voluntary positions that require an elevated level of dedication to the organization and the University.

All elected officers spend a significant amount of time, energy, and personal resources. We have a strong list of candidates with experience in fundraising, recruitment and advocacy, for SAU and the NAA-SAU.

### NAA-SAU National (Summer) Conference and Workshop

The NAA-SAU is scheduled to have its National (Summer) Conference and Workshop, **June 24-25, 2022 (Note: this is a change from the original SAVE THE DATE.)**, on Campus in the Martin Luther King Jr



Conference Center. The Conference and Workshop will focus on ways to improve how NAA-SAU supports SAU and offer opportunities for interaction with the University leadership. There will be opportunities to interact with other SAU alumni and reconnect in fellowship and purpose. Please save the date and try to attend. If you have not had the opportunity to see the SAU campus this year, you will be pleasantly surprised at the infrastructure and other enhancements.

### Homecoming

The NAA-SAU Homecoming Committee and other alumni are planning several events to make this Homecoming (October 11 -16, 2022) a memorable event, especially as we are coming out of two years of the pandemic, and everyone is ready to have fun and reunite. NAA-SAU will provide information through our website and email, as plans, times and events develop.

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

### *Individuals*



Congratulations to Saint Augustine's alumnus and Trustee Board chair, Justice James E.C. Perry, Class of 1966. The Five Points Operations Complex, a Courthouse Annex, in Seminole County, FL, was named in his honor. Learn more [here](#).



Congratulations to Falcon Anthony McAllister who was appointed to serve on the state of Maryland's Parole Commission, February 18, 2022. He has served as a Juvenile probation/parole officer for the City of Alexandria, VA, for the past 30 years, and will retire soon to accept the six-year appointment to the Maryland Parole Commission. He currently serves on the Prince George's County, Maryland's Commission on Fathers, Men, and Boys. He is the author of two best-selling books, *Mind over Matter*, and *Fathers Matter, Changing the Narrative on Black Fathers*.

Anthony is a member of the DC Metro Chapter.

## **Chapters**

### *Philadelphia Metro Chapter*

Philadelphia Metro Chapter kicked off their 2022 calendar year with myriad fundraising and recruiting events. Congratulations on a job well done!

Listed below are their many accomplishments:

### ***The HBCU Experience: Saint Augustine's University Edition* Book Review**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Omega Omega Chapter's HBCU and Arts Committees hosted a Book Review of *The HBCU Experience: Saint Augustine's University Edition* via Zoom on Saturday, March 19, 2022.

Sorority members and guests had an in-depth conversation with the contributing authors about their college experience. Each story was different. However, the unique connections between the writers made it very engaging and interesting. There were many intertwining legacies including: family ties, fraternity and sorority ties, mentor/mentee ties, and sports ties, too. Those in attendance commented that the stories reminded them of their college days and those who attended

predominantly white institutions expressed that they wished they had attended an HBCU! Everyone enjoyed themselves.

*Special note: The publisher, Dr. Sharon H. Porter is willing to produce up to 10 anthologies for each HBCU. If more Saint Augustine's Alumni are interested in participating in the project, please reach out to Jacynda P. Williams, President of SAU Philly Metro Area Alumni Chapter.*

**THE HBCU  
EXPERIENCE**  
*Anthology*  
Saint Augustine's University Edition

The cover features a collage of images: a stone wall with a plaque that reads 'SAINT AUGUSTINE'S UNIVERSITY CLASS OF 1973'; the Saint Augustine's University Falcons logo; a group of diverse alumni posing together; and two smaller photos of individuals, one in a suit and one in a plaid shirt.

Presented by  
Dr. Sharon H. Porter with Jacynda P. Williams

## **Chapter Hosts HBCU & NPHC Day at West Oak Lane Charter School**

On Friday, February 18, 2022, Jacynda P. Williams, Chapter President; Joseph Woodlock, Vice President; and the West Oak Lane Charter School's 6th grade students and teachers engaged in a robust conversation about Saint Augustine's University and the History of Fraternities and Sororities. They shared the *History of Stepping* and how its roots are embedded in *African Dance*. YouTube videos and Instagram posts were shown so students could see how closely they correlate. Everyone in attendance had a good time.

## **HBCU College Expo**

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Omega Omega Chapter's HBCU Committee and Dare to Imagine Church hosted an HBCU College Expo for high school students via Zoom on Saturday, March 26, 2022.

HBCUs in attendance included: Bowie State Cheyney University, Hampton University, Lincoln University, North Carolina A&T University, Saint Augustine's University, and Spelman College. Saint Augustine's own Dilcia Rodriguez Diaz, Junior Public Administration major (NJ) served as the University's representative along with Jacynda P. Williams, President, Philadelphia Alumni and Chapter member, Bettye M. Williams.

Questions were received and answered from parents and students about the University's educational offerings, campus life, and sports. The alumni shared information about "St. Aug's" rich history and notable alumni like Luther Barnes, J. California Cooper, Robert X. Golphin and George "Pup" Williams.

Those in attendance were impressed and expressed that they hadn't heard of our beloved University but would consider us as they make their decisions.

## **HBCU Quiz Bowl on *Kahoot it!***

Chapter President, Jacynda Williams served as the *Hostess* for HBCU Quiz Bowl on *Kahoot it!* High school and current college students enjoyed playing the game. Everyone in attendance learned something new about the HBCUs they never knew before.

## **Double Good Popcorn Sale**

The Chapter's Double Good Popcorn Sale Was *A-maize-ing!*

We want to thank everyone who supported our Popcorn Sale! Considering how small our chapter is, we did quite well and are excited to support some students with book awards and small scholarships to help them graduate on time and prayerfully help pay off their balances. Whether you purchased popcorn or gave a donation or spread the word on our behalf, we thank you and appreciate you.

*Article submitted by Jacynda P. Williams, Class of 1990, Philadelphia Alumni Chapter President*

*South Florida*

**Recruitment Activities for South Florida Chapter**



Chapter Members - L/R: Michael Smith, Alexis Smith- Parker, Eugene Thomas (not pictured, Linda Fuller-Smith)



### **FUND RAISING, FUND RAISING, AND FUND RAISING!**

As Alumni, we must do all we can to raise money for our university's scholarships, infrastructure, and athletics; and to support a dedicated and competent faculty and staff. As part of your *Resolution to Give* to your alma mater, please pledge your support, time, talent, and treasure (money) to your alma mater.

### **Stay connected to your National Alumni Association**

The NAA-SAU Newsletter represents an opportunity for Chapters/Members to submit items of interest to share with all Alumni.



Please submit content to the NAA-SAU Website/Communications  
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