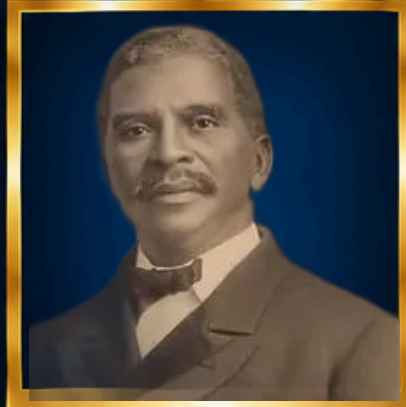
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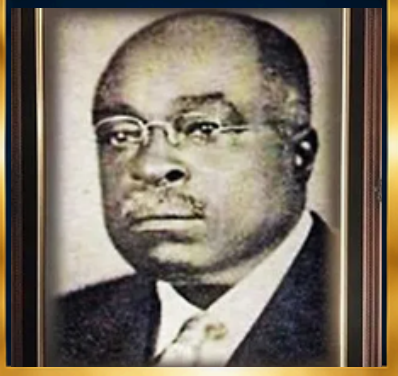


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OUR LEGACY

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Building on Our Legacy. Leading for Tomorrow.



PRESIDENT JAMARIUS COLEY

OUR FUTURE



Vision. Leadership. Service. A Stronger Tomorrow."

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



JAMARIUS COLEY

Jamarius Coley, a 1997 graduate of Goldsboro High School, serves as the National President of Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. Since his inauguration on September 1, 2024, Jamarius has been steadfast in his commitment to fostering an environment of positive change within the organization. In his Inaugural speech, he profoundly stated, "This community NEEDS Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends," and he has since dedicated his time and efforts to increasing the visibility and reach of the organization among neighbors and partners in Wayne County.

Jamarius is the son of Danny Bunn '79 and Regina Coley '80. He currently works as a Special Projects Manager at Siemens Medical and resides in King of Prussia, PA.

Greetings, Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends Family,

As we begin the 2026–2027 fiscal year, I am filled with gratitude for how far we have come, pride in what we continue to accomplish, and excitement for the opportunities that lie ahead.

Building on Our Progress
Over the past year, we have continued strengthening our organization through community engagement, scholarship opportunities, chapter development, and meaningful fellowship. From supporting our youth and families through community service initiatives to expanding our reach through the development of the Piedmont/Triad Chapter, our work reflects an organization that is growing with intention.

Investing in Our Future
One of our priorities this year is the launch of The Legacy Builders Capital Campaign, an initiative designed to support much-needed improvements to the grounds and parking facilities at our headquarters and H.V. Brown Fellowship Hall.

This campaign represents more than a financial investment. It is an investment in the future of our organization and the preservation of a place that has brought generations together. I encourage every member to find a way to participate, whether through a personal contribution, encouraging others to give, or helping us share the vision.
As we prepare for our 72nd Annual Homecoming and Alumni Weekend, May 27–30, 2027, I am especially excited about the opportunities to bring our alumni family together.

One of my greatest priorities as National President has been bridging the generations of Dillard and Goldsboro graduates, creating an environment where our history is respected, our traditions are celebrated, and new generations feel welcomed and valued.

Our future depends on our ability to honor those who paved the way while making room for those who will carry the torch forward.

The Work Ahead
As we move through this new year, I challenge each of us to become more than members in name. Be active in your local chapter. Support our scholarship and community service initiatives. Participate in our national activities. Share your ideas, offer your talents, and encourage others to become involved.

There is room for everyone who is willing to contribute to the success of this organization. Leadership is not about one person, one position, or one moment. It is about establishing a vision, building relationships, making difficult decisions when necessary, and leaving something stronger than we inherited.

Thank you to our new Communications Chair, Blanche Seaberry-Richardson and the entire committee for their hard work and dedication to in producing our first newsletter of the year.

Coming Together, Moving in the Right Direction.

Jamarius D. Coley, GHS ‘97
National President
Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc.

THE DGAF CONNECTION NEWSLETTER IS HERE!!

Greetings from your newly appointed National Communications Chair



It is with great excitement that I introduce myself, **Blanche Seaberry Richardson**, your newly appointed National Communications Chair, along with our dedicated Communications Committee!

Our newsletter, The DGAF Connection, is here! It is designed to keep alumni, members, and friends informed, inspired, engaged, and connected.

We have exciting news to share! From chapter highlights and member accomplishments to community service, organizational progress, and upcoming events, we are telling the DGAF story together.

A Special Salute to Our Communications Committee

It has been an honor working with this outstanding committee. Every member has met deadlines and worked diligently to gather information, coordinate submissions, and bring our newsletter to life. I appreciate their dedication, teamwork, and commitment.

Janet Reid
Charlotte Chapter

Vanessa Lane
Charlotte Chapter

Katrina L. Teachey
Triangle Chapter

Donald R. Allen
Triangle Chapter

Ella McDuffie
Atlanta Chapter

Lola Britt Scott
DC Chapter

Jeanette James
DC Chapter

Quique Coley
Goldsboro Chapter

Quincina Wooten
Piedmont Triad Chapter

Shayla Rhem
Piedmont Triad Chapter

Special Recognition: Emmanuel Holloman — Newsletter Editor and Layout Editor. Emmanuel worked diligently to edit, organize, and design the newsletter, helping bring *The DGAF Connection* to life. We sincerely appreciate his creativity, dedication, and hard work!

And We're Just Getting Started!

We are excited about new projects ahead, including a special **Pre-Homecoming Edition** featuring highlights from our **70th and 71st Homecoming Celebrations** and updates about our highly anticipated **72nd Homecoming Weekend!** This edition will celebrate cherished memories and build excitement for what is to come.

We look forward to working with DGAF members, chapters, alumni, and friends to share the stories that preserve our legacy and strengthen our connections.

Blanche Seaberry Richardson | National Communications Chair
Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

CHANDRA SHACKLEFORD ROBINSON
CHAIRPERSON



Dr. Chandra Shackleford Robinson
Chairperson

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Liz Williams, Atlanta Chapter

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Annetta Streater, Triangle Chapter
Corey Waters, Triangle Chapter

Lola Britt Scott, Washington DC Chapter
Sandra Young, Washington DC Chapter

Email: dgafscholarship@gmail.com
Phone: 980-285-3561

The National Scholarship Committee is excited to kick off another year! For the past two years, we have seen a wonderful increase in scholarship recipients. In 2025, we awarded 50 scholarships (over $145k), and in 2026, we proudly awarded 64 scholarships (over $189k). Along with this growth, we experienced a matching surge in the total funds raised. We cannot thank the Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. community enough for your consistent and continued support of our National Scholarship Program. We take immense pride in our local students and cannot wait to see the great things they will achieve as they work toward reaching their college and career goals.

The Giving Campaign is Live!

The Scholarship Committee officially launched the fiscal year by initiating our annual Giving Campaign, which runs from September 1st through April 30th. We invite all alumni and friends to participate by making a donation or becoming an official Scholarship Donor. To be acknowledged during the Scholarship & Awards Night Program, please ensure your contributions are received by the April 30th deadline. Donor forms are available online, or you may request one by mail. To request a form, please call 980-285-3561 or email dgafscholarship@gmail.com.

Information Session Recap

On Saturday, September 5, 2026, the National Scholarship Committee hosted a successful information session on "Becoming a Scholarship Donor." Held in a hybrid format in the Barbara Swinson Suite within the Neal Stitt Building, participants attended both online and in person.

The session was recorded and is available for all alumni and friends to view at your convenience. If you have any questions, please email or call us. Now is the perfect time for individuals, families, and graduating classes to join this year's Scholarship Donor Program. We welcome the opportunity to meet with you to answer questions or help you learn more.

- 📹 **Watch the Recording:** Becoming a Scholarship Donor or https://bit.ly/ScholarshipDonorInformationSession



SAVE THE DATE

Stay connected with our upcoming events! We encourage the DGAF, Inc. community to follow us on social media and check our website regularly for registration and ticket updates.

- **2nd Annual "A Different World" College & Career Conference**
  - **Date:** Saturday, January 30, 2027
  - **Details:** Sponsored by the National Scholarship Committee, DGAF, Inc., in partnership with the HBCU Alliance of Wayne County. This conference is **free and open to high school students in grades 9-12**. Registration details are coming soon to our website and social media.
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- **2nd Annual Scholarship Gala**
  - **Date:** Saturday, February 27, 2027
  - **Details:** Following the massive success of our Inaugural Gala in February 2026, this elegant event returns for 2027! We look forward to welcoming back past attendees and greeting new faces. Additional ticket and venue information will be posted online soon.
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- **Annual Scholarship & Awards Night Program (72nd Homecoming Kickoff)**
  - **Date & Time:** Thursday, May 27, 2027, at 7:00 p.m.
  - **Location:** Dillard Middle School
  - **Reunion Classes:** Classes celebrating a milestone year are highly encouraged to reserve group seating to kick off their class reunion activities!
  - **Necrology Reminders:** During this program, we honor our deceased classmates. Class representatives are asked to please submit the names of any classmates who have passed away since our last homecoming.
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Questions or Information Requests?

Reach out to the committee at **980-285-3561** or email **dgafscholarship@gmail.com**

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2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

We are excited to announce that this year we will be awarding 50 scholarships and awards to deserving students. This includes awarding 3 Future Leaders Awards. The Future Leaders Award is a new addition to our scholarship program. GHS graduates who were former scholarship recipients were invited to apply for additional scholarship funds. We are continuing our support of students as they work to achieve their college degree. We do hope to be able to extend this additional support of our "Future Leaders" as they strive to reach the academic and career goals.



PICTURED 2026 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

ACCESS THE 2026 PROGRAM BOOKLET:
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WATCH THE AWARDS NIGHT RECORDING:
BIT.LY/2026SCHOLARSHIPAWARDSNIGHTPROGRAM

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NATIONAL NEWS

DACSO

DGAF BUILDING DEMOLITION – A NEW BEGINNING

THE DEMOLITION OF THE DGAF BUILDING MARKS A STEP TOWARD PROGRESS AND REVITALIZATION. UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF NATIONAL PRESIDENT JAMARIUS COLEY, WITH SUPPORT FROM DACSO CHAIR GARY PACKER, DGAF CONTINUES TO HONOR ITS LEGACY WHILE PREPARING FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE. DGAF IS ON THE MOVE!









DACSO

OUR LEGACY. OUR FOUNDATION. OUR FUTURE

Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. proudly launches **The Legacy Builders Capital Campaign** in celebration of our **72nd Annual Homecoming**!

We're **Securing the Foundation** by raising funds to renovate the grounds and parking areas at **H. V. Brown Fellowship Hall**. While our primary focus remains our celebrated Scholarship Program – we also recognize that the Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni Headquarters campus plays a vital role in not only hosting hundreds of alumni annually for our Homecoming festivities but also is a critical community resource that we must preserve. Both the Neal Stitt Building and HV Brown Fellowship Hall are used at no cost for various meetings, trainings, youth group rehearsals and activities throughout the year.

Three giving circles. One shared purpose.

Legacy Builders: 72 donors giving $500 each Legacy

Partners: 72 donors giving $250 each Legacy

Supporters: 72 donors giving $100 each

Together, our goal is $61,200

Giving Levels + Donor Incentives

Legacy Builders — $500

Two full-access passes to Homecoming events, recognition on the special Legacy Builders billboard, and a personalized commemorative gift

Legacy Partners — $250

Recognition in the Homecoming booklet and a special commemorative gift

Legacy Supporters — $100

Recognition in the program booklet and a token of our appreciation
Alumni, members, families, friends, and businesses—there is a place for you in this campaign. Choose your circle, invite someone to join you, and share with your networks.

Claim your place among the 72.
One Legacy. Every Gift Builds.

Please submit your tax-deductible gift by December 31, 2026 to be counted in the campaign and receive the appropriate recognition.

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THE LEGACY BUILDERS
CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
72nd
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HOMECOMING
ONE LEGACY. EVERY GIFT BUILDS.
GROUNDS & PARKING RENOVATION
72 LEGACY BUILDERS. $500 EACH.
ONE $36,000 GOAL.
Become one of 72 donors helping renovate the grounds
and parking areas at H.V. Brown Fellowship Hall.
YOUR $500 GIFT INCLUDES:
2 full-access passes for Homecoming events
Your name featured on a special Legacy Builders billboard
A special commemorative gift
CLAIM YOUR PLACE AMONG THE 72.
SECURING THE FOUNDATION.
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DILLARD/GOLDSBORO ALUMNI & FRIENDS, INC.

THE LEGACY BUILDERS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

LEGACY PARTNERS

72nd ANNUAL HOMECOMING

ONE LEGACY. EVERY GIFT BUILDS.

GROUNDS & PARKING RENOVATION

72 LEGACY PARTNERS. $250 EACH.
ONE $18,000 GOAL.

Broaden the circle of legacy. Help renovate the grounds and parking areas at H.V. Brown Fellowship Hall.

A meaningful contribution to a lasting legacy.

TAKE YOUR PLACE AMONG THE 72.
SECURING THE FOUNDATION.



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THE LEGACY BUILDERS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
LEGACY SUPPORTERS
72nd
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HOMECOMING
ONE LEGACY. EVERY GIFT BUILDS.
GROUNDS & PARKING RENOVATION
72 LEGACY SUPPORTERS. $100 EACH.
ONE $7,200 GOAL.
Every gift moves us forward. Help renovate the grounds
and parking areas at H.V. Brown Fellowship Hall.
Together, we build momentum for our community.
JOIN THE 72. MOVE OUR LEGACY FORWARD.
SECURING THE FOUNDATION.
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FROM THE NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP



SUMMER LUNCH



THE DGAF SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM: MORE THAN A MEAL—BUILDING COMMUNITY, CREATING CONNECTIONS, AND CHANGING LIVES
A SUMMER OF SERVICE

ONE OF THE MOST REWARDING INITIATIVES UNDERTAKEN BY DILLARD GOLDSBORO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS, INC. THIS SUMMER WAS OUR SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE LINCOLN HOMES COMMUNITY. WHAT BEGAN AS AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE MEALS QUICKLY BECAME SOMETHING MUCH GREATER—A MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS, AND DEMONSTRATE THE TRUE SPIRIT OF SERVICE.



LEADERSHIP BEHIND THE SCENES

SPECIAL RECOGNITION IS DUE TO OUR NATIONAL PRESIDENT, JAMARIUS COLEY, WHOSE LEADERSHIP AND BEHIND-THE-SCENES SUPPORT PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN THE SUCCESS OF THIS INITIATIVE. HIS STEADY COMMITMENT AND WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST WEEK AFTER WEEK HELPED TRANSFORM AN IDEA INTO A MEANINGFUL COMMUNITY PROGRAM.

LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT

THIS INITIATIVE WAS LED BY A DEDICATED COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF BLANCHE SEABERRY RICHARDSON, KAY S. JONES, WILMA FORD, ELAINE ROYALL, JEANNETTE JONES-INMAN, AND GARY PACKER. THEIR COMMITMENT, PLANNING, AND COUNTLESS HOURS OF WORK HELPED ENSURE THE PROGRAM'S SUCCESS FROM BEGINNING TO END.



BUILDING LASTING CONNECTIONS

MOST IMPORTANTLY, THE RESIDENTS OF LINCOLN HOMES MADE THIS EXPERIENCE TRULY SPECIAL. WEEK AFTER WEEK THEY RETURNED, NOT ONLY FOR A MEAL, BUT FOR FELLOWSHIP, CONVERSATION, AND CONNECTION. AS THE SUMMER PROGRESSED, RELATIONSHIPS WERE BUILT THAT EXTENDED FAR BEYOND THE LUNCH LINE. WE SHARED STORIES, LAUGHTER, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND MOMENTS THAT REMINDED US OF THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY.



















The Volunteers Who Made It Happen

The program was strengthened by a dedicated team of volunteers who showed up week after week to serve the residents of Lincoln Homes. Brenda Daniels, Wallace Ford, Darryl Pitt, Delavisha Harris, Jackie Wooten, Mrs. Estella Coley Porter, Jermaine Dawson, DGAF Queen Keshia Smith, Theresa English, Frank Jackson, Mrs. Linda Farmer, and Alicia Britt generously gave their time, energy, and compassion. Their efforts reflected the very best of DGAF and our commitment to community service.





STRENGTH THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

A SPECIAL PARTNERSHIP WAS FORMED WITH AYISHA RAZZAK-ELLIS AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, WHOSE SUPPORT HELPED US CONNECT WITH AND SERVE THE RESIDENTS OF THE LINCOLN HOMES COMMUNITY THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER.

THE IMPACT OF THIS INITIATIVE WAS FURTHER ENHANCED THROUGH COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS. THE CITY OF GOLDSBORO, MEMBERS OF THE EPSILON PHI OMEGA CHAPTER OF ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY, INC., AND THE ALUMNI CHAPTER OF KAPPA ALPHA PSI FRATERNITY, INC. JOINED THE EFFORT, DEMONSTRATING THE POWER OF ORGANIZATIONS WORKING **TOGETHER TO SERVE OTHERS.**







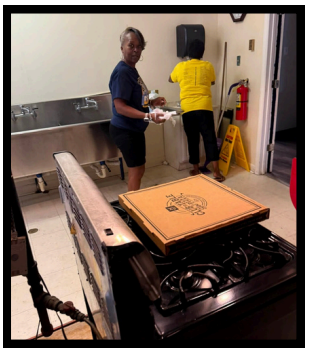


More Than a Meal

The DGAF Summer Lunch Program demonstrated that service is about more than meeting an immediate need. It is also about building trust, creating connections, and investing in people. Through Scholarship, Fellowship, and Service, DGAF continues to make a difference —one meal, one conversation, and one relationship at a time.





















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72ND HOMECOMING *Celebration*

MAY 27 - 30, 2027

A TIME TO RECONNECT • A SEASON TO CELEBRATE

A LEGACY THAT LIVES ON!

YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

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Local CHAPTER NEWS

WASHINGTON DC

PRESIDENT- ALICIA BRITT-PIERCE

Dillard Goldsboro Alumni & Friends Hosts "Meet and Greet"

Dillard Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. Washington, D.C. Chapter hosted a "Meet and Greet" on August 21st to welcome Dillard and Goldsboro alumni in the D.C., Maryland, Virgina (DMV) areas and introduce them to the organization's mission, programs, and activities.

The event provided an opportunity for alumni and friends to connect, fellowship, and learn more about how Dillard Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. supports the Goldsboro community and its alumni. Attendees were encouraged to become active members and join in the organization's efforts to promote fellowship, service, and scholarships.

The Meet & Greet was a wonderful opportunity to build new relationships, reconnect with fellow alumni, and strengthen the organization's presence throughout the DMV. The chapter looks forward to welcoming new members and continuing to grow its alumni family.

"A Celebration of Mothers."

On May 9th, the Dillard Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. Washington, D.C. Chapter hosted a beautiful and memorable Mother's Day celebration featuring MLA Mime Ministry in a live concert, "A Celebration of Mothers." Isaac Underwood, a Goldsboro High School Class of 1997 graduate, led this effort seamlessly.

The event was a heartfelt tribute to the love, strength, sacrifice, and nurturing spirit of mothers. Guests were treated to an inspiring and uplifting performance by MLA Mime Ministry, creating an atmosphere filled with joy, reflection, and appreciation.

In addition to the wonderful entertainment, attendees enjoyed delicious refreshments and fellowship. As a special token of appreciation, each lady received a beautiful gift basket to commemorate the occasion.

The Dillard Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. Washington, D.C. Chapter was delighted to honor and celebrate the amazing mothers and women who continue to make a difference in the lives of their families and communities. It was truly a day of love, laughter, fellowship, and celebration!

WASHINGTON DC

Giving Back: Supporting Waldon Woods Elementary

On August 24, the Dillard Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. Washington D.C. Chapter demonstrated its commitment to supporting local students and educators by participating in the **Back-to-School Supply Drive** at Waldon Woods Elementary School in Clinton, Maryland.

Chapter members generously donated more than 971 school-supply items including back packs, composition books, pens, pencils, notebook paper etc. to help students begin the new school year prepared and ready to learn. In addition to supporting the students, the Chapter recognized the dedication of the school's educators by presenting one teacher with a special Teacher's Gift Basket, filled with classroom supplies and gift cards.

The D.C. Chapter is proud to support initiatives that strengthen our communities and make a positive difference in the lives of students and teachers. Through service, generosity, and partnership, Dillard Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. D.C. Chapter continues to uphold its commitment to giving back and investing in the future of our youth.

Celebrating "An Evening of Elegance with Shades of Melanin: Dillard Goldsboro Alumni & Friends Washington D.C. Chapter Spring Dinner Dance

On March 28, the Dillard Goldsboro Alumni & Friends (DGAF) Inc. Washington D.C. Chapter hosted its annual Spring Dinner Dance at H. V. Brown Fellowship Hall. This year's theme, "An Evening of Elegance with Shades of Melanin," provided a beautiful opportunity to celebrate culture, community, fellowship, and the many shades that make us uniquely who we are.

The evening was filled with elegance, laughter, music, delicious food, and an abundance of Black excellence. Attendees embraced the theme by showcasing their beautiful and diverse shades of melanin, creating a stunning display of unity and pride. From the décor to the fashion, the celebration was a vibrant reflection of the richness and beauty of our heritage.

Beyond the fellowship and festivities, the Spring Dinner Dance served an important purpose: raising funds to support DGAF National initiatives. The generous participation and support of alumni, friends, and guests will help advance programs and initiatives that strengthen the mission and continued success of Dillard Goldsboro Alumni & Friends.

The DC Chapter extends its heartfelt appreciation to everyone who attended, supported, donated, volunteered, and helped make the evening a memorable success. Together, we celebrated our melanin, our connections, and our commitment to giving back.

What a beautiful night of fellowship, fashion, fun, and fundraising! The Spring Dinner Dance was truly a celebration of who we are and what we can accomplish when we come together in support of a shared mission.

WASHINGTON DC



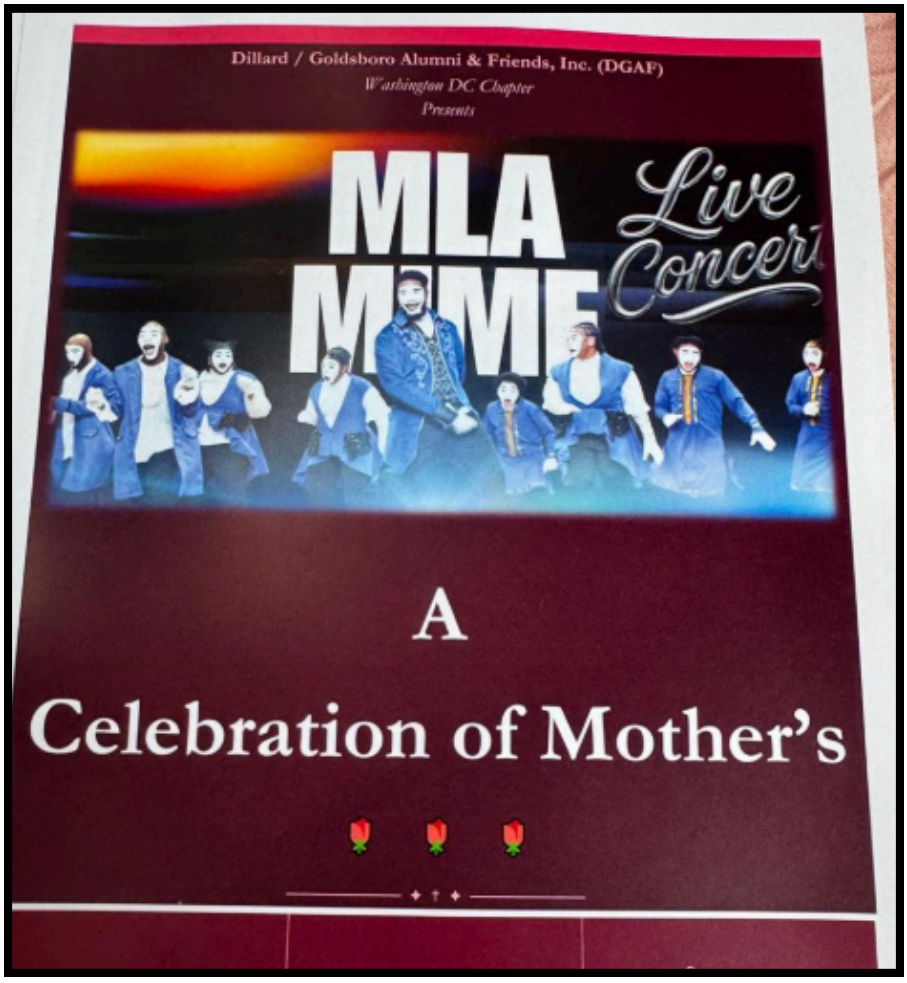


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CHARLOTTE

PRESIDENT- JANET REID

VANESSA HOLLOWAY LANE WAS APPOINTED ON JUNE 23.2026 BY THE GASTON COUNTY NC BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO SERVE ON THE GASTON COMMUNITY ACTION BOARD OF TRUSTEES.





NEWEST MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - LEVONDE SHACKLEFORD FITZHUGH, FROM GHS CLASS OF '86, RECEIVED HER 2ND MASTERS OF ART IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (MAY 2026) FROM QUEENS UNIVERSITY CHARLOTTE NC



GWENDOLYN BOWMAN DAVIS SON AARON WILLIAM BOWMAN (DILLARD SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT) GRADUATED IN MAY 2026 FROM WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY



CHARLOTTE CHAPTER - CHARLOTTE CHAPTER, DID A FOLLOW-UP VISIT WITH THEIR 2026 WILLIE DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT JADE HAM AT UNC CHARLOTTE.





CHARLOTTE CHAPTER PICS FROM 2026 MEMORIAL WEEKEND

CHARLOTTE



AVIS PITT CANTY - CONGRATULATIONS TO JUSTIN CANTY, SON OF AVIS PITT CANTY AND BRIAN CANTY WHO IS A 2026 GRADUATE OF FORK UNION MILITARY ACADEMY. JUSTIN IS ATTENDING CHOWAN UNIVERSITY THIS FALL AND WILL BE A PART OF THE FOOTBALL TEAM AND MAJOR IN SPORTS MANAGEMENT. HIS MOM AVIS IS A 1989 GRADUATE OF GOLDSBORO HIGH SCHOOL AND CURRENTLY SERVES AS THE NATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT AND CHAIR OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCE COMMITTEES.

CHARLOTTE CHAPTER MEETING (IN PERSON) - CHARLOTTE HELD THEIR IN PERSON MEETING (JUNE 2026) AT SOFIE'S STEAKHOUSE CHARLOTTE NC. MEMBERS CAME TOGETHER FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP, WHILE BRAINSTORMING IDEAS, SETTING GOALS, AND PUTTING PLANS INTO ACTION FOR THE NEW YEAR.



CHARLOTTE



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: CELEBRATING DR. CHANDRA SHACKLEFORD ROBINSON!

THE GREATER CHARLOTTE CHAPTER IS INCREDIBLY PROUD TO CELEBRATE OUR VERY OWN NATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP CHAIRPERSON, DR. CHANDRA SHACKLEFORD ROBINSON, ON ACHIEVING HER DOCTORAL DEGREE!

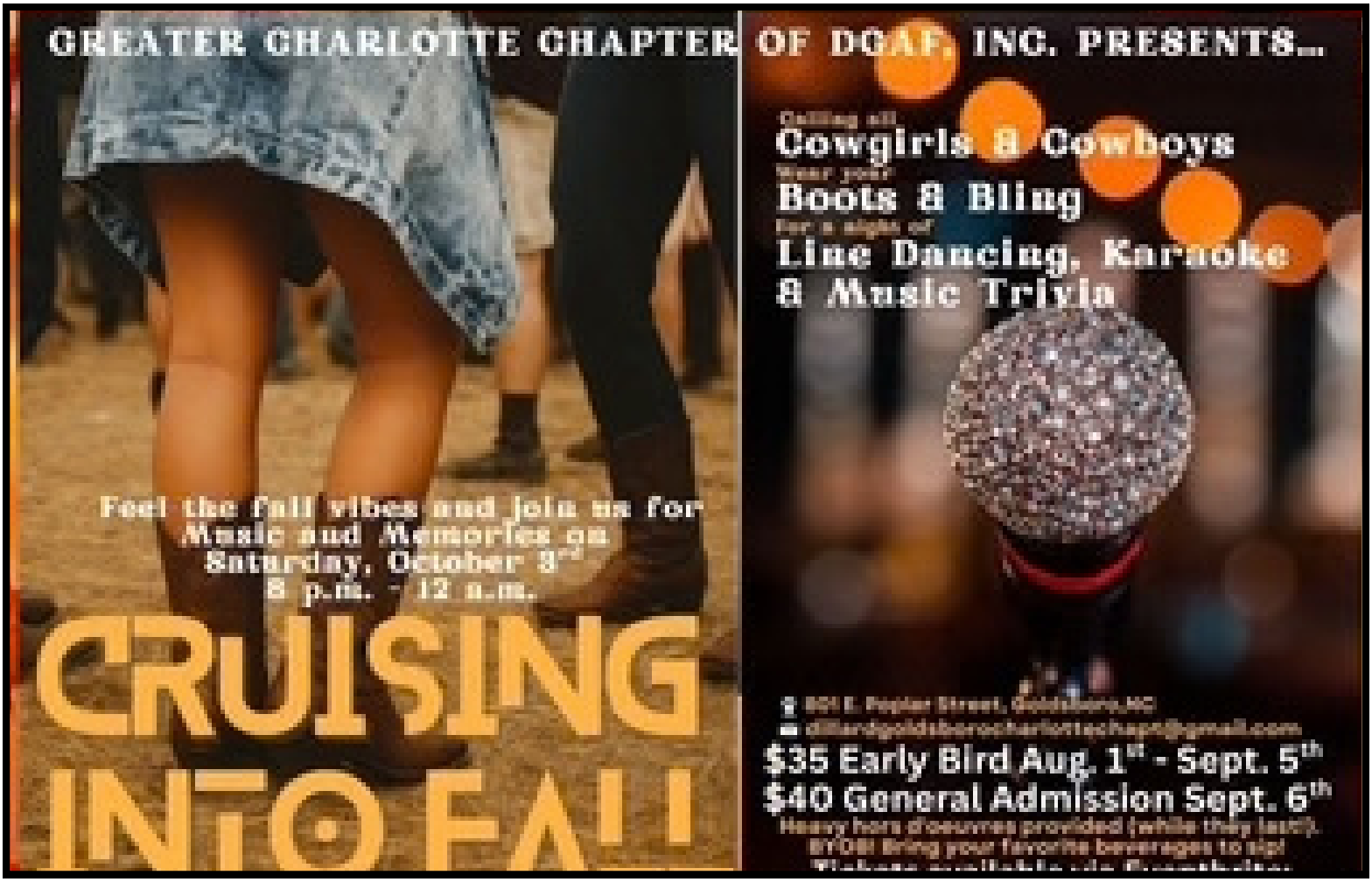
ON JULY 2, 2025, DR. ROBINSON SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED HER DISSERTATION, TITLED "AN INVESTIGATION OF GRADUATION RATES FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES IN NORTH CAROLINA: THE POWER OF PERSONALIZATION." SHE WAS OFFICIALLY HOODED AND RECOGNIZED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHARLOTTE COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY ON DECEMBER 13, 2025, EARNING HER DOCTOR OF EDUCATION (ED.D.) IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP.

PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING DR. ROBINSON ON THIS MONUMENTAL MILESTONE AND HER CONTINUED DEDICATION TO EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE!

NEWEST MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - LEVONDE SHACKLEFORD FITZHUGH, FROM GHS CLASS OF '86, RECEIVED HER 2ND MASTER OF ARTS IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP (MAY 2026) FROM QUEENS UNIVERSITY, CHARLOTTE, NC. LEVONDE HAS ALSO BEEN NEWLY APPOINTED AS OF OCT 3, 2026, AS THE DILLARD GOLDSBORO ALUMNI AND FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP CHAIR.



CHARLOTTE



CHARLOTTE CHAPTER FALL EVENT - CRUISING INTO FALL/BOOTS AND BLING - PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE GREATER CHARLOTTE CHAPTER DILLARD/GOLDSBORO ALUMNI, WILLIE G. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2027 (PIC INCLUDED)



GOLDSBORO

PRESIDENT- RAYMOND SMITH



The Goldsboro Chapter of Dillard Goldsboro Alumni And Friends, Inc. proudly supported our GHS Cougar Football team by providing a donation covering meals for TWO separate games this season, including the recent Homecoming Game! Pictured with members of the Goldsboro Chapter, these young men very much appreciated the support and love shown! We challenge other Chapters, classes, etc. to do the same as it supports our overall organization's goal to give back to the community where we started and make a difference! Speaking of Homecoming, two of our Goldsboro Chapter members (Wilma Hamilton '76 and Dr. Tesha Isler '98) brought their Cougar Spirit back to the field by joining the Alumni Cheerleader Squad!! Go Cougars!!



GOLDSBORO



PLEASE SUPPORT OUR UPCOMING FUNDRAISER, THE 5TH ANNUAL BLACK EXCELLENCE AFFAIR, WHERE WE WILL HAVE AN EVENING OF LIVE JAZZ/R&B PROVIDED BY THE RONY THOMAS XPERIENCE AND DJ C RAI, KEEPING US ON THE DANCE FLOOR THE REST OF THE EVENING! EARLY BIRD TICKETS ARE ON SALE UNTIL OCTOBER 31; LIMITED VIP TABLES AVAILABLE (8 SEATS). BYOB, LIGHT APPETIZERS AND FOOD TRUCK AVAILABLE, OR BRING YOUR OWN. FEEL FREE TO CONTACT QUIQUE (KIKI) AT 757-701-9771. PHYSICAL AND ONLINE TICKETS AVAILABLE! PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE GOLDSBORO CHAPTER AS WE CONTINUE TO GIVE BACK TO OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH DONATIONS, SCHOLARSHIPS, CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THE BUILDING FUND, AND OTHER DESERVING INITIATIVES!

DILLARD GOLDSBORO ALUMNI AND GOLDSBORO CHAPTER NATIVE MR. NICKY ARTIS IS MAKING HEADLINES! PLEASE JOIN US IN CONGRATULATING CORPORAL NICKY ARTIS ON HIS PROMOTION TO SERGEANT WITH THE GOLDSBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT!

SERGEANT ARTIS BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH GPD IN JUNE 2000 AND HAS SERVED IN A VARIETY OF ASSIGNMENTS THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, INCLUDING PATROL, HOUSING, SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, PARK POLICE, AND CORPORAL IN THE COMMUNITY POLICE SERVICES DIVISION (CPSD).

THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, SERGEANT ARTIS HAS EARNED THE RESPECT OF HIS PEERS AND THE COMMUNITY THROUGH HIS STRONG WORK ETHIC, PROFESSIONALISM, AND COMMITMENT TO SERVING THE COMMUNITY. AS A NEWLY PROMOTED SERGEANT, ARTIS HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE COMMUNITY POLICE SERVICES DIVISION WITHIN THE SUPPORT SERVICES BUREAU.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SERGEANT ARTIS ON THIS WELL-EARNED PROMOTION! WE WISH HIM CONTINUED SUCCESS IN HIS NEW ROLE AND LOOK FORWARD TO ALL HE WILL ACCOMPLISH AS A SERGEANT WITH GPD.



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ON JUNE 19, THE GOLDSBORO CHAPTER PROUDLY HOSTED OUR 1ST JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION AT THE HANDS OF OUR JUNETEENTH COMMITTEE! BLANCHE SEABERRY, SHARON RICHARDSON, BERNICE SIMMONS, JACKIE FAISON GRANTHAM, TAKIYAH MOZINGO, JOE LEWIS, QUIQUE JONES COLEY, NICOL LOFTON, LISA BRASWELL! VIBRANT, ENERGETIC, SPIRITUAL, CULTURAL, AMAZING! A BEAUTIFUL CULTURAL DISPLAY IN OUR LOBBY, LIVE AFRICAN DANCING, MIME DANCING, NEGRO SPIRITUALS, YOUTH SPEAKERS, AND A GRAND FINALE AFRICAN FASHION SHOW FEATURING THE KING AND QUEEN OF ZAMUNDA!! FOR INFORMATION ON ANY OF OUR SPECIAL VENDORS AND ENTERTAINMENT, PLEASE EMAIL US AT GOLDSBOROCHAPTEROFDGAF@GMAIL.COM!

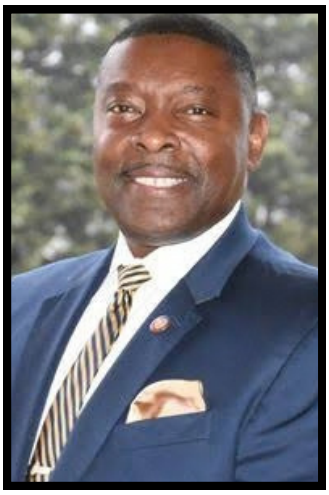








SHOWING SUPPORT FOR OUR GOLDSBORO CHAPTER PRESIDENT, DR. RAYMOND E. SMITH, JR! DR. SMITH AND DR. GREG MURPHY ARE BOTH CANDIDATES FOR U.S. CONGRESS IN THE 3RD CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WHICH INCLUDES GOLDSBORO AND WAYNE COUNTY
EARLY VOTING BEGINS ON OCTOBER 15 - 31
ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 3 !!!



TRIANGLE

PRESIDENT- KESHIA SMITH

Triangle Chapter Officers

Leading with Purpose. Serving with Pride. Growing Together.

The Triangle Chapter of Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. is proud to be led by a dedicated team of officers committed to strengthening our chapter, supporting our members, serving our communities, and advancing the mission of our organization.

Our 2026-2027 officers are:
President - Keshia Smith
Vice President - Micara Sessoms
Secretary - Tammy Croom
Treasurer - Treva Brewington
Member-at-Large - Dr. Sadie Johnson Carter

Together, these officers bring experience, dedication, and a genuine love for Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. Their leadership is centered on communication, transparency, member involvement, community service, scholarship, and creating opportunities for the Triangle Chapter to continue growing and making an impact.

While each officer has a specific role, leadership within the Triangle Chapter is truly a team effort. From managing chapter business and finances to keeping members informed, supporting those in need, coordinating activities, and encouraging greater participation, our officers work together to ensure that the chapter remains active, organized, and connected.

The 2026-2027 leadership team is also committed to giving members a voice. The strength of the Triangle Chapter does not rest solely with its officers—it comes from members who attend meetings, serve on committees, volunteer at Lenovo Center events, support fundraisers, participate in chapter activities, and proudly represent DGAF in the community.

As one of the younger chapters of Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc., the Triangle Chapter continues to build its own legacy while honoring the traditions and purpose of the organization. With strong leadership and an engaged membership, the goal is not simply to maintain what has already been established, but to continue moving the chapter forward with fresh ideas, meaningful service, fellowship, and opportunities to support future generations.

This is more than a leadership team—it is a team committed to service, scholarship, fellowship, and progress.

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DILLARD GOLDSBORO
ALUMNI AND FRIENDS, INC.
TRIANGLE CHAPTER
Proudly Introducing Our
2026-2027
OFFICERS
ONE LEGACY. ONE PURPOSE. ONE CHAPTER.
KESHIA SMITH
PRESIDENT
MICARA SESSOMS
VICE PRESIDENT
TREVA BREWINGTON
TREASURER
TAMMY CROOM
SECRETARY
SADIE CARTER
MEMBER AT LARGE
Building Our Future. Honoring Our Past. Serving Our Community.
TOGETHER WE ROAR!

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The Triangle Chapter of Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. believes that every young adult deserves an opportunity to build a successful future. College is not the only path to success, and sometimes all someone needs is a little financial support, encouragement, and a second chance to get started. The scholarship is designed to assist young adults who are ready to gain the skills and training needed to begin a career and become self-sufficient. Honoring the Memory & Legacy of Ishmael Bunch The 2nd Chance Scholarship is funded through proceeds from the Triangle Chapter's Annual White Party.The 2nd Chance Scholarship is especially meaningful to the Triangle Chapter because it was created four years ago by Keshia Bunch in memory of her son, Ishmael Bunch. That makes our Annual White Party truly a party with a purpose.

That is the heart of our 2nd Chance Scholarship.
💙 What began as a mother's desire to honor her son has grown into an opportunity to positively impact the lives of other young adults. Through this scholarship, Ishmael's name, memory, and legacy continue to live on by helping someone else take an important step toward a better future.
Each scholarship awarded represents more than financial assistance. It represents hope, opportunity, and a lasting tribute to Ishmael.

His memory lives on every time this scholarship helps another young person move forward.
🎓 Who Is the Scholarship For?

Applicants must be 18-25 years old, have attended Goldsboro High School, earned a high school diploma or GED, and currently reside in Wayne County, North Carolina.
Scholarship assistance may be used toward career-focused education and training programs such as:

- 🔹 CDL Training
- 🔹 HVAC
- 🔹 Cosmetology or Barber School
- 🔹 Skilled Trades
- 🔹 Other approved technical or vocational programs

🤍 The Triangle Chapter Annual White Party Has a Purpose!

When you purchase a ticket, reserve a table, attend the White Party, or support the event, you are doing much more than attending a great celebration. You are helping keep Ishmael Bunch's memory and legacy alive while investing in the future of another young adult.

The music, fellowship, food, fun, and celebration ultimately help provide someone with an opportunity to learn a trade, develop a skill, begin a career, and create a better future.
We party with a purpose so someone else can pursue theirs.
Applying Is Easy – 1, 2, 3!

Complete the application and submit a brief essay telling us about yourself, your career goals, and how this opportunity can help you take the next step toward your future.

Apply here:
https://form.jotform.com/dillardgoldsborotriangle/2ndChance

For questions or additional information: Triangle Chapter of Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc.
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Dillard-Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc.
TRIANGLE CHAPTER
2ND CHANCE SCHOLARSHIP
IN MEMORY OF
Ishmael Bunch
DGAF, Inc.
Triangle Chapter
A SECOND CHANCE.
A NEW DIRECTION.
A BRIGHTER FUTURE.
UP TO $2,500 AWARDED
WHO CAN APPLY?
GHS grad or GED equivalent
Ages 18–25
Wayne County Resident
Enrolled or planning to enroll in a trade, vocational, or technical program
Scholarship award up to $2,500
HONORING THE MEMORY OF ISHMAEL BUNCH
"Together we can change lives."
CAREER PATHWAYS WE SUPPORT
COSMETOLOGY & BARBERING
Build confidence. Create opportunity.
COMMERCIAL TRANSPORTATION (CDL)
Drive your future forward.
HVAC, ELECTRICAL & SKILLED TRADES
High-demand skills. Real-world impact.
WHY APPLY?
Trade careers are in high demand and offer pathways to stable, well-paying careers without the burden of excessive student debt.
APPLY ONLINE
https://form.jotform.com/dillardgoldsborotriangle/2ndChance
APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN!
SCAN TO APPLY
APPLICATION DEADLINE
CONTINUOUS
EMPOWERING YOUTH. | BUILDING FUTURES. | STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITY.

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SERVICE IN ACTION: THE TRIANGLE CHAPTER GIVES BACK! 💙💛

The Triangle Chapter of Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. is proud to continue making a difference beyond Goldsboro and throughout the Triangle community!

Our members had the opportunity to volunteer with the Durham Rescue Mission, giving their time and energy to serve others and support an organization that provides hope and assistance to individuals and families in need.

For the Triangle Chapter, service is more than something we talk about—it's something we DO. Whether we're raising money for scholarships, supporting our communities, volunteering at events, or simply lending a helping hand, we believe in showing up where we can make an impact.

We are especially proud of our members who continue to answer the call to serve. Every volunteer hour represents the heart of what Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends is all about: giving back, lifting others, and strengthening our communities.

The Triangle Chapter is o! 💙💛

Serving with purpose. Leading with heart. Making an impact.
#DGAF #TriangleChapter #DurhamRescueMission #CommunityService #GivingBack #ServiceInAction #ShowUpAndGlowUpcontinuing to Show Up & Glow Up—and we're taking our spirit of service everywhere we go.

The Triangle Chapter of Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. knows how to have a good time—but we also believe that a great party can have an even greater purpose.

On September 5, 2026, the Triangle Chapter hosted Thee All-White R&B & Go-Go Experience, bringing together alumni, friends, family, and supporters for an unforgettable night of music, fellowship, and fun. Guests came dressed in their finest all-white attire and enjoyed the sounds of Project 919, great music, food, dancing, and the signature energy that has made the Triangle Chapter's White Party one of our most anticipated events.

Behind the celebration, however, is a mission that means so much more.

Proceeds from the Triangle Chapter's Annual White Party help fund our Second Chance Scholarship, which provides financial assistance to young adults ages 18-25 who attended Goldsboro High School, earned a high school diploma or GED, live in Wayne County, and are ready to pursue career training in areas such as CDL, HVAC, cosmetology, healthcare, skilled trades, and other vocational programs.

The scholarship was created four years ago by Keshia Bunch in memory of her son, Ishmael Bunch. What began as a way to honor Ishmael has grown into an opportunity to keep his memory and legacy alive by helping other young adults build brighter futures.





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FOUR QUEENS, ONE TRIANGLE LEGACY 👑
THE TRIANGLE CHAPTER OF DILLARD/GOLDSBORO ALUMNI & FRIENDS, INC. PROUDLY CELEBRATES FOUR EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN WHO HAVE PROUDLY REPRESENTED THE CHAPTER AS DGAF SCHOLARSHIP QUEENS, ESTABLISHING AN IMPRESSIVE LEGACY OF FOUR CONSECUTIVE QUEENS FROM 2022 THROUGH 2026.

👑 GWANGI BROWN — 2022
👑 DR. SADIE CARTER — 2023
👑 TREVA BREWINGTON — 2024–2025
👑 KESHIA SMITH — 2026

THESE QUEENS EMBODY LEADERSHIP, SCHOLARSHIP, SERVICE, AND EXCELLENCE, REFLECTING THE TRIANGLE CHAPTER'S COMMITMENT TO DGAF'S VALUES OF SCHOLARSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND SERVICE.
FOUR QUEENS. ONE CHAPTER. ONE ENDURING LEGACY! 👑



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More Than Work — It's an Investment in Our Mission

When you see members of the Triangle Chapter of Dillard/Goldsboro Alumni & Friends, Inc. working concessions at Lenovo Center, understand that we are doing much more than serving food, pouring drinks, or working a stand. We are serving with a purpose.

Our work at Lenovo Center is one of the most important fundraising opportunities for our chapter. Instead of constantly asking our members and community to reach into their own pockets, Lenovo gives us an opportunity to work together to earn money that helps support the mission of our organization.

The funds we earn through Lenovo help provide financial support for our chapter's operations, scholarships, community service projects, programs, and other initiatives throughout the year. Every event we work helps strengthen our ability to give back and continue making a difference.

But the impact goes beyond the money.

Working at Lenovo also builds teamwork, fellowship, commitment, and chapter pride. Our members come from different graduating classes, generations, professions, and communities, but when we put on that uniform and step behind that stand, we are ONE Triangle Chapter. We laugh, work hard, help one another, and build relationships along the way.

It takes dedication. Some events mean long hours, late nights, standing on our feet, and traveling from different areas to get there. Yet our members continue to show up because they understand the bigger picture: when the Triangle Chapter works, the Triangle Chapter grows.

Every shift worked represents another opportunity to fund a scholarship, support a community initiative, strengthen our chapter, and continue the legacy of service established by Dillard and Goldsboro alumni before us.

That is why participation matters. The success of Lenovo should never fall on the shoulders of the same few people. The more members who become trained, certified, and willing to work, the more opportunities we have to generate revenue without placing the financial burden solely on our membership.

We work today so that we can give tomorrow.

That is the Lenovo impact.

That is service with a purpose.

And that is how the Triangle Chapter continues to SHOW UP and GLOW UP! 💙💛

PIEDMONT TRIAD

PRESIDENT- ABIJAH SHEALY

Introduction to the Piedmont Triad Chapter

Welcome to the official Dillard/ Goldsboro and Friends Inc. Piedmont/Triad Chapter! We are thrilled to officially launch this newly formed chapter, dedicated to bringing together graduates living and working in the Piedmont/Triad area. Whether you or a friend walked across the graduation stage last year or decades ago, our chapter serves as a lifelong bridge back to our alma mater, keeping the school spirit alive through community service, professional networking, and local social events.

Chapter leadership/officers
President- Abijah Shealy
Vice President- Matthew Moore
Secretary- Tamaya Franks
Treasurer - Quincina Wooten

Our Core Mission
Reconnect: Bring local alumni together to share memories, network, and form lasting friendships.
Support: Give back to our current high school students through mentorship and scholarship opportunities.
Celebrate: Commemorate the rich history and ongoing achievements of our school community.

Recent organizational activities or meetings

Piedmont/Triad holds meetings once a month via zoom and have socials to fellowship with each other. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 27 at 7pm.

Membership or recruitment efforts

Will be having events such as bowling, skating, and community service events to pull members in to participate.

Upcoming events or initiatives

Chapter Meeting October 27th
Friendsgiving November 14th
Ugly Sweater Party December 19th

PIEDMONT TRIAD





PRESIDENT ABIJAH SHEALY







THE PIEDMONT TRIAD CHAPTER OFFICERS

Welcome

ATLANTA

PRESIDENT- SEDRICK DUNSON

DILLARD-GOLDSBORO
ALUMNI & FRIENDS ASSOCIATION
ATLANTA CHAPTER

CONNECT
CELEBRATE
SUPPORT
GIVE BACK





Goldsboro High School.

This is where it all started, where intentional decisions were made.

I thank the Dillard-Goldsboro alumni and friends for my opportunity through scholarship, and it is a pleasure that **I give back through service to my chapter.**

Traci Bahsoon

GOLDSBORO HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 1988

INTRODUCING

GRIT
GRACE • RESILIENCE • INTENTION • TRUST

GRIT is a faith-centered personal growth framework and community for women inspired by my own journey through life's changing seasons.

It's a space to give yourself grace, recognize your resilience, move with intention, and trust what's ahead.

I'll be sharing more about GRIT — the experiences, conversations, and resources to come.

Every Woman. Every Season.

FAITH FUELS ME.
GRIT CARRIES ME THROUGH.™

Follow my GRIT journey to see how it unfolds!

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The GRIT Life
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Mix & MINGLE
SAME SCHOOL SAME PRIDE A BRIGHTER TOMORROW
SATURDAY,
DECEMBER 5, 2026
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
GEORGIA OWN
100 Peachtree Street NW
Atlanta, GA 30303
18th Floor
Reconnect
Reengage
Give Back
Join fellow Dillard-Goldsboro Alumni and Friends for an afternoon to Mix & Mingle, reconnect, and get involved to help support Goldsboro High School students through scholarships.
BRING A NEW, UNWRAPPED TOY
OR A NEW BOOK
FOR DONATIONS
Help us spread joy and support Goldsboro High School students!
READ
LEARN
DREAM
ACHIEVE
FOOD WILL BE PROVIDED
$50
RAFFLE
FOR ALL THOSE THAT PAY BOTH LOCAL AND NATIONAL DUES ON THAT DAY!
EVERYONE MUST BRING THEIR ID FOR ENTRANCE.
Come One Come All!
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!
NETWORK | CONNECT | GET INVOLVED | SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS

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