

# The Alumni Anchor

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## A LETTER FROM THE NATIONAL ALUMNI PRESIDENT

My fellow alums,

I trust that all of you have enjoyed a safe and pleasurable summer. Once again, a new academic year at Savannah State University is upon us. As our students, faculty and staff return, let us recommit ourselves to providing the level of support that will ensure another successful year at our beloved alma mater.



This year presents some unique opportunities for us to increase our financial support to SSU. In November of this year, Savannah State University will be featured as the Tom Joyner Foundations' School of the Month. The School of the Month Program is the signature program of the Foundation. Annually, the Foundation selects 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities with which to partner. During the partnership, the foundation works to help raise funds in support of student scholarships and other initiatives to help sustain the HBCU. During the month of November, we are asking all of our chapters to have a fundraiser in order to capitalize on the publicity that Savannah State will receive as a result of being the School of the Month. In addition to the Tom Joyner Foundation initiative, we are also in the midst of our \$20 Million Scholarship Campaign. The funds raised during this campaign will increase our endowment and provide other needed forms of support for our students.

As we approach the fall, we are gearing up for another football season. One of the ways that we can help our team be successful is by purchasing season football tickets. This small investment goes a long way in building the morale of our student athletes. Since our student athletes have demonstrated that they are competitive in all of our sports, the least that we can do is attend their games and cheer them on to victory.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve our most esteemed organization. Although we will have many challenges and obstacles that will come our way, we will not be deterred in our mission to advance Savannah State University. For over 68 years, the Savannah State University National Alumni Association has worked tirelessly to uplift Savannah State. Savannah State is indeed the glue that holds our association together. We have come too far and invested too much to let go now.

In True Tiger Spirit,

*Clyde A. Newton*

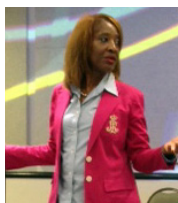
Clyde A. Newton, SSUNAA President

## SSUNAA HOSTS ANNUAL MEETING (MAY 3-4, 2018)

SSUNAA hosted its Annual Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn Midtown Savannah. During the open session on Friday, May 3th, alums were extended greetings from student leaders, SSU administrators and local elected officials. Also, President Cheryl D. Dozier presented the "State of The University". National Alumni President Clyde A. Newton presided over the annual business meeting on Friday, May 4th. Alums representing SSUNAA executive board and SSUNAA chapters from across the country attended the meeting where annual reports were presented by all national officers and chairmen of SSUNAA Standing and Ad-hoc Committees.

**Certificates of Appreciation** were presented by President Newton to all SSUNAA officers and committee chairmen for their exemplary service to the national alumni association during 2015-2018. President Dozier also presented tokens of appreciation and support on behalf of SSU. President Newton further expressed sincere appreciation to all the alumni for their continued investment in our national alumni association and for proudly upholding the 69- year- old legacy of the association.

## SSUNAA SUMMER LEADERSHIP TRAINING



On July 20-21 SSUNAA hosted its election year **Summer Leadership Training** session on the campus of SSU where national and chapter officers and members participated in interactive discussions and activities. The goal of summer leadership is to ensure that leaders and members understood the association's documents and that all chapters operate effectively, therefore all would move forward into the new election year on "ONE ACCORD".

Friday's open session concluded with hospitality and bonding at the Foundation Resource Center. Alum **Vanessa Miller Kaigler ('83)** opened Saturday morning session with "The Effective Leader" an invigorating message and fun activity that required all to participate. The full-fill activity showed "its no secret" that it takes all of us working together as a team to LEAD and CHAMPION our chapters and association goals forward and upward. Training sessions focused on in-depth reviews of the association's Constitution and Bylaws, SSUNAA Handbook and Parliamentary Procedures. Sessions on Duties, Responsibilities and Commitment of chapter and national officers and committees were also presented and discussed. **SSU Vice President for Advancement Phillip Adams** shared updated info on SSU Tom Joyner Foundation School of the Month Campaign and the SSU Annual Fundraiser.



## 2018-2021 SSUNAA NATIONAL OFFICERS INSTALLED

**Congratulations to the newly elected SSUNAA officers and Thank You in advance for your willingness to serve the association.** Mrs. Dorothy B. Wilson('63) installed the 2018-2021 national alumni officers at the closing of the 2018 annual meeting. Officers installed are: **President Clyde Newton, Vice President Tony Wright Sr., Recording Secretary Cassandra Huntley, Corresponding Secretary Florine Baker, Financial Secretary Lisa Earls, Treasurer Harold Washington, Southern Region Vice President Birnell Hatcher and Western Region Vice President John Lang.** Appointments were made by President Newton to fill vacant positions.





## SSUNAA SUPPORTS SSU PRESIDENT'S GALA



Savannah State University's President's Gala was held April 7, 2018 at the Savannah Trade and Convention Center. SSUNAA and several alumni chapters sponsored

tables in support of the President's Gala. Gala Committee Chairmen Edna Jackson '68, former mayor of Savannah and Eric Johnson, former Georgia State Senator presented Dr. Dozier and Vice President Phillip Adams with a check for \$190,000, proceeds from the gala to support scholarship.

## SSU 192ND Commencement (May 4 and 5, 2018)



Savannah State University's (SSU) 192nd Commencement was held on Saturday, May 5, 9 a.m., Tiger Arena. Approximately 400 students graduated with associate, bachelor's and master's degrees during the ceremonies.

The undergraduate commencement speaker was **Marion Orr, Ph.D., '84**. A Savannah native, Orr is the Frederick Lippitt Professor of Public Policy and Professor of Political Science and Urban Studies at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Orr's research is in American urban politics, race and ethnic politics, and African-American politics. Orr has held a number of fellowships, including an appointment as research fellow at the Brookings Institution, a presidential fellowship from the University of California, Berkeley, and a fellowship from the Ford Foundation. Orr earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Savannah State, a master's degree in political science from Clark-Atlanta University and a doctorate in government and politics from the University of Maryland, College Park.

A master's degree hooding and ceremony was held Friday, May 4, 5 p.m., Student Union Ballroom, with speaker **Van Johnson '90**. Johnson serves as the alderman for District 1 on the Savannah City Council. Johnson also serves as the employee services and training manager for the Chatham County government. He has been involved in the Chatham County Youth Commission for more than 20 years, a local organization that helps young people become future civic leaders. Johnson earned his bachelor's degree in business administration at Savannah State, then his master's degree in public administration from both Savannah State and Georgia Southern universities.

## SSU Recognizing "Tiger Pride"



personally presented the Honorary Degree of Associate of Humane Letters to Alston during a brief ceremony on June 2.

Alston worked with the Bureau of Engraving, Department of Commerce and the Department of the Navy for 38 years. She is a life member of the National Alumni Association, and past board member of the SSU Foundation

Approximately eight decades after she attended college, Eloise Alston, 97, received an honorary degree from Savannah State University.

Alston is currently a resident of Candle Light Cove senior living community in Easton, Maryland. SSU President Cheryl Davenport Dozier

## 2018 PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION & PINNING CEREMONY



SSU President's Reception and Pinning Ceremony for the May graduation class was held May 2, 2018 in the SSU Student Union Ballroom. The pinning ceremony, conducted by President Clyde Newton, sets a standard of excellence to cultivate Love, Pride and Devotion for SSU and SSUNAA.

## "Tigers on the Move"

All alumni and friends are invited to travel on a road trip to Tallahassee, FL to support our Tiger Football team as they take on Florida A and M University.

## SSU Community Booster Club Football Game Bus Trip

**SSU Tigers vs FAMU Rattlers**

**Saturday, September 22, 2018**

**Tallahassee, FL**

**Bragg Memorial Stadium**

**Bus Loading Time: 7:30 a.m.**

**(Tiger Arena East Parking Lot)**

**Bus Departure Time: 8 a.m.**

**Game Time: 4 p.m.**

**Cost: \$85.00**

## SSU Welcomes Dr. Bernard Moses

SSU welcomes Dr. Bernard Moses to Savannah State University as Assistant Vice President of Institutional Research Planning and Assessment.

Dr. Moses comes to SSU from Voorhees College, Denmark South Carolina having served as a faculty member in the Division of Education, Humanities & Social Sciences, Director of QEP and SACSCOC Liaison at Voorhees College since 2011. He is also a former military officer in the United States Marines.

## School of Teacher Education NOW College of Education

SSU's School of Teacher Education (SOTE) is now the College of Education (COE). The reorganization was approved by the University System of Georgia (USG) in June. The change is in recognition of the expanded offerings from the college.

COE was also endorsed by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) to offer bachelor's degree in middle grades education (grades 4-8), with concentrations in language arts, mathematics, science or social studies.



# IT'S HOMEEEEEEECOMING!!!

## HOMECOMING 2018 - OCTOBER 25-28

Theme: "Uniquely SSU: Our Wakanda on the Marsh"

(Wear Your African Attire)

Reunion Celebration Year for Graduating Classes ending in 8's and 3's

50 Years Celebration – Class of 1968 • 25 Years Celebration – Class of 1993

Reunion class members, please contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (912)358-3051

**Classes are encouraged to reserve rooms at the hotel on Saturday night for Class Hospitalities.**

The 2018 Homecoming Alumni Honorees will be the "MILITARY". Alumni who are Retired or Presently Serving in the Military, "WE NEED YOU" to register, participate and support this year's homecoming. A float will be provided to showcase our honorees to the Savannah community. **Honorees are asked to contribute \$100 to SSU Scholarship fund.** Contributors will be recognized with inclusion in the Homecoming Souvenir Booklet. However, we encourage you to purchase a personal ad in the SSUNAA Homecoming Souvenir booklet. Ad costs: **\$100-full page; \$50 - 1/2 page, \$35 - 1/4 page. Add \$15 for color and \$25 for photo.** Ads are due by October 1, 2018. Make all checks payable to SSUNAA and mail to SSUNAA • PO Box 22843 • Savannah, GA 31403.

## SSU ALUMNI CHAPTER ACTIVITIES



Hill Hall: Erected 1901



The Greater Albany Area National Alumni Association  
2018 Biannual Scholarship Gala & Silent Auction

**SSU: Our Legacy Your Future**

1890-2018

July 27, 2018

The Kirkland Building  
Albany Technical College  
6:00 PM

Bethune Cookman College  
VS  
SAVANNAH STATE UNIVERSITY



THE ORIGINAL PARTY BUS  
RIDES AGAIN

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

SPONSORED BY THE



12:00pm Load Bus - Location (TBD)  
12:30pm Depart Macon  
3:00pm Approximate Arrival in Savannah  
3:15pm Meet-On Your Own @ Seafood Restaurant (TBD)  
5:00pm Depart for Savannah State University  
6:00pm Game Time  
9:30pm Depart Savannah  
12:00am Approximate arrival in Macon  
Thank you for supporting our SSU Scholarship Fundraiser  
Savannah State University

**MEAC  
SHOWDOWN**

Ted Wright Stadium  
@  
Savannah State

**\$75.00  
Per Person**

**Includes:  
Bus Ride  
Game Ticket  
Snacks**

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DEPOSIT TO PAY  
AUGUST 11, 2018  
TOTAL DUE  
SEPT 8, 2018

## SSUNAA DC CHAPTER

### DC METRO HBCU ALUMNI ALLIANCE 5K RUN/2K WALK

The 6th Annual HBCU 5K Run/ 2K Walk is vastly approaching. The event is scheduled for Saturday, June 30, 2018 at 8:00 am (Howard University). If you haven't already registered, and wish to do so, please sign up at 6th Annual HBCU 5K Run/2K Walk.

### END OF SUMMER COOKOUT OUTING/ MEMBERSHIP RECLAMATION DRIVE

This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, September 15th at Watkins Regional Park located at 301 Watkins Park Dr., Upper Marlboro, and MD20774. Time: 12:00 PM until 5:00 PM / Location # 11. If you are interested in supporting the Activities Committee for this event, please contact Cliff Wilborn at 703-489-5932/lcv47@aol.com. Thanks in advance for your support.



President Newton  
installs officers of the  
reactivated Charlotte,  
NC Chapter on June  
23rd in Charlotte.  
Lester Pearson ('01) is  
President.

## SSUNAA GO GREEN

The Alumni Anchor has been the National Alumni Association's biannual published newsletter and is currently mailed to active members of the association. To ensure that you receive information in a timely and consistent manner, SSUNAA will also distribute the newsletter in a digital format (click on ssunaa.org to view the latest newsletter). We will continue to mail the newsletter to the membership but will allow members to opt-out of receiving the physical publications. This will allow you to continue to enjoy reading the newsletter in the format that you feel most comfortable. If you desire to opt-out of receiving the physical publication, please email to let us know at ssunaa1949@aol.com

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***Elected Officers***

Clyde Newton  
*President*

Tony Wright, Sr.  
*Vice President*

Cassandra Huntley  
*Recording Secretary*

Florine Baker  
*Corresponding Secretary*

Harold N. Washington  
*Treasurer*

Lisa Earls, MBA  
*Financial Secretary*

Lonnie Denton  
*Chaplain*

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*Immediate Past President*

***Regional Vice Presidents***

Birmell Hatcher  
*Southern Region*

Clifford Wilburn  
*Eastern Region*

*Northern Region*

John E. Lang  
*Mid-Western Region*

*Western Region*

***Appointed***

Dr. Percy Mack, Jr., Ed.D  
*Executive Vice-President*

James O. Thomas, Jr.  
*Parliamentarian*

Willie J. Walker, Esq.  
*General Legal Advisor*

Dr. Clemontine Washington, Ed.D  
*Constitution & By-Laws*

Alvernia W. Jackson  
*Liaison/Facilitator*

**SSUNAA NEEDS YOUR MEMBERSHIP**  
**(Annual Membership period July 1 – June 30)**

**YOUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP IS DUE.** Membership to SSUNAA is opened to all graduates, former/transfer students and friends of SSU. Please recommit to support your university SSU, through active membership and service to SSUNAA.

**The Growth and Retention of Membership is key to SSUNAA support to SSU:**

online at [www.ssunaa.com/join/or](http://www.ssunaa.com/join/or) contact us at [ssunaa1949@aol.com](mailto:ssunaa1949@aol.com) or  
by mail at SSUNAA \* PO Box 22843 \* Savannah, GA. 31403.

Annual Membership - \$70

Standard Life Membership - \$1,000

Subscribing Life Membership (3 annual payments) \$ 375 \* \$325 \* \$300

Prestigious Life Membership - \$1,500

Diamond Life Membership - \$2,500

**A CALL FOR  
WORTHY  
ALUMS!!!**

**The SSUNAA AWARDS COMMITTEE** would like to honor worthy alumni who have supported the university/ alumni association/ their community with their time, energy and contribution. For awards criteria and applications, please contact Awards Committee Chair – Mary M. Clark [memclark@aol.com](mailto:memclark@aol.com), Chapter Presidents, or the SSUNAA website ([ssunaa.org](http://ssunaa.org))

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