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Nine 2024 Gadsden County High Graduates Receive a Total of \$25,000 in Scholarship Awards

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The Carter-Parramore High Alumni Scholarship Fund, Inc. awarded scholarships to nine graduates in the Gadsden County High School Class of 2024. The presentations were made on Tuesday, May 21st, during Class Night at the High School Gymnasium. Students who received the awards and the amount, as pictured above are (from L to R): [Ms. Marilyn G. Smith], Ja'Nyda N. Maynor (\$2500), Ayianna D. Murray (\$2500), Amarielle R. Lawson (\$2500), De'Asia M. Vickers (\$2500), Azharia S. Bascom (\$2500), Avalondria J. Sapp (\$5000), La'Niya Q. Colston (\$2500), Ervin J. Sailor (\$2500), and [James L. Milton]. Top Row: Dezmontae T. Bryant (\$2500) and [Franklin D. Hamilton]. Sapp received a STEM Scholarship set at \$5000. Each of the recipients will attend a 4-year university in the Fall. The university acceptance letter list includes Alabama A&M, Florida A&M, Florida Memorial, Florida State, New Haven, and North Carolina A & T University. Students chose their own college and major.

The Carter-Parramore High Alumni Scholarship Fund, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization registered in the State of Florida. Information about the organization is available on its website (www.carter-parramorescholarshipfund.com). The Board members worked diligently on this wide range of applicants to multiple universities and with Gadsden High School Counselor JaLia Randolph to process the applicants for scholarships. The second class of eight award recipients, made in 2023, has completed its first year of study at Alabama A & M, Bethune-Cookman, Florida A & M, and Florida State University.

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ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Dr. Hamilton serves as President of the Board, Ms. Smith serves as Treasurer, and Dr. Milton serves as past-Treasurer of the organization. Hamilton and Milton served as founding members of the organization in 2020. The photographic moment was captured by Dr. Tika Wiggins-Milton.

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Reunited and it Felt So Good! *CPH and NSHS 60th Class Reunion*



Reunion Coordinators:

Burl Peters (Left)

Mary Alice Banks McLeroy (Right)

Greetings from the members of the 60th Class Reunion of the 1964 Quincy Carter-Parramore High School (CPHS) Lions and the Havana Northside High School (NSHS) Gladiators. All activities were held in our hometown, Quincy, Florida, starting on Friday, May 17th and ending on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

Starting on Friday, May 17th, the waiting was finally over! Vivian Jackson Grant, the host for the opening session, greeted and welcomed all classmates to our Alma Mater: The mighty Carter-Parramore High School (currently the Carter-Parramore Academy) and Northside High School. This year's activities were very different because we had a genuine Reunion! For the first time in 60 years, the 1964 Carter-Parramore High School Lions celebrated with the Havana Northside High School Gladiators. (At one time, we all attended the same school, dear old Carter-Parramore High. The County moved from segregation to integration, and those who lived in the Eastern part of the County were transferred to Northside.) The efforts to arrange for this 60th Reunion took place with great preparation, participation and anticipation. The theme was: "Reunited: And it felt so good! CPHS AND NSHS 60th Class Reunion" Burl Peters delivered words that explained the exhilarating moments felt upon seeing classmates after 60 years of separation. Features had changed, but the love was still there. Many memories came back after singing the CPHS Alma Mater. The Blue and White colors mingled joyfully with the Gold and Brown colors. The evening was blessed with greetings from our Honorable Sheriff Morris Young. Also, the Lion's Den greetings came from our School Superintendent Elijah Key. Additionally, our beloved teacher Mrs. Inez Holt was in attendance, who spoke and received much love in memory of her dedication to this 1964 Class Reunion. Miss Betty Ponder sent a letter with greetings to all filled with prayers and blessings for a heartfelt wonderful reunion. Vivian Jackson Grant, Margaret Nelson, Charlie Shaw, James Simmons and Jasper Sailor shared class memories. The night ended with the re-acquaintance of all our classmates. We had an open microphone of course and enjoyed dancing and much laughter.

In the second session, Saturday, May 18th, a Memorial Service was held at Tanner Chapel AME Church, hosted by Vivian Jackson Grant. The Service opened with "We have come this far by Faith". We acknowledged the transition of 19 fellow classmates. One teacher, Florence Caldwell, also passed since our last reunion. The audience included classmates, relatives of deceased classmates and visitors. Greetings were received from both schools' class Presidents: Walter Campbell - CPHS and Nathaniel Andrews - NSHS. The Speaker was Marion Brown-Farmer (1964 Majorette - CPHS). She was introduced by Maurine Campbell Knight, her best friend (our 1964 CPHS Class Queen). We were all excited to see and hear Marion Brown speak. She provided us with many words of wisdom and represented dear old CP well. The highlight of the Memorial Service was the presence of Dr. Franklin Hamilton (the son of our own Principal Verdell Hamilton). He also represented one of our beloved deceased classmates, his brother Hollis Hamilton. He gave us greetings from the Hamilton Family and shared the fact that his father, Mr. Hamilton treated us, the classmates, just like he did his children. We all knew that Principal Hamilton was very thorough, prompt, punctual, tough and all about business. He loved all of his school children as if we were his own. He promoted education and welfare with a sternness that immediately made us salute, study and obey. In fact, he was the best Principal ever. Also, Dr. Hamilton updated us on the Carter Parramore High Alumni Scholarship Fund,

Inc. During the Memorial Service, relatives of deceased classmates were honored with memorial tributes, presentations, prayer and words of encouragement led by Carolyn Green Wallace. The relatives were allowed to respond afterwards. The Memorial Service ended with a Fellowship Brunch. We were all looking forward to more celebrations and fellowship to follow in the evening.

In the third session, May 18th, a banquet was held in the cafetorium of Carter-Parramore Academy. It was hosted by Maggie Knight-Brown, who offered greetings to all. We also received greetings from the Honorable Judge Cathy Garner. She represented Gadsden County and our City of Quincy, Florida. She reminded us not to get a citation while visiting our beautiful city. Maggie Knight-Brown kept the moments lively and notable with tidbits of CPHS/NSHS 1964 history. To name a few: The death of President John F. Kennedy; working in tobacco; missing classmates that went to Northside High School. Who was Who? Such as who was in the band; who was on the football team; who was on the basketball team; who were the cheerleaders; who courted whom; who married whom. Yes, we talked, we laughed, we danced. We just had a ball! The night ended with more laughter, dancing, eating and toasting. Oh! What a wonderful night it was!

The fourth and final session was held at the Carter Parramore Academy Cafetorium. It started at 5 pm and ended at 9. It was so hard to say goodbye to our dear CPH and NSH classmates. We will remember one another, even though we will be far, far away. In the words of Margaret Nelson who said, "Let's Do It Again;" Willie Jackson said, "It was well organized. We are ready for the next event." Jasper Sailor stated: "Man that was great! Let's start planning now!" Jenease Moore said: "Why did we wait so long?" Many other classmates stated they enjoyed the activities, admired the decorations and really, really loved the food at the banquet. Well, of course, the food was delicious! It was prepared by our own John Love. (Alvin Bell said it 3 times.) Burl Peters said, "We all felt young and special again." No wonder we were all able to dance the night away listening to the song "Twisting the Night away."

Finally, the 60th Class Reunited Reunion of the Class of 1964 ended with a toast of Love and Goodwill to all. It was unanimously voiced: Farewell - Until We Meet Again. We love you Dear Old CP/NS, we do! Many thanks to our Classmates for your input and contribution which made the 60th Class Reunion a success. Special thanks go to the 1964 Class Reunion Committee: Geraldine Wilson Evans, (Secretary), Bertha Walters, Vivian Jackson Grant, Charlie Shaw, Jasper Sailor, James Simmons, Patricia Brown Morris, Burl Peters and Margaret Nelson.

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