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A Child of Slaves Becomes College Founder and President



The Reverend Dr. Joseph Winthrop Holley, (April 3, 1874-July 15,1958) son of slaves, and one of eight children, was born in Winnsboro, SC. With the help of financial supporters, he attended Brainerd Institute in SC. Dr. Holley left SC and went to Phillips Academy in Boston, MA. While in MA Dr. Holley attended Revele Lay College and graduated in 1896. His determination to have a more thorough education led him to enter Andover where he was held in the highest esteem by faculty and students. In 1899, Dr. Holley entered Lincoln University in PA and undertook two courses of study simultaneously and graduated with top honors in 1900.

Remaining at Lincoln, he began his theological education, a course that usually took three years. Dr. Holley completed the course work in two years graduating with honors in 1902 at the age of 38. Dr. Holley was a great orator and Bible

student. While a student at Lincoln, Dr. Holley won first prize in a Bible contest, a \$20 gold piece.

In 1903, Dr. Holley founded and served as principal of the Bible and Manual Training Institute , now known as Albany State University, in Albany, GA. Dr. Holley served as president of the school from 1902 - 1943. Albany State University is thriving today and offers undergraduate and graduate courses.

Dr. Holley authored a book entitled *You Can'T Build a Chimney From The Top* in 1948 chronicling the events and the black conservative mind at that time in our history. The book synthesizes the philosophical and historical debate surrounding Booker T. Washington's accommodationist argument versus DuBois' confrontational view, reaching conclusion of critical importance today to black/white relationships. Dr. Holley's book can be found at or ordered from Barnes and Noble.

Special Note: As a child, I knew Dr. Holley . He was a dear friend of my parents and of Dr. Augustus Simeon Clark, his school mate from Lincoln University. Dr. Clark founded Gillespie-Selden Institute, our sister school in Cordele, GA.
The Editor

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African-American Quotes

The time is always right to do what is right.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

A quote to live by

"Speak without offense, listen without defense."

Anon

"Words from the Good Book"¹

"Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed."

Proverbs 16:3

The BANAA Board at Work



L-R: Barbara Williams, Winston Cook, Jerita Hall, and Roberle Pratt at the Mid-Term Board Meeting

Update on Our Fundraiser

Our annual fundraising initiative is underway and your participation is very important to its success. Raffle books have been distributed via the local chapters. For those who are not active in a chapter, please contact **Roberle Pratt at 877-270-4822 Fund Raising ext 4** for raffle books.

Advertising is one of the best ways to make others aware of who we are. It is through these fundraising efforts that we are able to maintain our web presence, newsletters and other materials necessary to promote the Boggs legacy.

Thanks for your participation and support.

The BANAA Board.

Well, What Do You Know?



Charles Lawson, class of 1967, turned out to be an artist extraordinaire! After pursuing his dream of graduating from college, Charles became a successful entrepreneur in Thomasville, GA, a place he still calls home. With his wife, Mattie supporting and encouraging him, Charles finds himself quite busy with the other love of his life - painting. This love of the fine arts was nurtured while at Boggs. Most of the students were involved in other disciplines of study, so Charles made full use of the art equipment and supplies. He especially loves oil paintings and derives great pleasure from sharing his art with seniors, children in the local schools, and many others throughout the community of Thomasville. Charles calls this sharing "ministry" and is pleased that those who look at his paintings see the Creator.



A portrait of President Barack Obama

Other paintings by Charles Lawson and an article about him can be found at the Boggs website.

There's A Budding Poet Is Among Us

CHANGE!

Who knew the caterpillar would become anew?
Who knew what the caterpillar would be going through?
Who knew that He who wrapped you in cocoon's tight knew who you would be on your maiden flight?
Pain in change?
Ask a butterfly.



Poem by **James Costen**, class of 1972



In Her Father's Footsteps

Evelyn Ellis, a Boggs graduate and daughter of the late **Reverend John Ellis**, former Principal at Boggs, was ordained and installed on Sunday, July 17 to serve as pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Waynesboro, GA. Evelyn is well known as a musician and leader in youth ministry. She is an active member of Belle Terrace Presbyterian Church in Augusta, GA.

There is always room in The Panther newsletter for an exciting story. Share yours with us.

An Unusual Occurrence in the Rural South

In Cordele, GA (founded in 1888) there was not one but two church supported schools a few blocks apart for the education of young Negro students at the beginning of the 1900s. One was our sister school, **Gillespie-Selden Institute** (Presbyterian, 1902-1956) and the other was **Holsey-Cobb Institute** (CME, 1902-1962). Both schools, like Boggs, had boarding and day students, and the hospital that served Negroes until 1953 as on the GSI campus. Close ties remain among graduates of both schools through reunions in Cordele. GSI and HCI graduates will celebrate their past and plan for the future in late July and early August 2011.

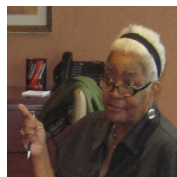
The Editor's Corner

There are currently **six BANAA** chapters around the USA. They are the: **Augusta Chapter**, the **Northeast Chapter**, the **Greater Atlanta Chapter**, the **San Antonio Chapter**, the **Florida Chapter**, and the **Regional Chapter**. Which one are you a member of? If one of these chapters is near you and you've not made the connection, please become a member so our chapters can be stronger. Tell us your story. What's happening with you and other Boggsites?

What have you done that's extraordinary? Where have you been that's exciting? Tell me so I can share with the BA family.

Send your information to: newsletter@boggsacademy.com

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African-American Trivia

Did you know that

After retiring from baseball, hall-of-famer **Jackie Robinson** helped establish the African-American owned and controlled Freedom Bank?

The first university owned and operated by African-Americans is **Wilberforce College**, in Wilberforce, Ohio?

Alexa Canady became the first female African-American neurosurgeon in the United States? She graduated from medical school in 1975.

In 1950, writer **Gwendolyn Brooks** was the first African-American to win the Pulitzer Prize in poetry for her collection, *Annie Allen*?

Norma Sklarek became the first licensed, black female architect in 1954, and remained the only African-American woman architect for 20 years?

BANAA Board and Chapter News

The San Antonio Chapter has been working diligently to make our 2011 Annual School Reunion a memorable one. They have a lot of fun activities and "take your breath away" opportunities in and around San Antonio planned for your enjoyment.

The Chapter must finalize their plans very quickly and need an accurate count of attendees especially for the Meet & Greet and the banquet. We know that alumni and their guests have indicated an interest in attending this reunion by responding "YES" on Face Book, yet registration has been slower than usual. This reunion cannot be a success without you.

Please join us October 6-9, 2011 in San Antonio. Pay your registration fees and make hotel reservations as soon as possible. This year's reunion promises to be one you will never forget. Hope to see you there.

Boggs Academy National Alumni Association Board

The Northeast Chapter (former New York Chapter)

Because of the summer months and schedules, weddings, graduations and vacations, the chapter will meet via teleconference in the month of July, and will return to an actual face to face meeting on Saturday, September 10th. In the meantime, please stay tuned to our Newsletter and Websites for additional information.

The officers are Bobby Murph, President, Serita Davis, Treasurer, Hazel Williams-Rollins, Parliamentarian, John Franklin, Secretary. The representatives to the Board of Directors from the Northeast Chapter are: Bobby Murph and Ali Rahman.

The Greater Atlanta Chapter of the Boggs Academy National

Alumni Association (BANAA) met Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at our national headquarters. We had a very productive meeting that centered around rebuilding our chapter, adopting a community service project, and ideas for local fundraisers. We are presently planning a major membership drive to increase our membership and active participation. We invite all metro Atlanta alumni and associates to come to our next chapter meeting on August 9, 2011 at our national headquarters office: 3330 Cumberland Boulevard, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30339 (Gross Collins Building). We meet the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM. We look forward to seeing you. For more information, please contact:

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The San Antonio Chapter is working to make sure you won't forget Texas. We want you to have a wonderful time at this reunion. Our theme is **Oldies But Goodies**. The class of 1961 will be celebrating their 50th anniversary. We challenge all of you to call your class and school mates and invite them to come because it will be like no other. *Be there or be square*. Don't let anyone have to tell you, "You should have been there". Come on class of "69" let's show them how it's done. Register Now!

Lennis Wyatt, Reporter

Some historically black colleges and universities in the USA:

Barber-Scotia College, Benedict College, Bennett College, Bethune-Cookman University, Bishop State Community College, Bluefield State College, and Bowie State University



Daisy Richardson (class of 1961 and the Recording Secretary of the Alumni Association) is recuperating from knee replacement surgery.

A Man for All Seasons

A man for all Seasons, a man of his word who believes and lives by the philosophy that a "man's word is his bond". These are descriptive phrases that were chosen to describe an outstanding Boggs Alumnus in the person of **Willie Lucious McCloud**, class of 1947. He comes from humble beginnings, one of seven children born to George, Sr. and Safornia McCloud. He and his family lived on Quaker Road approximately 5 miles from the Boggs campus. It was from the Paul Dye Place that his life's journey embarked on many rich experiences of adventure and high achievement. He enrolled in Fort Valley College in 1951 majoring in Agriculture. After graduation from college, Willie enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1951 and served two (2) years of exemplary service as a laboratory technician. Upon returning to Burke County after his stint in the armed service, Mr. McCloud began his teaching career on the Boggs campus and taught agriculture classes and civics for eight (8) years. In 1961, he left Boggs and continued to use his educational skills to shape and mould the lives of young men and women by serving as the principal of Girard Elementary School in Girard, GA and Palmer Elementary School in Keysville, GA. In preparation for these new leadership assignments, Willie enrolled in South Carolina State and completed the Master of Art degree in school administration. He also taught math and science classes at Blakeney Elementary and at the Middle school. He retired from the Burke County School System in 1988 after teaching 35 years. Our honoree is involved with a variety of civic organizations including his church membership. He was ordained a deacon by the John I. Blackburn Presbyterian Church, Keysville, GA and ordained an elder by the Westminster Presbyterian Church USA in Waynesboro, GA where he sings in the sanctuary choir and is active in all phases of the life of the church. Willie still can find the time to give back to the community through his involvement in several civic organizations. He is a member of the Waynesboro Optimist Club, a member of the Boggs Academy National Alumni Association, a member of the Augusta Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and a charter member of the Boggs Community Development Corporation (BCDC), the organization founded by the late Mrs. Lela Wright Stone that spear-headed the return of the Boggs property to community ownership. He was also elected executive director of the Waynesboro/Burke County Human Relations Commission and appointed to the Board of Directors of the Georgia Legal Services. After immersing himself in community and church activities, Willie was still able to find some time every year to tend a beautiful vegetable garden. Lately, he found that he was in competition with the community "helpers" and the wildlife (deer) that were eating his crop before he could harvest the vegetables for himself. He rationalized that "they needed the vegetables more than he did". Truly, Willie McCloud is a man for ALL seasons.

Allene Bessent Reed, class of 1957



To all Boggsites born in July and August. May you be blessed with good health which is your wealth.

More About Lincoln University, Lincoln, PA

During the first one hundred years of its existence, Lincoln graduated approximately 20% of the Black physicians and more than 10% of the Black attorneys in the USA. Its alumni have headed over 35 college and universities and countless prominent churches of various denominations. Ten percent of its alumni have served as mission chiefs or US ambassadors. Many are now federal, state and municipal judges and several are or have served as city managers or mayors.

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