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Highlighting Members of the Boggs Family

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I would like you to meet someone who is...

A proud alumnus of Boggs Academy. Joined the military and served seven years. Graduated from Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA in 1966 and received a Juris Doctor from Howard University, Washington, DC in 1969. Was the Reginald Heber Smith Community Law Fellow and worked for the San Francisco Legal Assistance Foundation.

Worked in private practice in Corporate, Real Estate, Probate and Estate Planning. Became a Real Estate Broker

and was a founding partner in a development and property management company that developed, constructed and/or managed over 1,200 single and multi-family houses in California. Now semi-retired and resides in Oakland, California. A divorced father of five and proud grandfather of eight. Hobbies include hiking, fishing, sightseeing, traveling and visiting historical sites, listening to audio books, and discussing current and historical events.

Don't know who it is yet? Go ahead and sneak a peak on page three.

Reunion Reminder

Atlanta, Georgia
October 8-10, 2010
Special Saturday
Evening Banquet

Embassy Galleria Hotel

Room rates
\$79 Single Bed Suite
\$99 2 Bed Suite

Register online at
www.boggsacademy.com

Music at Banquet by our
very own alumnus

Baatin—Class of 72

**For any additional info
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Mexico Cruise 2009

“Words from a Good Book”

**“May God be gracious to us
and bless us and make His
face to shine upon us...”**

Psalms 67:1

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Boggs Alumni Cruise to
Mexico October, 2009



Alonzo W. Smith

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Alonzo William Smith Sr. affectionately known as Smitty, recently retired from his position with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control after twenty nine years of service. He has served as the State Director of EMS & Trauma for the last ten years and made significant contributions in the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) profession. He was recently recognized by the

South Carolina EMS Association for his leadership and contributions being appointed a lifetime honorary member. Additionally, he was recognized by the National Registry of EMTs for his leadership and continued contributions on a state and national level. He has extensive experience in all phases of EMS.

Alonzo hails from Charleston, SC. He graduated from Boggs Academy and Knoxville College. He

holds the distinction of being a Nationally Registered Paramedic for over twenty consecutive years. He is married to the former Josselyn F. Williams, also a Boggs alumnus and has two sons, Alonzo Jr. (Tiffany) Tore & Ashley of McDonough, Georgia and Daniel (Maya) Amaya & Daniel Jr. of Stone Mountain, Georgia.

Alonzo will be taking a more active role in the alumni association.

“You have the right to criticize only if you have the ability and willingness to work toward a better solution”

Franklin

Who founded Boggs Academy?

As we look for our roots, often-times we come to places where the roots just seem to stop growing. That’s often the way it looks when searching for historical records on some of the schools usually founded by ministers, funded by wealthy families from the North, and supported by different denominations. These schools were to provide education for, in this case, African American children in the rural South. One of those schools was Boggs Academy supported by the Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

The Reverend Dr. John Lawrence Phelps’ life began December 8, 1866 and ended November 15, 1937. He married Miss Mary Price, a teacher at Haines Institute in Augusta, GA. He was a graduate of Paine College in Augusta, Georgia and Biddle University in North Carolina. *Biddle University became the first black college in the south to offer professional courses in education in a four-year college program.* Reverend Phelps, as he was fondly called, was well respected and held several college degrees.

He was a man with a vision inspired by God. Prepared and ready to preach and teach, Reverend Phelps answered a call to Keysville, GA, where he was charged to establish a church and school. I am sure that the road was not easy but Reverend Phelps pushed on and became the Founder and First Principal of Boggs Academy.

Thank you Reverend Phelps for paving the way for us... the recipients of your great legacy!

WestCare - Boggs Academy Campus - Keysville, Georgia

Servant Leader Joins West-Care Georgia’s Management Team

By Margie Waters
WestCare Georgia

WestCare Georgia is pleased to announce that **Sydney White**, a visionary leader with a deep compassion and heart for serving youth, has joined The WestCare family as Director of our 16 bed intensive drug treatment program for

adolescent males, located on the historic Boggs campus in Keysville, Georgia.

Sydney is a Florida Native. She has a Master of Science in Management from Saint Thomas University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminology from Florida State University. She comes to WestCare Georgia from the Maryland Department of Juvenile Services where she

served as the Assistant Director for the Office of Quality Assurance & Accountability-Program Evaluation Unit.

Sydney is committed to creating and maintaining a high performance environment at Boggs, which will be characterized by positive leadership and a strong team orientation through quality assurance and continuous improvement. “We Welcome Sydney White”



Our own Roberle Pratt with Florida Governor Charlie Crist

The Lady from the Midwest

Meet CAROLYN SCOTT, one of our new members

One of our newest Associate Members, Carolyn Scott of Detroit, MI, joined the Boggs Academy National Alumni Association, Inc. at our Mid-term Board of Directors conference during the month of June in Atlanta, Georgia. Referred by Roberle Pratt, Carolyn has taken flight and is already a major contributor helping to distribute and sell our raffle tickets. She chose to work with the Fundraising Committee and is one of the top salespersons. How did she do this? She called every one

who is an alumnus in Michigan: Thomas Lewis (Detroit), Connie Stinson and Dr. Harold Stinson (Grand Rapids), and Howard Worthy, III (Romulus). When asked, "How did you get so involved so quickly with the Boggs family?" her reply was simple. "When introduced to members of the alumni in Atlanta, I found them to be very sincere, dedicated and hard workers, and I knew at that point that I wanted to be around people like that. I especially wanted to be helpful in perpetuating the name Boggs Academy and all it stood for."

Thank you Carolyn.



Carolyn Scott
Associate Member
Detroit, MI

On the mend...

Continued healing and good wishes go to:

Connie Stinson—1946

John Harvey—1957

James Rouse—1962

Lennis Wyatt—1969

Our prescription for you:

Laugh! Love! Live!

Holding Up the Macon Street Banner

Who is BOBBY MURPH?

Hershey (Bobby) Murph, not exactly a household name, but one that has become very familiar with the Boggs Alumni family through the years, is a man worth knowing. Bobby did not attend Boggs during the good old 50's when most of us from the famed Macon Street, in Brooklyn, New York did or during any other decade. He chose to attend the famed Boys High School in the heart of Bed-Sty Brooklyn where he was hoping to

land a scholarship in one of his favorite sports, as a sprinter in track and field or a pitcher in baseball. Neither of these goals was achieved, but he did leave some very impressive stats in the record books.

During the late 50's and 60's the New York Boggs Alumni Chapter, led by Mr. Fred Ziegler, was very strong and raised a lot of money. The chapter sponsored a dance annually known as the Boggs Alumni Dance and every year Bobby was there having sold twenty tickets for two tables.

Bobby is still a very strong supporter of the Boggs Alumni Association. As a lifelong friend and a fellow supporter of BANAA. I say to him, on behalf of our entire Boggs Family, "Thank you for all your help and support." John Franklin



Bobby Murph
Associate Member
Brooklyn, NY

The Editor's Corner

I am looking for persons interested in contributing newsworthy articles for use in The Boggs Panther. I would like information about what's going on in our five alumni chapters as well as information about the impact that Boggs Academy had on the lives of those who attended during the "good ole days."

I can't promise you when your article will be published, but I will do my best to use the

information you send. Please know that your information may be edited prior to being published. Pictures are welcomed.

To keep the newsletter current and interesting, I am always looking for "new" news about Boggs Academy, so start sending the news and keep it coming. Send your information to: newsletter@boggsacademy.com

Oweta Johnson-Hegeman

Here's the answer to Who is it?

It's Sammie L. Dukes, Esquire.

Sammie is the newly elected president of BANAA. He and the Board of BANAA and all of its Chapters are working hard to make the Alumni Association the best ever. They can't do it alone. They need your help, encouragement, support and positive ideas.

We all remember what Boggs meant to us. The only way we can make the school we knew live again is to work together to make the legacy one that is worthy of the name..."Boggs Academy."

Who will it be the next time?

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