

Raleigh-Wake Chapter of the WSSU National Alumni Association, PO Box 24826, Raleigh NC 27611-4826

## CHAPTER NEWS & INFORMATION

### 2015 Alumni Softball Tournament Survey

If you attended the 2015 HBCU Alumni Softball Tournament, please take the short online survey by clicking on the link below. The results will be reviewed by the planning committee to make changes for future tournaments.

[2015 Softball Tournament Survey](#)

## WSSU NEWS & INFORMATION

### WSSU Receives \$2.3 Million Grant to Support Research Initiative

Winston-Salem State University has been awarded a five-year grant totaling \$2.3 million from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to better prepare undergraduate students in the biomedical and bio-behavioral sciences to compete for graduate programs leading to Ph.D., medical degrees or a combination of a Ph.D. and medical degree.



“The WSSU Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE) program is centered on a four-stage training model that aims to increase the pool of underrepresented students who gain admission into graduate and professional programs by developing an educational pipeline from

lower to upperclass levels,” said Dr. Azeez Aileru,

the director of WSSU’s Biomedical Research Infrastructure Center and the principal investigator of this award. “The RISE program along with MARC U\*STAR, a program that focuses on maximizing access to research careers for undergraduate students, provides our faculty the opportunity to contribute to the knowledge base of WSSU students in the STEM fields.”

RISE provides support for academic success and career exploration, as well as training in critical thinking, problem solving, test-taking and engagement in independent research. The WSSU program was established in 2009 with a grant of \$500,000 from NIH. The program has grown since then and works with students from the second semester of their freshman year to graduation.

Chancellor Elwood L. Robinson was delighted with the additional funding for the program and understands the potential RISE can have for students.

“In previous positions, I served as director of a MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) program for 11 years,” Robinson explained. “With the support provided through mentored hands-on research activities and exposure to career opportunities, I saw 80 percent of the students receiving this extra attention enter graduate school and 40 percent of them achieved doctoral degrees. I know that this funding to continue the RISE program at WSSU along with WSSU’s own MARC program will have a positive impact on the students participating in these programs and increase the number of underrepresented graduates in these scientific fields.”

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### McCrorry Promotes New Science Building at WSSU as Part of Bond Proposals

Gov. Pat McCrory promoted a proposed \$53.9 million science building at Winston-Salem State University during his visit to campus Thursday as part of a pitch for a statewide vote on his \$2.85 billion package.

McCrory was joined by Transportation Secretary Tony Tata and State Budget Director Lee Roberts as they talked about McCrory's two bond proposals in Connect N.C., which would be more than \$1 billion each. More than 130 people attended the event at the Reaves Student Activity Center.

"Winston-Salem State University needs an updated science building to prepare students for the 21st century," McCrory said. "WSSU is extremely important not only to Winston-Salem, but also to the entire state."

The science building would be 123,000 square feet and would have laboratories, classrooms and office space for programs in biology, chemistry, physics and the health sciences, the university said.

Chancellor Elwood Robinson said the new science building is needed, although the existing Atkinson Science Building is good shape.

"But we need additional space," Robinson said. "It (the new science building) is very important for what we do here at Winston-Salem State."

In recent weeks, McCrory has traveled the state promoting the bond proposals. One package would provide \$500 million for UNC system, \$200 million for the state's community colleges, \$200 million for state parks and historic sites, and \$90 million for N.C. National Guard.

The other bond package would provide \$1.4 billion for road projects throughout North Carolina.

He is pushing the N.C. General Assembly to put the measures on the ballot in November. If the packages pass, the state would borrow up to \$2.85 billion to pay for the improvements.

During his remarks Thursday, McCrory encouraged people who support the bonds to contact their legislators.

"Legislators are not hearing from you, people from outside the beltline, about the importance of these bonds," McCrory told the audience. "They got to hear from you. You cannot sit on your hands."

The Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce this week endorsed the governor's bond proposals, approving a resolution that calls for placing the Connect NC bond package on the November ballot. The chamber resolution calls road and transportation funding "woefully inadequate" to meet current and future demands.

Roberts said that no tax increase would be needed to pay for the bonds, and the state could borrow the bond money without affecting its AAA credit rating.

McCrory acknowledged that Republican legislators in Raleigh have mixed views about the bonds. Some legislators don't believe that state should borrow any money, he said.

Other legislators want more money for the UNC system, and some community college officials want as much money as the university system would receive, McCrory said.

However, McCrory said that bonds are needed to meet the needs of a growing state population.

"The needs aren't going away," McCrory said. "It's like fixing a bad roof. The longer you wait to fix it, the more expensive it will be."

(Winston-Salem Journal, June 11, 2015)

## WSSU SPORTS NEWS & INFORMATION

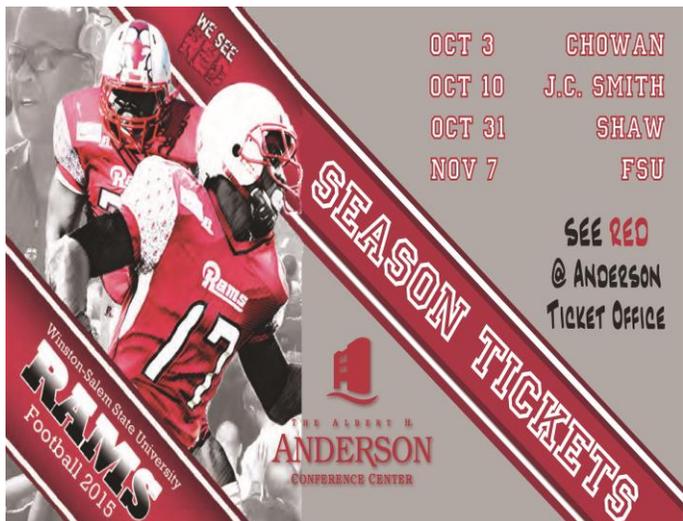


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### WSSU Athletics Summer Camps and Clinics

[Camps and Clinics Registration](#)

## WSSU ALUMNI NEWS & INFORMATION

### Bus to the WSSU vs Tuskegee Football Game in Tuskegee, Alabama



### Trip Specifics

Game Date and Time:  
Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 2:00 PM

Departing from: Walmart, 1525 Glenn School Road, Durham NC 27704  
Friday, September 18 at 12:00 Noon  
(Arrive promptly by 11:00 AM to assemble for departure at noon)

Return: Leave hotel at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, September 20, 2015  
Arrive back in Durham at approximately 8:00 PM

A non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 is due by July 31 to secure your place on the bus. This fee does NOT include the game ticket. The fee does include gratuity for the driver, snacks, and beverages for the entire trip. Please send payments to:

**Patricia Wynn**  
**707 Glade Aster Drive**  
**Durham NC 27704.**

Accommodations are at the Wingate by Wyndham in Lagrange, Ga. Individuals must make reservation for WSSU ALUMNI BLOCKED ROOMS directly to the hotel by calling **866-416-0401** on or before August 28, 2015. Rooms will be released to the general public if reservations are not made by the deadline. The blocks of rooms are for two night accommodations, which included free breakfast.

Room rates are \$69.00 per night plus 15% tax. Rooms include a King or two queen beds. Request your room type when you make reservations. Only 56 seats are available on the bus, so book early!

If you have questions, please contact me by e-mail or phone listed below.

Thanks,  
Patricia Wynn  
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WSSU Class of '80 Pre-Reunion  
Cook-Out

June 20, 2015

Begins at 12 noon  
Reynolds Park  
Shelter #1

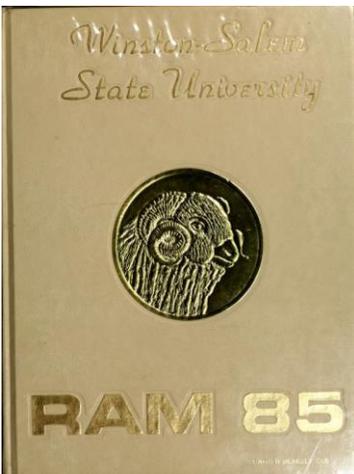
2450 Reynolds Park Road  
Winston-Salem, NC 27107

Food, Fun, Fellowship

For further information please contact  
Craig Umstead at  
craigumst1@yahoo.com or simply by  
calling (910) 332-8577  
ASAP!!!

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2015 Reunion for WSSU Entering Class  
of 1981



The 2015 Reunion for the WSSU Entering Class of 1981 is in the planning stages. For those of you who are participating in the planned events for Homecoming 2015, please remit to me in a money order or cashier's check \$25

before June 29<sup>th</sup>. If you are in close proximity to me in the Charlotte area, I will accept cash. This initial \$25 is to secure the venue for our Friday night event.

Also, this will not be the end of the giving for this event. Once we get that firm count based on who pays, I will be asking for the next part which will be the final cost to cover the venue balance and a nice gift to the school on behalf of the CLASS of 1985.

I look forward to hearing from you all. Please pass this information to our classmates who I don't have email addresses for.

My address is **Jackie Gary**  
**3010 Semmes Lane**  
**Indian Trail, NC 28079**

My cell is 704-277-8751 home 704-698-2555

HOME COMING IS OCT 30-Nov 1 make your hotel reservations ASAP.

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Hello members of the Class of 1975. In case you did not know..... our class reunion is being planned right under your noses.

**Facebook Page:** WSSU Class of 1975 - All the information is there.

**Conference Calls:** Yes there have been 3 so far. Contact Joyce Leake ([jla71@hotmail.com](mailto:jla71@hotmail.com)) if you would like to listen in.

**Information:** We are looking for all kinds of information. Many have not updated their information since graduation. We are in pursuit of 100% contact. So make sure all your Class of 1975 are a least getting the information.

**Memorials - Fallen Rams:** We are trying not to miss anyone. I can email the list or you can contact Fred Whitted at [blackheritagereview@yahoo.com](mailto:blackheritagereview@yahoo.com)

or Michelle Blackwell at  
([shallbee376@hotmail.com](mailto:shallbee376@hotmail.com)).

**Money:** Almost Forgot; our goal is to give the school a check for \$40K. Ollie B has spelled this out and I will forward next. But basically go to School donations website and specify it is for the Class of 1975.

**Athletics:** The Athletic Director want to recognize the members of WSSU's first basketball team (1974). We know; Believe it or not I was on the team. Don't laugh. Coach was Eddie Gregg and Assistant Coach Raymond Cobb; team members were Mary Holden, Maurice Murphy, Phyllis Fink, and others Terrie Ward, Joli Robinson, Fredda Caldwell, Olinda Tillman. I attached a picture.

**One other item;** not sure how many of you know that WSSU has archives in O'Kelly Library. Thought it would be great to collect as many pictures of our class as we can find. Also we are designing a format to collect our life history. This would be a great tool to show how we have impacted society. Fred Whitted has volunteered to compile information and Ritchie Graham Carroll is designing the format. Some of us are long winded. Lol. And spill the beans on our off springs as well.

If I forgot anything, don't be shy... let me know so we can get it right. I will send out a list of people we have not been able to contact.

And thanks to Ollie Ballard and Sandra Lawrence for spear heading the Reunion.

The WSSU Town Cryer  
- Shirley Wright

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## COMMUNITY NEWS & OTHER INFORMATION

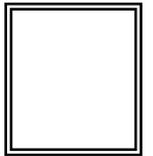
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"Linked together in unity. Serving together with purpose."

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