



# Mather Alumni

National Alumni Association

## From Our President



Jeronell White Bradley ('65)

BHMA has alumni living throughout the world, working in a vast array of professions and many who have retired. As the newly elected president of the BHMA National Alumni Association, I feel that "Now is our time", using the theme from the 2012 BHMA reunion, for we must light the path for those who are following us.

Our alumni are a wealth of human resources that must be utilized, maximally. We must continue to be torch-bearers by leading the way and lighting the path for others.

An opportunity to be an encouragement for others as we strengthen ourselves has already been ignited. In 2010 at our annual reunion, we pledged to raise \$20,000 to start an endowment fund at Claflin University in Orangeburg, SC.

At our school's reunion in 2012, representatives from Claflin announced that we had reached our goal. The membership then voted to raise an additional \$15,000 so that we could begin awarding the BHMA Scholarship in 2014. This is one of challenges/goals for the next two years. The other is to grow our membership as we increase the level of involvement and commitment among those of us who are currently active.

As we continue our ignition during the next two

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## 2012 Reunion Highlights

### Alumni reach \$20K scholarship goal

*Set new \$15,000 goal to increase awards and help more students*

A last-minute push and that "ole Eagle spirit" helped Mather alumni reach our \$20,000 baseline goal to begin endowing a scholarship at Claflin University!

Matherites bought raffle tickets at registration, the business meeting, and the banquet during the BHMA National Alumni Association 2012 "National Reunion" August 2-5 in Concord (Charlotte), NC.

The 11th-hour effort helped close an \$800 gap that existed as the reunion began. A nearly \$9,000 CD was transferred to the fund earlier this year to bring the total to around \$19,000.

A big thank-you to those who contributed during the past two years. But we're just getting started!



Raffle helped put it over the top!

Alumni set a new goal of raising an additional \$15,000, which would increase the endowment to \$35,000 (see President's message at left).

The larger the endowment, the greater the scholarships awarded, and the more students who can be helped.

Claflin will invest the endowment, and eventually begin awarding scholarships from the interest that is earned.

The "BHMA Alumni Memorial Scholarship" will benefit students majoring in Education at Claflin, located in Orangeburg, SC.

To donate, mail the enclosed donor form or download it at [www.MatherNAA.org](http://www.MatherNAA.org). ■

**Next Reunion:  
Tidewater, VA  
Area  
July 31 to  
August 3,  
2014**

## 2012-2014 National Alumni Board takes office



Mecklenburg (NC) District Judge Karen Eady-Williams (at podium) administers the 2012-2014 oath to (l-r): President **Jeronell White Bradley** ('65), 2nd Vice President **Eloise Moore-Bishop** ('65), Recording Secretary **Lynne Thomas** ('74) Corresponding Secretary **Antoinette White Toney** ('74), Treasurer **Knorphe Byrd** ('73), Assistant Treasurer **Robynn Pearson** ('75), Executive Secretary **Daphne Smith Graves** ('65), Chaplain **Hester Moye** ('48), and Parliamentarian **Charlie S. Dannelly** ('44). Not shown is 1st VP **Maria Major** ('56). ■

# 2012 Reunion Photos – Charlotte, NC *(See more at [www.MatherNAA.org](http://www.MatherNAA.org))*

## DINNER CRUISE



Boat ride on Lake Norman



Boat ride on Lake Norman



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## HOSPITALITY ROOM



Reminiscing



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## BUSINESS MEETING



It's Norfolk in 2014!



Archived photos on display for ID's



In memoriam

## BANQUET



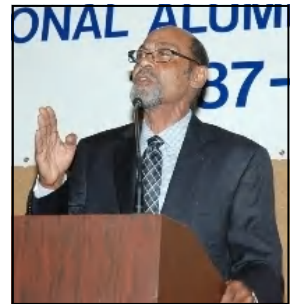
Enjoying the festivities



E. M. Carter ('34) honored



Enjoying the festivities



Dr. Graham Watt



L. Patterson (ex-'69)



Enjoying the festivities



Dancing the night away



Reginald Washington ('65)

## From Our President *(continued from front)*

years, I invite each BHMA alumna to become more involved in your own way so that the BHMA flame will glow brighter.

Let us connect with each other! This can be done with other BHMA alumni at [www.MatherNAA.org](http://www.MatherNAA.org) or via

social media - Myspace, Facebook, Classmates.com, Twitter, or e-mail, Wikipedia, and lastly, "snail mail". Share your BHMA memories and, most importantly, connect with us by contributing to the BHMA Clafin Endowment.

Please begin to make your plans now to join us at the 2014 school reunion in the Tidewater area of Virginia. We need **YOUR** involvement so that we can continue to help make the path brighter for others. ■