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Boylan-Haven-Mather Academy

# Mather Alumni

National Alumni Association

## From Our President



Jeronell White Bradley ('65)

Greetings Matherites! It is with great pride and humility that I am honored to serve my beloved alma mater as the president of the National Alumni Association.

The planning committee is preparing to meet you in Portsmouth, VA for our biennial reunion.

The theme "Paying It Forward" is very appropriate, because graduates, former students, teachers and friends of Mather are concerned about the perpetual memory of our school.

Exciting things are happening that will ensure that our legacy will endure. Be a part of the next leg of the journey in this important endeavor.

Join us in July-August. I hope each one of you will plan to attend and bring a new member to the Reunion. A number of events are planned to help us reconnect with one another and to re-engage with Mather – a place we love so much.

See you all in Portsmouth! ■

## "PAYING IT FORWARD"

# 2014 Reunion 'port of call': Portsmouth

Thursday, July 31 – Sunday, August 3, 2014



Enjoy the nautical attractions and other sights while reconnecting with former schoolmates at the BHMA National Alumni Association's **2014 National Reunion** in Portsmouth, VA.

Be there **July 31-Aug. 3 (Thursday-Sunday)** at the Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterside Hotel, across from Norfolk.

Class years in official reunion are the "3's": 1943, 1953, 1963, 1973 and 1983. Yours can "re-une" too, no matter when you graduated or attended.

The Reunion theme, "Paying It Forward," addresses the ongoing need for us to help secure future students' education

### DEADLINES

(See brochure for details)

#### Hotel:

**Before June 30**

(Contact hotel directly)

#### Reunion Registration:

**June 27**

(Send to BHMA Alumni Treasurer Knorphe Byrd, P.O. Box 15303, Quinby, SC 29506)

#### Dinner Cruises:

**May 1 for both**

(See below and brochure)

by strengthening the endowment of the "Boylan Haven Mather Academy Alumni Memorial Scholarship" at Claflin University.

We've reached the baseline amount, but more is needed to ensure substantial and sustained funding of scholarships.

See more information in the Reunion brochure and on the back of this newsletter, which lists donors. A scholarship update session will be held prior to the alumni business meeting on Saturday.

There's a lot for families to do in Portsmouth, which is a short ferry ride from Norfolk and Newport News. It's also a proverbial "hop, skip and jump" to Virginia Beach and Colonial Williamsburg.

Read details in the brochure and send Registration fees and the form (on page 10) to our Treasurer. Contact the hotel to reserve rooms, and join us! ■

### HIGHLIGHTS

(See brochure for details)

**Thurs., July 31** – Dinner Cruise, by Class of 1974

**Fri., Aug. 1** – Luncheon Cruise, by BHMA-NAA

**Sat., Aug. 2** – Scholarship Update, Alumni Meeting, Banquet

**Thurs.-Sat.** – Hospitality Suite, "Hey, long-time-no-see's!"

AT EXTRA COST

## Two Cruises: NAA and Class of '74

**Fri., Aug. 1**

**BHMA-NAA Luncheon Cruise**

(See brochure order form)

**Thurs., July 31**

**Class of 1974 Dinner Cruise**

(Email Lynne Thomas at [lynne.thomas@verizon.net](mailto:lynne.thomas@verizon.net))



The Spirit of Norfolk

## Mather alumni, Claflin president celebrate BHMA scholarship

Mather alumni met at Claflin with University President **Henry N. Tisdale** in September 2013 to commemorate the establishment of the “Boylan Haven Mather Academy Alumni Memorial Scholarship” for Education majors at the Orangeburg, SC school.

BHMA alumni and other supporters raised an **initial \$22,970.89 endowment** during a two-year campaign. Nearly \$10,000 came from the transfer of the NAA’s longtime CD.

Before posing with the mock oversized representative check, attendees took turns sharing their lives, Mather’s meaning, and the importance of the legacy scholarship. ■



Seated (from left): **Geneva Belton Williams ('40)**; Claflin University President **Henry N. Tisdale**; BHMA Alumni National Association President **Jeronell White Bradley ('65)**; **Cora Jenkins, widow of Sylvester Jenkins ('49)**; and **Edwina Williams ('67)**. Standing (from left): **William Durant ('66)**, **Henrietta Carter Pope ('45)**, **Dr. Eloise Bishop ('65)**, **Delmarcia Jenkins Mitchell ('75)**, and BHMA Alumni Treasurer **Knorphe Byrd ('73)**. The fundraising campaign is ongoing to increase the endowment so that more students can benefit. Send donations in the scholarship’s name to Claflin only. [Photo by Cecil Williams/Claflin University]

## Thank you, BHMA-Memorial-Scholarship-At-Claflin donors!

The number of persons contributing to the “Boylan Haven Mather Academy Alumni Memorial Scholarship” at Claflin University continues to grow.



Here’s a list of donors as of February 2014. If you have contributed and your name is not listed, please contact Claflin at the address in the box below to ensure your donation gets credited to the Mather scholarship endowment.

An updated, Mather-scholarship-only donation form is on our website ( [www.mathernaa.org](http://www.mathernaa.org) ) and included with this newsletter/Reunion information mailing.

**Eloise Bishop**

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