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**Message from the President**

I hope you had a great summer! Time passes by really fast when you are having fun! I have been your president for two years and happy that I can help carry on the memory and legacy of our beloved high school. I would like to thank you for your continued support of the Alumni and Civic League. Because of you, the Annual Fun Day (formerly called picnic) was a success. The committee (Lanette R. Harris, Clarence Williams, Harvey L. Branch, Bea Brito-Mayo, Susan S. Hawkes and Stanley Marshall) worked tirelessly to ensure that the day was memorable and enjoyable for everyone. Special thanks to the planning and setup committees. Classmates traveled from near and far to meet and greet their friends, renew friendships and catch up on life's stories. There were several couples who attended that had been married over 50 years. It was truly amazing to know individuals who reached that milestone. It was a wonderful feeling to see the smiling faces and members engaged in conversations. Everyone had a good time!

Now on to the next mission, our school-wide reunion which will be held on July 16, 17, 18, 2010. More information is forthcoming! Let's make this the most memorable and enjoyable reunion ever!!!! May God Bless You, Sandra

*Class of 1959 Celebrating 50th Year*

The Luther H. Foster High School class of 1959 will have celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Year-Class Reunion by the time you received your newsletter. It was held on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at the Nottoway Civic League.

“Meeting and greeting” was the main focus on Saturday morning followed by a dinner and program Saturday night. The ‘59’ers looked forward to a day of fun and fellowship, reminiscing about the “good old days”.

Picture of the L.H. Foster H.S. Class of 1959 taken at the School-wide Reunion July 2007 at the Holiday Inn, Richmond VA



Front row: L-R, Evelyn Oliver Bolling, Eunice Taylor Lee, Selma Williams Trower, Deloris Fowlkes Hurte, William Tucker, Bernard Fitzgerald, Sallie Berniece Ligon Rich, James Fitzgerald, Alphonsia Downs, Lillie Ann Jones Lewis

From Sallie Rich

## Four \$500 Scholarships Awarded

Your financial support continues to provide students an opportunity to attend a college/university. On May 29, 2009, the following honor students were awarded \$500 scholarships: Alexis Cousin (Salutatorian), Virginia Commonwealth University, daughter of Aubrey and Andrienne Cousin; LaCara Hawkes, Virginia State University, daughter of Carl and Evelyn Hawkes; Evonne Robertson, Johnson and Wales University, daughter of Elston Robertson & Dale Jennings; Jannell Terry, Hampton University, daughter of Larry and Jacqueline Terry.



*Alexis Cousin*



*LaCara Hawkes*



*Evonne Robertson*



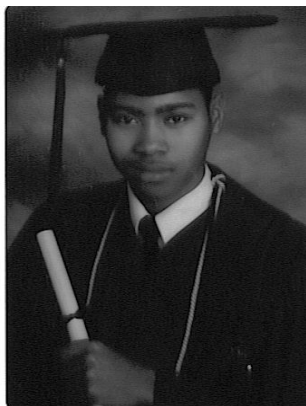
*Jannell Terry*

## Three \$500 Katherine J. Miller Scholarships Awarded

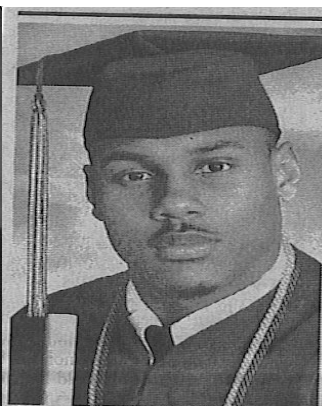
Rodney Miller continues to keep his mother's memory alive by sending in a donation of \$1,000 to award scholarships to deserving students. The following honor students were awarded \$500 Scholarships: Sabrina Espada, James Madison University, daughter of Ralph and Lucille Branch; Christopher Hobbs, Jr., Southside Virginia Community College, son of Mary Hobbs; and Steven Harris, Ferrum College, son of Thomas and Doris Harris.



*Sabrina Espada*



*Christopher Hobbs*



*Steven Harris*

## Community News!

### Class of 1962 Sends "Get Well Wishes"

*Elizabeth Crawley*

*Joseph Trent, husband of Verely Gaffney Trent*

*Ann Wilson Putney and her husband LeRoy*

*Also, we are very pleased that Edith Hill Smith has recuperated and is doing well, and Carolyn Jefferson Beverly is back to good health. We pray that all of our classmates are doing well. "God is Good!"*

*Maude Lee, Coordinator*

### 100th Anniversary of the NAACP

*The 100th Anniversary of the NAACP will be held Saturday, September 26, 2009, at the Nottoway Civic League. If you have any questions or would like to purchase tickets, please contact Mildred Lewis at 434-645-9067.*



Tribute to the Memory of David Maynard

July 3, 1925-July 23, 2009

David Lee Maynard, Sr., a teacher/coach, passed away at approximately 7:45 Thursday evening, July 23, 2009, holding hands with his beloved wife of nearly 58 years. David was a quiet, patient, reserved, and scholarly gentleman, one who was a peacemaker, bridge builder, mentor, mediator, and friend. Mr. Maynard taught at Luther H. Foster from 1951-1956 (LHF). He committed his life to serving others, remembering always the scriptural lesson from Matthew 25:40—“And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.” He was a true servant of the people and, most importantly, a servant of God. He served his country as a member of the United States Navy and was a veteran of World War II. David was an honoree at the School-Wide Reunion in 1995 where these pictures were taken.



L-R: Mrs. Allie R. Wright, Mrs. Ruth Pegram, Mr. David Maynard and Rev. David Fitzgerald



Barbara Bridgeforth, Mr. David L. Maynard



L-R: Mr. David Maynard, Mrs. Barbara Dyson Bridgeforth and Mr. James Dyson

From obituary



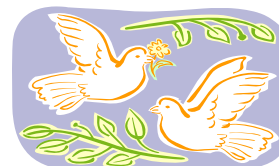
In Memory of Mrs. Alice Bass

July 19, 1918-August 2, 2009

Mrs. Alice S. Bass, mother of William Bass, Class of '65, passed away on Sunday morning, August 2, 2009. She began her teaching career in the then segregated school system of Nottoway County and worked as an elementary school teacher and librarian for forty-three years.

During that time she devoted herself to young people in and out of her classes and taught the values of education, particularly reading, to hundreds of children throughout the county.

Generous and loving, disciplined and proper, she encouraged each child to pursue their talents and ambitions.



From Obituary

Our condolences to bereaved families!!

Elsie Hawkes	'53	David L. Maynard	Teacher/Coach
Allen Neal	'53	Alice Bass	Teacher
Beatrice Harris	'57		
Shirley Mitchell	'57		
William Vaughan	'63		
Henry Banks	'66		

1 Thessalonians 5:9

“For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

## Fun Day! (formerly Picnic)

Alumni and guests gathered at the Nottoway Civic League for a day of fun and activities on Saturday, July 18, 2009, to observe the fourteenth annual celebration. The theme of the day was "Thanks for the Memories."

They were greeted with smiles and hugs by fellow alums. To show how much they want to keep the memory and legacy alive, they traveled from several states, such as Texas, Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Connecticut, New Jersey, Illinois, Crewe, Burkeville, Blackstone and Northern Virginia. Our Mistress of Ceremonies, Susan Smith Hawkes, Class of '66, did a great job! We thanked and praised God for keeping us here another year. A slide show of past reunions played continuously throughout the day. A beautiful corsage was given to Mrs. Ruth Pegram, teacher. One of the high points was recognizing couples who had been married over 50 years. They were given gifts for their longevity. In memory of our deceased members, a prayer was given followed by a beautiful solo and lighting of candles. The members who participated on the program were Clarence Williams, Class of '56, Stanley Marshall, Class of '63, Deloris

Hurte, Class of '59, Benjamin Stith, Class of '61, Hazel White, Class of '51, Frankie Ingram, Class of '52, Bea Brito-Mayo, Class of '61, Ralph Branch, Sr, Class of '68, Edith Smith, Class of '62 and Lanette Harris, Class of '58, Thank you! Edith, coordinator of the fashion show, dazzled us with an adorable outfit. All the models strutted their stuff and looked marvelous!! Lanette and the Ageless Dancers wowed the crowd with their performances of dances from old school days.



Ariel Adams



Fashion Show Models: front row: Cierra Branch, Ariel Adams, Selma Williams Trower, Janie Lewis Jennings, Alexis Cousin, Second row: Mabel Woodson-Rather, Mary Marshall, Stanley Marshall. Absent: Benjamin Stith



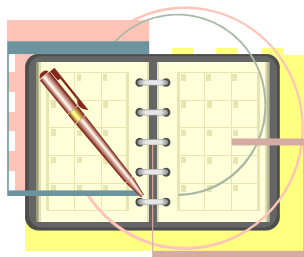
The Ageless Dancers

The LHFHS Alumni 2009 Fund was enjoyed by all of us. It was good to see all our classmates and friends again. I was privileged to be a part of it by heading up the Fashion show portion of the activities. Thanks to the following participants for sporting their beautiful outfits.: Ariel Adams, Cierra Branch, Alexis Cousin, Janie L. Jennings, Mary Marshall, Stanley Marshall, Mabel Rather, Benjamin Stith and Selma Trower. Pray that we will all see one another again at our next gathering.

From Edith Hill Smith '62

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Mark your calendar for the  
 Sixth School-Wide Reunion–  
 July 16, 17, 18, 2010!



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Just a Note to Say....

Hope you are feeling better if you have experienced any kind of illness this year. We pray that God will continue to take care of you and your families. GET WELL SOON!

Thank You!

Irving Cousins for donating books for the library.

If you have something that you would like to share with our members in the newsletter, please email me at [lutherhfoster@gmail.com](mailto:lutherhfoster@gmail.com)

Thanks

### Affirmation

A friend sent this message to me via email and I thought it would be good to share with my alumni family.

Have you ever known someone who took the credit for a good deed that really belonged to someone else? They took the praise for a good idea that was originated by someone else, or used someone else's recipe and then claimed it as their own? Proverbs 3:27 says, "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act". So whenever it is up to you, give credit where credit is due! You will never get ahead by taking the credit that belongs to someone else. God created everyone with unique gifts and talents. Therefore, when you walk in your own gifts and talents, your blessings will chase you down! Be Blessed!!!