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Student inspires help for NC's foster kids

By Tammy Grubb
 Marissa Blount and two of her siblings were put in foster care, after her family moved into her mother's room at a rehabilitation center where she was a patient in 2016. They had nowhere else to go.

The trauma of leaving family to live with strangers at age 8 could have set her on a path of violence, substance use and other problems, the Broughton High School junior said. But the path she took, with support from others, made her stronger and gave her a desire to help other children, she said.

"You have to look at my life is getting better because of this, and I need to take such a traumatic experience and something I know will shape me forever, and change it into something so positive, change it into something you can learn from," said Marissa, now 15.

Being separated from her family without opportunities for fun and to make friends also inspired her idea to help young kids in foster care facing similar situations, Marissa said. Her persistence and ability to inspire adults led to Wake County's pre-LINKS



Marissa Blount

program, said Emma James, the county's 4-H youth development coordinator. The program offers activities and skills development for pre-teens in foster care and their siblings.

Marissa "leaves a lasting impression of authentic kindness and love for others, with a strong sense of justice to advocate for others," James said. "I work with a great deal of young people and all have unique and beautiful gifts to be

celebrated, and Marissa just shines with her voice for youth." SEEING AN UNMET NEED FOR YOUNG CHILDREN Her parents always made sure their children had food and a roof over their heads, Marissa said, but they struggled to make ends meet and moved around before leaving New Jersey for North Carolina. Wake County child welfare workers met with her family in 2016 after they arrived in Raleigh and an older sister with mental illness became abusive, she said.

They were living in a hotel, and her mother, who couldn't afford insulin for

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old information, then...! Another way to stay connected: visit our website (www.broughtonalumni.com/newsletters). Then scroll to the bottom of the list for the most recent publication.

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diabetes, was soon hospitalized and put into a medicated coma, Marissa said. When her mom was moved to a Raleigh rehabilitation center, Marissa, her dad and two siblings moved with her. The center's staff contacted Child Protective Services, Marissa said. After a short stay with a foster family, she went to live with the Raleigh couple who are now her guardians.

As the youngest of four siblings — all of them were years older than her — she learned a lot about life at an early age, Marissa said. “Just seeing that way we lived — and I know it’s something that my parents couldn’t control and it also can be a generational thing — I just knew I didn’t want to live in these types of circumstances,” Marissa said. She was 9 when she got the idea for pre-LINKS, Marissa said. Her older sister was in the NC LINKS program, which offers fun activities and independent living programs for young people ages 13-21 in foster care. There was nothing for kids her age, Marissa said.

Wake County Human Services worked with the non-profit youth organization 4-H to start the pre-LINKS program in 2019, offering foster children a safe space to talk with friends who understand the experience of changing families or working with case workers, James said. At age 11, Marissa helped make a video promoting pre-LINKS as it was being launched. In the video, Marissa sits on a couch as she explains the program’s potential, “I think this will be nice, because other foster children can meet other foster children, and they can share their stories,” the younger Marissa says in the video. “If you miss your mom or you miss your dad or grandma or grandpa, whoever you lived with before you came in, and then another person has that same connection, y’all could be friends for a very, very long time.”

Pre-LINKS offers fun, support

The pre-LINKS group meets twice a month and serves about 20 foster children at any one time. Similar to a traditional 4-H club, it offers STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) and agricultural-based programs, service-learning projects, competitions, field trips, and summer camps. The kids take the lead in choosing what they want to talk about and learn, James said. The adult mentors and volunteers who guide them are trained in trauma-informed care, a more empathetic way of recognizing and

understanding difficulties that others have experienced.

The program had to scale back during the pandemic

but is ramping up again, James said.

“It’s just a very unique situation for each child, and if they’re in a comfortable space, they feel safe, they can talk about that,” she said. “There’s no judgment.” While Marissa regularly visits her mother and siblings, her father disappeared from her life in 2022 with no warning, she said. He was “a very important part of my life growing up,” and she hopes to see him again one day, she said.

“All of us have been through something that has changed us,” Marissa said. “It doesn’t matter if you come from the highest, most monied family, or you come from the poorest family with no money. Or you have this skin color, or you identify as this gender.” What’s important is “just the outlook and the mentality that you have and if you choose to pick yourself off the ground every single day,” she said. For now, Marissa continues to advocate for the pre-LINKS program, and one day would like to volunteer, she said. She also has her sights set on being a first-grade teacher.

More details about NC LINKS and pre-LINKS

- Pre-LINKS is a Wake County 4-H Club for pre-teens in foster care and offers a safe place to have fun and learn through service projects, programs, field trips and summer camp.
- NC LINKS offers two statewide programs through local Department of Social Services offices. Teens ages 13-15 explore mental and emotional health, school success, careers, and healthy bodies and relationships. Young adults ages 16-21 learn about transitioning to adulthood, jobs and higher education.

Source: Tammy Grubb (2024, July 1). How one Raleigh high school student inspired more help for NC kids in foster care. Retrieved from <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/local/counties/wake-county/article288509756.html#storylink=cpy>



STATE'S 3-POINT LEADER NAMED BROUGHTON'S COACH



The N.C. State basketball coaching tree continues to grow in Wake County.

On Tuesday afternoon, Broughton High School formally announced the hiring of Scott Wood as its head boys basketball coach. Wood takes over one of the state's most decorated basketball programs after Clarence Coleman went 47-71 over the past five seasons.



Scott Wood

Wood finished his career in Raleigh as the Wolfpack's all-time leader with 334 made three-point baskets. He also held the school record for games started in a career with 136. Wood scored 1,467 career points for the Wolfpack, which at the time ranked 18th in school history.

As a junior, he set the ACC record for consecutive free throws made with 66 (2011-12), eclipsing the previous mark held by Duke's J.J. Redick (54, 2003-04). At the time, his free throw streak was fourth longest in NCAA history.

During Wood's four years in the NC State program, the Wolfpack won 83 games, including 48 during his final two seasons playing for head coach Mark Gottfried. NCSU earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament in those two Gottfried-led seasons.

His professional basketball career began with the Los Angeles Clippers' summer league team and continued overseas. After graduating NC State, Wood went on to play

professional ball overseas for 6 seasons (2013-2020), playing in Spain (3 years), Turkey, France & Montenegro. He also played one year (2016-17) in the G-League with the Santa Cruz Warriors. In 2017, he won the 3-Point Competition at the G-League's All-Star Weekend.

The entirety of Wood's college career was spent playing alongside Richard Howell who was named the head boys basketball coach at Green Hope High School in April.

Broughton went 11-15 a year ago and finished third in the Cap-7 Conference. The program has a rich history of producing professional basketball alumni, most notably Pete Maravich, Shavlik Randolph, Devonte Graham, and Jerome Robinson.

The Capitals were led last season by freshman Jordan Page who averaged 17.8 PPG while earning HighSchoolOT All-State merits and receiving an invitation to USA basketball national training camp.

Wood's prior coaching experience has come at the grassroots level as the head of the SW15H Elite AAU program.

Source: Evan Moesta (2024, June 11). Former NC State player Scott Wood named head basketball coach at Broughton. Retrieved from <https://www.highschoolot.com/story/former-nc-state-player-scott-wood-named-head-basketball-coach-at-broughton/21476861/>

RALEIGH'S CENTENARIAN SERVANT



By Charles Johnson '72

Robert L. McMillan Jr, NBHS class of '41 student body president and Mr. Needham Broughton, died last summer at the age of 100. His friend, Gregory Seibert, called Robert "the epitome of humility, kindness, and character".

Students in the class of '41 attended Broughton for grades 8-12. Robert was involved in something at Broughton every year. He played football, basketball, and ran track. He was elected to several class officer positions, worked for the school paper, and was a member of numerous clubs. After graduation, Robert entered Wake Forest, but WWII interrupted his studies. He was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Marines and was among the first Americans to enter Japan after the atomic bombings. He returned to college after the war, earning his law degree from UNC-CH. Robert practiced law in Raleigh since 1949 except for when he was recalled to service during the Korean War.

During his career, Mr. McMillan was well known for his commitment to justice and fairness. He mentored many young attorneys and often provided pro bono services to



Robert L. McMillan Jr

needy clients. Affectionately known as the "Dean" of the North Carolina Criminal Bar, he received a multitude of awards for professionalism and distinguished service. One could even find Robert working at his downtown office until he was 96!

Robert was involved in many activities in our community. He was Chairman of the Raleigh Historic Sites Commission, President of the Raleigh Rotary Club, Commander of Raleigh American Legion Post #1, and Chairman of the Ole Raleigh Boys. He helped create the Raleigh Farmers Market. He was a Sunday school teacher, deacon, and trustee at his church. For years Robert was a scoutmaster — leading many Raleigh boys on hiking trips and camping adventures.

In 2012, Mr. McMillan was inducted into the Raleigh Hall of Fame in recognition of his "significant and lasting contributions to the City of Raleigh". Friend and fellow Ole Raleigh Boy, Prentiss Baker ('61), stated Robert's "impact on the people of our community will be felt for many years to come". His friend, David Kirby, called Robert "one of the best humans to ever grace the earth". Well-deserved tributes for a beloved Raleigh gentleman and former Mr. Needham Broughton!



Dixie C. Porter, business teacher for 24 years at Needham Broughton, passed away peacefully at her Raleigh home on June 8, 2024. She was 100 years old. Dixie taught at Broughton from 1959 - 1983. She retired as a teacher of Business Education, as the Director of Cooperative Office Occupation, and as the head of Broughton's Business Education Department. In 1964 she was voted favorite teacher at Needham Broughton High School, and she kept in touch with many of her students throughout her life.



Dixie and her good friend, Goldie

During those years as a part of Broughton's business department, Dixie took pride in helping her students secure job interviews and actually accompanying many of them to their interviews. Gerry Smith (class of '73) recalled his dad, who was part owner of Sanders Ford, calling Dixie and saying, "Dixie. Send me maybe three: good typists, of course, take shorthand and my partner, Bill, dictates like crazy. I want a girl who can learn the switchboard and maybe work up to assistant title clerk." (those days saying "girl", unfortunately, was the norm).

In addition to her teaching responsibilities Dixie exhibited great school spirit for Broughton. At least once a year she would dress up for basketball games as a sad clown. Her husband, Jack, had been Director of the Raleigh Little Theatre for a few years after they moved to Raleigh, and he would apply Dixie's clown grease paint. Before the game and during halftime she would walk up and down the gymnasium court with her lunchbox and sit down on her little stool. Fans would throw money on the court, and Dixie would pick it up and put it in her lunchbox. She later donated the money to the business department or other school organizations.

Fellow teacher Helen Schwall shared this recollection of Dixie: "When I was pregnant in 1981, Dixie and her good friend, Goldie Coates, who taught home economics, came to

my room. They said they had gotten approval and told me to leave for the rest of the class period. Which I did. This was one of my academically gifted and talented 11th grade English classes and they loved this interruption. The next day no one would share what went on. What they were doing was creating a baby blanket for my soon-to-be-born daughter. Dixie and Goldie provided supplies and had the students draw little pictures of animals. (Dixie, I am told, warned them sternly that they needed to print their name backwards for it to transfer properly.) Shortly before I left for maternity leave, they presented the beautiful baby blanket to me in the class for all to see. The blanket was on white fabric with colorful drawings and the students' names. What a surprise for me! It became my daughter's all-time favorite blanket, and when we travelled to the West Coast the blanket went on each trip. We still have the blanket to this day! BUT the story does not end there. When leaving the classroom, Dixie pointed to her name and drawing which was next to Baxter Hunt's name and picture, Governor Jim Hunt's son. All names were correct, but Dixie's was backwards. She forgot in all the excitement to follow her own directions. Dixie and I laughed and laughed, of course, when she showed me. Every time we carried this special handmade blanket anywhere, which had my students' drawings and names, and Goldie's and Dixie's as well, I would smile and laugh. I had to read her name backwards. She was the best!"

Dixie was a graduate of ECTC, (East Carolina University). Before arriving in Raleigh she had professional experience in Coastal Business College and Maury High School of Norfolk, Virginia and at North High School of Nashville, Tennessee. Following retirement from Broughton, she was a volunteer at Rex Hospital for twenty years and at her beloved church, Forest Hills Baptist Church.

Dixie Porter was pre-deceased by her husband of sixty-nine years, Dr. Jack Porter, who retired from a distinguished career at North Carolina State University. She is survived by her three children and their families: Mary Porter Brown (class of '69), Anne Porter Sasser (class of '71) and Philip Jackson Porter (class of '73).

LIGON MEETS BROUGHTON



By Charles Johnson

In this corner...no, it's not a World Wrestling Federation match, though there will plenty of fighting and even a stabbing. Once upon a time...no, it's not a fairy tale. It's a true story that hundreds of alumni lived. Though experiences and memories will vary, the names and faces in this article represent those young men and women. So, where do we begin?

In my youth, the Raleigh School system was segregated. Broughton taught white kids and J.W. Ligon, the beloved high school for Southeast Raleigh, taught black kids. William

Hooker, a former teacher and coach at Ligon and, later, an assistant principal at Broughton, once spoke with pride to me of the parental and community involvement with Ligon, the students taking advanced classes, and the many academic scholarship winners the school produced. But, in 1971, the school board implemented a plan to bus students across town to ensure schools had a theoretical ratio of 70% white and 30% black kids. In so doing, the board converted Ligon to



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a junior high school and mandated its senior high students transfer to Broughton, Sanderson, or Enloe. It was a decision that angered many in Raleigh but especially those within the black community. From them, tradition was ripped and sacrifice demanded.

As you might imagine, the '71-'72 school year was tumultuous. For the most part, the students that transferred to Broughton did not want to be there, and the white students at Broughton did not welcome them. Some members of Broughton's football team considered not playing that fall. Student organizations were enlarged to accommodate Ligon students, and leadership positions were shared – one black co-chair or officer and one white co-chair or officer for everything. Competition toughened for athletes, musicians, honor students, the homecoming court, and so forth. Essentially, students didn't receive the same recognition or opportunities as they would have if Ligon and Broughton had remained separate high schools. Dr. Richard Jewell, Broughton's principal at the time, would occasionally ring the morning bell early to clear halls that were lined on one side with blacks and on the other with whites. Taunts, insults, heckling, and fights. Ignorance and prejudice in full bloom. It was in this atmosphere that Joe Edwards and I built a friendship.

Joseph L. Edwards Jr., the son of the band director at Ligon, was bussed to Broughton in August of 1971 for his senior year. He played in the band, and we shared a love of music. From Tchaikovsky to Sweet Bob Rogers' playing James Brown on WLLE (Willie) 540 am radio, the "voice of the (black) community", we both listened. He told me of being

chased by three white boys at Devereaux Meadows ballpark. I told him of being challenged to a fight by three black boys on a sidewalk at Broughton. Hey, what 17-year-old male, fueled by testosterone and driven by hatred learned in his home and community, doesn't like three-to-one odds?

After graduating from Broughton, Joe attended North Carolina A&T State University to study music. When his years at A&T were over, Joe enlisted in the US Navy, a move that paved the way for Joe to earn his law degree. For over 30 years, Joe practiced employment and discrimination law, eventually becoming a partner at one of the most prestigious firms in Boston. He received numerous accolades including being named as a "Best Lawyer In America". He was a tireless legal advocate, trainer, teacher, writer, and litigator.

Joe and I lost touch with one another through the years, but several years ago he volunteered to help me (as class agent) locate members of our class that transferred from Ligon. Always thinking of others – that's the kind of guy he was. Sadly, Joe passed away this spring. He left behind a wife, five children, six grandchildren, six siblings, and a host of nieces and nephews. Joe and I once had a conversation about our legacies. Joe figured that everyone was forgotten within two generations. I'm not so sure. Knowing him was a privilege. I wish I had known all of the Ligon seniors that transferred to Broughton. I hope you will remember Joe and his family in your thoughts and prayers. A decent man like Joe, a man who loved his family and friends and country and profession, deserves to be remembered for more than two generations!

REUNION RECAP: CLASS OF 1964



How magical, and oh, too short in time, can one night be for our Broughton Class of 1964's 60th reunion? Gathering at the NC State University Club on October 5, 2024, 121 total attendees (64 classmates) shared stories, savoring our blessings in these memorable days.

Amy Devereaux (Tina Warthen '64), secured the venue with Beth Wood LeGrande; reserved the date on our broughton64.com web site, facilitating classmates' plans; and handled registration. Nametags with Amy's calligraphy greeted us. Close to an entrance into our larger room was a table with a purple graduation cap and gown, and plastic cups from previous reunions.

Inside the dining room, gracious staff offered hors d'oeuvres and bar tenders served us. On one large table, Amy placed pens for signing our Class of 1964 banner. Classmates received their gold place-cards with their names, Latipac photo, quotations, and recognitions to reserve their choice of seats at dinner tables, decorated with purple-and-

gold pom-pom centerpieces. Terry Benson with Bob Vick and Dickson Gribble's input, had prepared a large display table in red, white and blue with prominent photographs honoring our three military Vietnam veteran classmates (LCpl Robert Portner Breedon, USMC; PFC Robert Lewis Jones, USARV; LCpl William James McGee, IV, USMC) whom we lost in battle. On another table, Amy displayed her scrapbooks of our previous reunions (held every five years since graduation) and offered classmates photo duplicates we could request gratis from her from those events. Additionally, Amy with Lynn Bullard Chapin photographed each attendee entering the event and shot candid photos and videos during the evening.

Dinner followed the social hour. Randy Worth served as Master of Ceremony for our 60th. As meals were being served, Randy recognized Tommy Fonville for his heart-felt blessing. As dessert was ending, Randy completed a recitation

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of names of classmates we have lost in more recent years. Terry spoke to honor our Vietnam veterans, asked all our veterans to stand for our grateful applause, and recognized our own inductee in the Military Intelligence Hall of Fame in 2011, US Army Colonel G. Dickson Gribble, Jr., retired after 30 years of distinguished service. The celebration concluded with our standing to sing the Broughton Alma Mater a cappella, led by Marc Leager, Thad Woodard, and Charlotte

Atkinson Sweeney. Many classmates knew the words by heart (although also printed on the back cover of the evening's programs placed at each dinner chair).

Who knows our future? We may hope for an 80th class birthday party and/or a 65th reunion. Our venue is reserved for 2029: stay tuned. Broughton High School's 100th birthday is that same year.



Ed Parker, Betsy Jacobs Miller, Billy Trott



George Paschal and Betsy Jacobs Miller



Randy Worth, Ed Aycock, and Mary Calton



Randy Worth, Emily Worth, and Ronnie Bagwell

REUNION RECAP: CLASS OF 1979



The Class of '79 is MIGHTY fine – and the fun we all had during our 45th reunion proved just that!! On Friday night, October 4, many “locals,” as well as some from out of state, gathered at the Jack Spain Stadium and enjoyed the football game while cheering for the Capitals! Following the game, we continued the fun at High Park Bar and Grill, where we visited and swapped stories from our days at Broughton.

The following evening, a large group of us gathered in Neal Fowler's lovely home to continue the fun! We enjoyed catching up with one another while sharing many fond memories of our wonderful years at BHS. Each of us agreed that we were fortunate to be a part of this fabulous school, and particularly,

this great class of 1979. We are already looking forward to our 50th- which happens to coincide with Broughton's 100th- in 2029!!



REUNION RECAP: CLASS OF 1994



The Class of 1994 (“Need We Say More?!”) celebrated their 30th reunion this year during Homecoming weekend. The festivities kicked off Friday evening with a pre-game gathering at Village Draft House, where classmates — and a special guest appearance from English teacher Helen Schwall! — caught up before walking down to Jack Spain Stadium for the PACKED homecoming football game against Enloe. The celebration continued Saturday night at Tobacco Road

Sports Bar in Glenwood South, where the amazing planning committee secured a beautiful room, patio and a DJ who played all of the best 90s tunes late into the evening. Nearly 100 Caps and spouses were in attendance, with friends traveling from as far away as the Bahamas and Australia. So many special memories and friendships were rekindled during the reunion weekend — the Class of ’94 showed up in a big way, and we can’t wait for the next one!



REUNION RECAP: CLASS OF 2004



The Broughton High School Class of 2004 celebrated our 20-year reunion this fall with a party at Lynnwood Brewing Concern. We had a great turnout with over 90 in attendance. Class members traveled from as far as New York, Louisiana, and Los Angeles to reconnect with old classmates,

meet new friends, and celebrate the occasion. Special thanks to John Ward, Liz McLean, Frankie Shaw, Mary Stuart Lawrence (Deibel), and class advisor Richard Matkins for organizing. We’re already looking forward to the next one!



Adrienne Pinkney and Tenea Albright



Jordan Lawrence, Michael Maalik, and Andrew Townley



John Ward and Jon Gilliam.

REUNION RECAP: CLASS OF 2016



The only reunion so far for the Class of 2016 was held in 2021 at the Cornerstone Tavern in Raleigh. Close to 80 classmates caught up over food and drinks at the tavern, catching up on each other’s lives over the last 5 years. The organizers were Ella Webster, Katy Powers, and Daisy King.



REUNION “HAT TRICK” – CLASSES OF ’80, ’81 & ’82



Saturday night, from 5:30-10:30 on October 26 at the High Park Grill on Whittaker Mill Road, alums from all three classes gathered to chat and catch up. Tunes from back in the day played as we checked through old Latipacs and caught up with one another.

It’s no surprise that the class of ’81 has more fun, because our first come-as-you-are event happened in the ’90s. Then, in 2023, after being interrupted by COVID, the festivities happened again in the event space now open again below Mitch’s tavern.

Word spread to other classes, so the ’81 ad hoc class reunion committee, composed of Henry Jarrett, Chris Crew, Peter Padiaditakis, David Walser, and Chrystal Bartlett, decided to do it again the very next year! Special thanks go to Patty Hight for rallying her class to attend!

With more folks included, we picked a larger venue: High Park Bar & Grill on Whittaker Mill Road. Everyone enjoyed getting together in a casual atmosphere and unexpected guests included two Broughton teachers, Ms. Schwall (English) and Mr. Gunter (math); a few High Park patrons who attended Broughton in other years; and a brief visit from a member of the class of ’61, Ed Bailey, who just dropped by to collect some takeout! Clearly Broughton people are not only everywhere, but they are also a friendly bunch!

As an opt-in service project, fliers with details on how to donate to the NBHS Broughton Pantry and/or Disaster Relief in Western North Carolina were at the name tag desk for all to see.

The evening ended with hugs and smiles all around.

Some guests mentioned they may repeat the casual concept, so who knows what the future will bring! Regardless of the details, we can be sure of this: we all thank Broughton for educating us well and bringing us together to learn life-long lessons about camaraderie and friendship.



DeAnne Frazier, Bill Gainey and Donna Gainey



Cooper Falls



Peter Padiaditakis and Jeff Jordan



Hannah Moore Jordan and David Walser

Passings



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| 1934 W. C. “Bill” Picket (2004) | 1958 John Hill | 1966 Barbara Lee Zimmerman Litwack |
| 1941 Robert Leroy McMillan, Jr. | 1958 Ronald A. Nichols (2022) | 1966 William Herbert Whitt (2010) |
| 1942 Helen Elizabeth Hall Bosse, MD (2023) | 1959 William Irwin Berryhill, Jr. | 1967 Robert N. Adams |
| 1944 Alton Carlyle “A.C.” Hall, Jr. | 1959 Thomas Gatewood Coffey | 1967 Deborah Horton Bell |
| 1945 Vernon Watson Pugh, Jr. | 1959 John Randolph Gresham (2023) | 1967 Earl Bradford Gillis |
| 1946 Zack Hampton Bacon, Jr. | 1960 Donna Ringgold Francis | 1967 Johnnie Lee Godwin |
| 1946 Perrin Wingate Gower | 1961 Salli Beam Guthrie | 1967 Anthony Leland Page |
| 1947 Barbara Parrish Hood (2019) | 1961 Elmer Ernest Hardy, Jr. | 1967 Karlie Juanita Fisher Underhill |
| 1949 Warren L. Batts | 1961 James Wiley Price, Sr. | 1969 Larry Michael Junkin |
| 1949 Jack A. Pegram | 1962 Nancy Parham Bender | 1969 Debbie Ranzino |
| 1950 William Noel Blackard | 1962 Carol DeBrito Penny (2021) | 1970 Duncan Archibald McMillan |
| 1953 Robert N. “Bob” Doster, Sr. (2021) | 1963 Rose Marie Watson Black | 1971 Caroline Louise Diehl Lee (2023) |
| 1953 Shirley Jean Hodge Peeler (2023) | 1963 Jane Helms Knox | 1972 Joseph Edwards |
| 1954 Robert “Bobby” Morris Hines | 1963 Barbara Brown Peek | 1972 Phillip Henry Lee (2021) |
| 1954 Frank Wall | 1963 Roby Patton Shuffler (2014) | 1972 Anne Louise Hodnett Mejan |
| 1955 Peggy Ridout Kladke | 1963 Karen Viall Suberman | 1972 Robert Stephen Nance-Poor |
| 1955 Margaret (Margie) Park Lucas | 1964 Sue Blinson Blow (2001) | 1972 Robert Earl Redfern (2019) |
| 1955 Marion Stuart Mountcastle III | 1964 Carolyn Blake Brummitt | 1974 James Allen Albright |
| 1956 William “Bill” Burnside, Jr. (2016) | 1964 Wiley “Pete” Dowd Harris, Jr. | 1974 Pamela Smith Brown |
| 1956 Thomas Jones O’Briant | 1964 Joanne Williams Holder (2023) | 1980 Harold Bruce Hodnett II |
| 1956 Joseph Carter Willson | 1965 Augustus S. “Gus” Anderson, Jr. | |
| 1957 George Eugene Hines, Jr. | 1965 Arnold Bennie Goetze | FACULTY: |
| 1957 Martha Nell Marcom | 1965 Rollin James (Jay) Jordan, Jr. | Dixie Chappell Porter, 1959 - 1983 |
| 1957 Jeanie Aycock Pace (2016) | 1965 William Graham Champion Mitchell | Business Education teacher |
| 1957 Walter Bruce Williams | 1965 Frank Poydras Powers, Jr. | Director of Cooperative Office Occupation |
| 1958 Grady Thermon Ferrell, Jr. | 1966 Page M. Gray | Head of Business Education Department |

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