



# The Wright Information

*“A Legacy of Excellence”*

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John J. Wright Alumni Association Newsletter  
[www.JJWAlumni.org](http://www.JJWAlumni.org)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT’S DESK...

*“We love thee so, our dear old school...”*

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays and are embracing another new year. Our Alumni Association has planned several activities for classes, schoolmates, family and friends to reconnect to renew friendships. We thank alumni and friends who faithfully support our fundraisers. Please note the activities reported in this newsletter and the results of our fundraising activities – scholarships and stipends awarded to our legacies. We are proud of the many students who have benefitted from our efforts over the years. We encourage recipients, family, alumni and well-wishers to “reach back” to help those who follow. Reaching back means supporting the association through memberships, donations, helping with fundraisers and serving on committees. We are calling all alumni and friends to maintain your membership and share your talents and expertise to make the John J Wright Alumni Association a strong organization. Visit our website:

[www.jjwalumni.org](http://www.jjwalumni.org)  
Constance Braxton 58’

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## MEMBERSHIP



**Membership is on an Annual basis: January – December**

**Dues are \$25.00/year**

Dues are currently being accepted for 2017 and future years.

Please feel free to download the application from our website. Once completed, please mail to the address listed on form.

**For more information please contact:** Lena Henderson at [hendersonle@att.net](mailto:hendersonle@att.net)

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## PLEDGES

Those who made pledges at the 2016 Annual Dinner/Dance are reminded that they are due by March 2017.



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## SCHOLARSHIPS AND ELIGIBILITY



Through fundraisers and generous donations, the Alumni Association has, since 1996, awarded more than \$70,000 in scholarships and stipends to eligible students. 2016 proved once again with help from all of our dedicated members and pledges, we can help others achieve their goals. JJW Alumni awarded a total of five (5) scholarships in the amount of \$7,100.00.

The recipients were:

### Scholarship Recipients (\$1700.00/each)

**Keturah Cook**  
Virginia Union University

**Ayanna Sims**  
North Carolina A&T

**Janae Winston**  
James Madison University

### Stipend Recipients (\$1000.00/each)

**Imani Fennell**  
Spelman College

**Justin Lucas**  
Virginia Commonwealth University

### Eligibility

Applicants must be a financial member of the alumni association or the offspring of a financial member. Offspring may be biological, step, adopted, foster or

grandchild. The financial member upon whom the applicant is basing his or her eligibility must be a financially current member of the alumni association and for at least two consecutive years prior to the year of the application. (i.e; 2015, 2016 and 2017).

### Application Availability

The application is now available! Please visit our website: [jjwalumni.org](http://jjwalumni.org) or write: **JJWAA Scholarship Committee, PO Box 1061, Spotsylvania, VA 22553.**

A complete application package must be submitted (*postmarked*) to the Scholarship Committee by April 15, 2017.

*Note: Scholarship and Stipend amounts are determined by the number of eligible applicants and available funds.*

For more information please contact: Sandy Coleman  
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### WAYS & MEANS

**T-Shirts:** Blue w/white lettering or White w/blue lettering with John J Wright Logo: Sizes: M – XL \$10; 2X - 3X \$15.

**SportPacs:** \$10.00  
(w/JJW Logo)

**Caps:** \$10:00  
(w/JJW Logo)

### Raffle Tickets

Don't forget to get your Raffle Tickets early. Tickets will be available March through July. Cost will be \$2.00 per ticket; 3 for \$5.00 or 6 for \$10.00!

First Prize: \$300.00  
Second Prize: \$200.00  
Third Prize: \$25.00  
Fourth Prize: \$25.00  
Fifth Prize: \$25.00  
Sixth Prize: \$25.00

Contact an Officer or Committee Chair for tickets.

Drawing will be July 15, 2017 at JJW Park Site (3:00pm) @ Friends & Family Day.

### Upcoming Events

#### SOCK HOP



Hope to see you there so dust off those "Dancing Shoes & Best 50's, 60's & 70's Outfit"

*There will be a contest for "Best Dressed"!!*

Tickets: \$20.00/each  
April 22, 2017: 7 – 11pm  
BYOB

**The StoneSetters Club**  
3418 Shannon Park Dr.  
Fredericksburg, VA

For More Information on The Sock Hop, Raffle Tickets, T-Shirts and all other items for purchase, please contact: Melvin "Butch" Lewis @ [MLL46M@aol.com](mailto:MLL46M@aol.com)

**Special Event**

*(Wreath Laying)*

There will be a Wreath Laying Ceremony in the Beulah Baptist Church (5216 Arcadia Rd, Woodford, VA) Cemetery for **John J. Wright** on Monday, May 29, 2017 @ 12Noon.

**Friends & Family Day  
2017**

Annual Friends & Family Day will be Saturday, July 15, 2017 (12:00 Noon – 4pm) at the John J Wright Park Site. Please save this date, come out and have a good time with friends and family. Enjoy lots of food, music, games, vendors and raffle drawing.

**Annual Scholarship Dance**

October 14, 2017  
Tickets: \$30.00  
7:00pm – 11:00pm

**The StoneSetters Club  
3418 Shannon Park Dr  
Fredericksburg, VA**

Alumni, family and friends are invited to attend. Tickets are \$30 and will be available from Officers and Committee Chairs.

Classes ending in “7” will be honored (i.e., ’47, ’57, ’67 and ’77 post integration). We would like to have as many members of the above classes to attend this banquet. We would like your help in locating these individuals. Membership is not limited to graduates, it is open to all who shared the year. More details later.

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**John J. Wright Museum**

Located within a historic landmark of Spotsylvania history- the John J Wright Educational and Cultural Center, formerly the John J Wright Consolidated School- on Courthouse Road is the only museum to honor the county’s African American education.

There you will find a permanent exhibit about the history of African American Education in Spotsylvania. The school’s history is told through the leadership of its 15 principals: from John J Wright in the early 1920s; to the longest serving principal, Alexander L. Scott; to the last serving African American principal, Pitman C. Rock, in the 1967-68 school year; and the school’s closure as a traditional middle school in 2006 under principal Chester Mummau. Regularly changing temporary exhibits show different aspects of Spotsylvania life. The museum, in the former Sadie Combs Johnson Library, is open 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

It is governed by a Board of Directors and supported by memberships, donations and fundraisers. Come and see what’s new; share your story. Donate or lend your memorabilia to help preserve our heritage. Our website: [www.jjwmuseum.org](http://www.jjwmuseum.org). Support the museum with your visits, memberships and donations.

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**Board Meetings**

These meetings are held the first Saturdays of March, May, July and November. In January and September the meetings are held on the second Saturdays in each month. The October **General Meeting** is held on the same day as the Annual Scholarship Dance.

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