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Happy New Year Fellow Falcons!

Thank you alumni, students, family and friends for the effort you put forth on behalf of our beloved Saint Augustine's University. Your financial contributions and giving of time, energy, and support is appreciated and has made a positive impact on behalf of SAU. Thank you!

2014 was an exciting year because a cross section of alumni from the DMV collaborated to make things happen -- there was a broad mix of alumni across many generations. As we continue work on behalf of our alma mater let's be inspired by the principles of ... unity ... self determination ... collective work and responsibility ... cooperative economics ... purpose creativity and faith to encourage each other to give back, reach back and be responsible for the sustained growth of our own University. We must work together to get things done ... and there is a lot to do.

If you have not yet done so, please submit your membership dues for 2014-2015. Our dues structure remains the same and continue to be below average for alumni organizations. A membership application can be [downloaded here](#) on our website.

Let's maintain the momentum through 2015 and beyond and put our focus on building relationships and support for Saint Augustine's University by expanding and tapping into our circles of influence -- family and friends -- our communities -- local churches and business leaders and alumni in the DMV and beyond to become vested in the success of Saint Augustine's University. Please read on for highlights of 2014 and what's new in 2015. Looking forward to a exceedingly successful Falcon year in the DMV!

On Behalf of the
Washington DC Metropolitan Alumni Chapter Saint Augustine's University

With Falcon Pride,
Debra Samuels
President

2014 Highlights

2014 Annual Giving Campaign ... Collectively we donated \$18,099.00 to SAU in 2014.

10th Anniversary Celebration ... We celebrated the 10th anniversary of the **William Jefferson Jackson Honors Award**. The Banquet was a special celebration and a homecoming for previous honorees who are all part of the Circle of Honor. We're excited about the evolution of the William Jefferson Jackson Honors Award recognition event in 2015.

William Jefferson Jackson Scholarship ... Atai Price, SAU student, was the 2014 recipient of the scholarship.

National Alumni Queen Pageant ... Renee Harris, our 2014 DMV Alumni Queen, represented our Chapter in the National Alumni Queen Pageant that raises funds for SAU Student Scholarships. Renee was the first runner up and with your participation, we raised \$3,125.47.

More about the Alumni Queen Pageant ... The National Alumni Association hosts the National Alumni Queen pageant to raise scholarship funds to benefit Saint Augustine's University students and promote friendly competition among the Chapters. To start the fundraising process the National provides raffle tickets for each Chapter to sell for their Queen. These tickets will be made available during the CIAA and we'll have until October to sell them. The Chapters can also host various alumni queen fundraising events. The National Alumni Queen is crowned during homecoming at the Wiley Davis Scholarship Gala and the funds are given to the University. In 2014 the pageant raised and donated \$10,000.00. Look for an introduction of our 2015 DMV Alumni Queen in the coming days.

Bowling Party Fundraiser ... We held our first bowling party to raise funds for the Alumni Queen competition, complete with DJ, sponsors and door prizes. We received tremendous feedback that everyone enjoyed themselves and everyone's looking forward to the 2015 Bowling party.

SAU Day at Brookins Faith Temple A.M.E. Church ... Pastor Shelly Harvin (class of 1994) and the members of Brookins Faith Temple A.M.E. Church hosted SAU day in November. DMV alumni and the congregation represented the Blue and White during a spirit filled message from the Pastor. We had an opportunity to set up a SAU recruitment table to engage students and parents.

What's New in 2015

Our 2015 SAU Alumni Annual Giving Campaign is underway through Friday May 9, 2015. Our 2015 goal is \$25,000.00. An appeals letter is forthcoming and explains how to make your contribution by check or money order. We will make online donation available and a notification will go out when it's set up.

William Jefferson Jackson Scholarship Application Period Now Open ... Now through March 31, 2015, eligible SAU students should apply for the William Jefferson Jackson Scholarship -- See details [here](#). Please share this information with students and parents.

Make Plans to Attend Saint Augustine's University Day - May 3, 2015 ... Reverend Raymond Massenburg and the St. Luke's Episcopal Church congregation will host Saint Augustine's University Day & SAU Choir Concert on Sunday May 3, 2015. Please save the date and plan to attend and invite family and friends. Dr. Ward will be the guest speaker. The University Choir will be in concert starting at 2:00 pm, all to benefit SAU and build relationships between the Church and SAU and our local chapter. Details are forthcoming.

SAU Alumni Family Reunion Weekend: June 12 - 14

Friday - June 12 -- SAU Alumni Bowling Party Fundraiser

Saturday June 13 - Annual SAU Family Reunion Cookout - Rock Creek Park Grove # 6

Sunday June 14 -- SAU Sunday Service - Location to be announced.

Evolution of the William Jefferson Jackson Honors Award Recognition ... The William Jefferson Jackson Awards Banquet is our premier annual fundraising event to benefit our beloved Saint Augustine's University and recognize alumni and members of the SAU family for their major contributions in their communities and to Saint Augustine's University. This event is named in honor of William Jefferson Jackson class of 1949 whose family established the memorial scholarship of \$2,000 to honor his legacy and commitment to St Augustine's University and to further his belief that alumni should give back to their alma mater in the form of money and/or time. For the past 10 years, the evening affair was successfully held at the La Fontaine Bleue in Lanham, Maryland. We're excited to announce that our flagship fundraising event will evolve into an awards luncheon as we move forward.

Preparations are already underway for the **2015 William Jefferson Jackson Honors Award Luncheon** that will be held on Saturday afternoon at Camelot by Martin's, on Central Avenue in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, on **October 3, 2015**. We will continue to honor outstanding alumni and members of the Falcon family. Look for additional special features. There is a very slight increase in the ticket prices this year in conjunction with the move.

We need your help and support to make this years' event our most successful ever! **Our goal is to increase attendance to over 250 persons; increase advertising in our souvenir program booklet and sponsorships. We invite all DC, Maryland, and Virginia alumni to sponsor a table of 10 and invite your friends and family to come out and celebrate our outstanding honorees.**

Please note that all nominations for the William Jefferson Jackson Honors Award must be received by March 31, 2015 ... Please submit a bio and photo of the person you would like to nominate. Selections will be made the first meeting of May. Please read the nomination criteria carefully. The criteria is attached and you can also [click here](#) to view and download.

Upcoming Chapter Meeting ... The upcoming Chapter meeting is February 7, 2015. Please note starting in 2015 **meeting materials be emailed to members to print and bring with you to the meeting**, and a limited number of hard copies will be available at the meeting. Please reply if you do not have access to printing the meeting information and will need a hard copy made available for you.

Chapter Membership Dues ... If you have not yet done so, please send in your membership dues for the 2014 - 2015 calendar year. The membership application is attached and can be [downloaded here](#).

Upcoming SAU Alumni Chapter Meeting -
Saturday February 7, 2015
10:00 am
Location:
Ridgeley Rosenwald School
8507 Central Avenue Capitol Heights, MD
301-333-6560, 240-264-3415

Note the following travel info: The Central Avenue Entrance is closed off. Please use the following directions to enter the school: Traveling on Central Avenue turn onto Ritchie Road. Make left on Truck House Road. Turn left into the entrance and press buzzer if the gate is closed.

We have a full schedule and need alumni help. Consider joining one of the following committees: Activities; Membership, or working with marketing, or let us know where you'd like to participate.

Live the Falcon Spirit!