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PINEVALE
HIGH SCHOOL

2023



12TH ALUMNI
Reunion

September 1-3, 2023
Valdosta, Georgia

Pinevale



Alumni

Association, Inc.

Classes from 1957 - 1972



CITY of VALDOSTA, GEORGIA

Scott James Matheson
Mayor

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, there exists in our great country the need for families and friends to join together in love and harmony; and

WHEREAS, that need for complete unity is recognized by the governing body of the City of Valdosta; and

WHEREAS, the Pinevale High School Alumni Class will celebrate their 12th Reunion on September 1-3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, numerous alumni, faculty, and friends will travel from far and near to attend the many special activities planned for this combined class reunion.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Scott James Matheson, Mayor of the City of Valdosta, do hereby proclaim September 1, 2023 as

PINEVALE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI CLASS DAY

in the City of Valdosta and encourage all citizens to honor and support the Pinevale High School Alumni Association, Inc. as they remember the past, celebrate the present, and embrace the future.

SO PROCLAIMED this 1st day of September, 2023



Scott James Matheson, Mayor

Greetings from the Chairman



Dr. Willie Houseal
Chairman

Greetings,

On behalf of the Pinevale High School Alumni Association Incorporated, I am honored to greet and welcome all alumni classes from 1957-1972 to our 12th combined reunion. As we come together for this event, we will reflect on the past, enjoy the present, and look forward to the future.

Since our last class reunion in 2019, we have experienced a world-wide pandemic, the *coronavirus* (COVID-19). Over a million lives were lost during this time. Most of us were affected. But God saw fit to sustain us. He provided an avenue for us to return to our Pinevale roots. And for that, we are humbled and grateful.

As we take time from our busy schedules to attend this combined class reunion, let us remember the unique history and legacy we share. These commonalities helped shape our lives and enabled us to emerge as productive citizens in our society.

A big thank you to the Pinevale High School educators and support staff who challenged us to always do our best. They also encouraged us to be proud of the heritage we possess. And to all who are here today, this reunion would not be a success without you. We pray for a safe return to your destination. Finally, continue to put God first and remain true to our Alma Mater.

Please enjoy the reunion and thanks again for your participation.

Best regards,

Dr. Willie Houseal, Chairman
Pinevale High School Alumni Association, Inc.

Greetings from the Co-Chairman

Dear Tigers, Tigrettes, and Friends,

First, I welcome with thanksgiving, all participants to our 12th Pinevale High School Alumni Association, Inc. Reunion. You have made this a success with your physical appearance and finances.

Secondly, I hope everyone have three days of random acts of kindness, rejoicing in meeting old friends, and establishing new relationships.

Thirdly, let's not forget the Pinevale High School experience which started with Dasher High School's Tigers and Tigerettes where our parents, family members, and friends attended. We transitioned from Magnolia Elementary, South Street Elementary, Lomax Jr. High to Pinevale High School.

Finally, thank you Pinevale Elementary Maceo Horne Jr. Learning Center, and Valdosta High School Wildcats for your support and continue to carry the legacy of Pinevale. Please keep the Pinevale High School Alumni Association, Inc. current.

With love from the Pinevale tree, namely the 1962 branch,

Harry L. Jenkins, Jr.

Co-Chairman

Pinevale High School Alumni Association, Inc.



Harry L. Jenkins, Jr.
Co-Chairman

About Our



Lusharon Wiley, Ed.D.

Lusharon Wiley is actively engaged in the Pensacola community where she has resided for the past thirty-four years. Named one of the *Most Influential People in Pensacola* by *Inweekly Magazine* (April, 2023), she understands the importance of giving back to the community in which she lives and works.

As *Vice President of Corporate Culture at Innisfree Hotels*, a Florida-based hotel management, marketing and development company, Dr. Lusharon Wiley is responsible for managing the company's culture practices and providing expertise and support in the areas of employee engagement and retention, diversity and inclusion, culture training and navigating difference.

Lusharon was previously employed by the University of West Florida for twentyfour years before moving to private industry. Her career in higher education included a number of accomplishments and recognitions. Perhaps the accomplishment she is most proud of is as founder of the *Argo Pantry*, a service for students to ensure that they have access to food and personal care items.

Lusharon Wiley is committed to making a difference in her community. Not only does she serve on the *Pensacola Economic Development Council (PEDC)* where she is an executive board member; she is also a founding member of the *Equity Project Alliance*. In addition, she is a board member of the *WSRE-TV Foundation Board*, *Pensacola Children's Chorus* and the *United Way of West Florida Visioning Team*. *Project Search*, a national organization that partners with local businesses and boards of education to serve high school students with special needs, named its *Pensacola Community Service Award* in her honor.

Dr. Wiley is currently serving, at the request of the Mayor of Pensacola, as the *Chair of the Miraflores Community Advisory Group* for the *Burial Ground Study* involving the unearthing of skeletal remains thought to be of African American or Creole descent. She also served as a member of the *2022 Mayoral Transition Committee* for the City of Pensacola.

Lusharon was born and raised in Valdosta, GA in a large family where she was loved tremendously and is grateful for all she learned from her ancestors.

Banquet Speaker

Publications & Articles

Wiley, L. (2022). Senior Executive: DEI Training Topics: 5 Conversations Your Workforce Should Have. Quoted in article by Krystal Jagoo in DEI Advisor – The Email Newsletter for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Leaders (May 25, 2022).

Wiley, L. (2022). A Seat at the Table: Listening with Open Minds and Hearts. HR Daily Advisor Podcast. "Listening with Open Minds and Hearts."

Wiley, L. (2021). Diversity Takes Many Forms: Making Progress Through Understanding and Inclusion. HR Daily Advisor (Lin Gensing-Pophal, Contributing Editor).

Wiley, L. (2021). "I See You": Lusharon Wiley Continues Diversity, Inclusion Efforts in Decades-Long Career. Pensacola News Journal.

Wiley, L. (2020). 5 Steps We Must Take to Truly Create an Inclusive, Representative and Equitable Society. Medium's Authority Magazine.

Wiley, L. (2018). Feature article on my life's journey as a successful woman. Out Front Magazine.

Wiley, L. (2018). Difference, Diversity, and Sensitivity Among Ourselves and For Our Clients." Florida Association of Aging Services Providers, Volume 62 January/February 2018

Wiley, L. (2018) "Agent for Change". Bella Magazine, Pensacola News Journal.

Wiley, L. (2017). Social Justice Advocate an Angel for Change. Pensacola News Journal. Wiley, L. (2015). Can Mindfulness Align Us With Success? Powerful Women of the Gulf Coast Magazine.

Education

Doctor of Education
University of West Florida
Specialization: Diversity Studies

May 2007
Pensacola, FL

Master of Arts in Political Science
University of Illinois at Chicago
Specialization: Program Evaluation and Design

December 1974
Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Science in Political Science
Tuskegee University
Specialization: Political Science & pre-law

May 1973
Tuskegee, AL

About Our Sunday Speaker



Bro. Eugene Godfrey
Guest Speaker

Charlie Eugene Godfrey (Gene) is a 1969 graduate of Pinevale High School. He received his B.S.N. from Valdosta State College (University) in 1974 and Family Nurse Practitioner From Georgia Southern College (University) in 1986. He maintains a Georgia Nursing License and American Nursing Association certifications.

Eugene Godfrey has worked in various positions throughout his nursing career. His professional experience includes: Charge nurse at Archbold Memorial Hospital in Thomasville, GA; Senior Staff Nurse at the Public Health Clinic in Valdosta; Lead Nurse Coordinator of High Blood Pressure and Diabetes Mellitus Clinics, Family Nurse Practitioner—Adult Health Coordinator, District Public Health Nursing and Clinical Director in Valdosta; Family Nurse Practitioner at the Primary Health Care Clinic at the Lowndes County Health Department. Presently, he is Evangelist/Elder and Nurse Practitioner at the Adult Health Promotion Clinic South in Hahira, GA.

He is a member of the Georgia Public Health Association. Also, he is a board member of BB&T Bank.

Eugene Godfrey has received several awards: Consultant of Rural Health Grant-1999-Present - Grant amount over one million dollars; Health Coaliton Development Demonstration Grant to prevent HIV/AIDS Level of funding \$306,000 1994-1998; Recipient of the James W. Alley Training Program Grant through Morehouse School of Medicine 1991; Recipient of Kellogg Enhancement Grant 1989 which included a trip to Kenya in Africa; Project Director for Minority Community.

Eugene Godfrey is also active in the community. He is president of Advancing Valdosta, Inc. He has served as president of the Well Church Council and Lowndes County Partnership for Health, Inc. He was an advisor for Helping Others Manage Efficiently, Inc. A board member for the Coalition for the African American Clergy, Inc. and consultant for Faith Committee of Southwest GA Cancer Coalition. He was also a board member of the Valdosta High School Touchdown Club and cub scout chairman for Standing Oaks District Scouting.

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 1, 2023

Location: Pinevale Gymnasium / C.C. Hall Complex
930 Lake Park Road, Valdosta, GA

Registration: 11am-1pm

Meet & Greet: 7pm-10pm

Saturday, September 2, 2023

Location: Rainwater Conference Center
1 Meeting Place, Valdosta, GA

Orange & Black Ball: 7pm-11pm
Attire: Formal & Semi-Formal

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Location: Pinevale Gymnasium / C.C. Hall Complex
930 Lake Park Road, Valdosta, GA

Worship Service: 11am-1pm

EVENTS

The Orange and Black Ball

Mistress of Ceremony
Iris Burgman Brown

Opening Song: Lift Every Voice and Sing

Invocation: Jimmy Sirmans

Welcome: Patricia Scott Wells

Solo: Nathaniel Houseal

Blessing of Meal: Jimmy Sirmans

****Dinner is served****

Introduction of Speaker: Jeffrey Burgman

Guest Speaker: Dr. Lusharon Woods Wiley

Closing Remarks: Dr. Willie Houseal
Announcements

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Lift every voice and sing,
'Til earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
let us march on 'til victory is won.*

The Sunday Worship Service

Mistress of Ceremony

Helen Miller Baker

Opening Song:	Pinevale High School Choir
Scripture Reading:	Matthew Williams
Invocation:	Harry Jenkins
Memorial Candle Lighting:	Donald Williams Irvin Davis
Selection:	Pinevale High School Choir
Offering:	Finance Committee
Selection:	Pinevale High School Choir
Speaker:	Bro. Eugene Godfrey
Closing Remarks: Announcements	Dr. Wille Houseal
Alma Mater:	Congregation
Benediction:	Bro. Eugene Godfrey

Alma Mater

Dear Alma Mater

Thou beloved

We pledge our loyalty

Though paths may lead

Us far and near

Our pledge to thee we sing

We'll strive to fight for truth

And right as thou has taught us to

May God protect you

Pinevale High

We'll live and die for you!

The Great Beginning

The first black high school in the city of Valdosta was Magnolia High School. The principal was Professor, Pastor Cyrus G. Wiley. The next principal was Professor/Pastor James L. Lomax. Magnolia later became an elementary school on the Westside of the city. The principals were Mr. Bell, Mr. C. C. Hall and Mr. Binford.

Magnolia Elementary



South Street Elementary was located on the Southside of the city, under the leadership of Professor Alfred Kincey.

Dasher High / Lomax Jr. High School



In 1929 the doors opened to the famous Dasher High School, the new and only black high school in the city under the leadership of Professor James. L. Lomax.

In 1956 the unity of Magnolia and South Street Elementary Schools became one, the powerful J.L. Lomax, Jr. High School along with it's well known principal, Mr. J.L. Lomax

The Great Pinevale High School



The doors opened to Pinevale High School with Mr. C.C. Hall as principal. Pinevale High School was known through out the State of Georgia for its achievements in academics, sports, band and chorus. The Pinevale campus housed 9th graders from Valdosta High School for a short period, then became the Pinevale Learning Center. The Pinevale Learning Center moved to the Southeast Campus and was named the Maceo Horne Learning Center.

The Legacy Continues

*The new Pinevale Elementary School
opened its doors with great vision in the
Fall of 2014*



Pinevale High School Alumni Association, Inc.

The Board of Directors — 2023



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Kathryn Harris

T.J. Henderson

Larry Baker

Helen Baker

Donald K. "Butch" Williams

Lifetime Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Class of</u>
James Garland	1966
David L. Robinson	1965
Eloise S. Brandon	1959
John W. Rayford	1966
John Troy Lissimore	1961
Frank L. Baldwin	1960
Pearlie B. Spencer	1964
Saundra S. Hunter	1972
Kathryn C. Harris	1959
Iris B. Brown	1969
Betricia M. King	1967
Mary W. Moye	1963
Willie Houseal	1969
Edward L. Johnson	1969
James F. Council	1968
Erma L. Jenkins	1963
Harry L. Jenkins	1962
Irvin Davis, Sr.	1963
Laverne G. McHellen	1962
Henry P. Frost	1963
Cleopatra S. Houseal	1971
Belma J. Owens	1967
Freddie Joiner	1967
Jimmy C. Sirmans	1965
Donald K. "Butch" Williams	1966
Etheridge Williams	1959
Allen L. Baker	1969
Sallie R. Williams	1966
John L. Brown	1965
Gregory Homer	1970

PHS Alumni Sponsors

Mr. Irvin Davis, Sr.

Mrs. Mary Frances Dyer

Foxy 95.7 Radio Station

Mr. Warren Lee, Owner

Harrington Funeral Home

Mrs. Cleopatra S. Houseal

Mr. & Mrs. Harry and Erma Jenkins

Langdale Ford Company

Mr. Gregg Powell, Community Service Coordinator

Mr. Troy Lissimore

Mr. Abdul Shabazz (Mr. Frank Moore)

Pinevale Elementary School

Pinevale High School, Class of 1967

Sam's Club

SSGT Devin C. Spencer

Valdosta City Schools

Valdosta City School Technology Department

Walmart

WGUN Radio Station

Kel Rivers, Owner



Pinevale High School Alumni Association, Inc.



Activities Report (August 31, 2019 - August 31, 2023)

- ❖ Added **Sports Hall of Fame** induction program for Dasher High School and Pinevale High School Alumni.
- ❖ Developed an **Adult Literacy** computer lab program at Pinevale Elementary School (PES) for the parents of students who attend the school.
- ❖ Co-sponsor with the Walmart Foundation to support **Hungry at Home** feeding program at PES.
- ❖ Co-sponsor with Sam's Club and WGUN radio station to provide **Personal Protection Equipment (PPE)** e.g., facemasks, hand sanitizer and Lysol to PES and MHLS during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- ❖ Active member of the Valdosta/Lowndes County **Community Partners in Education (CPIE)**.
- ❖ Provide access to Pinevale gymnasium/ C.C. Hall Complex for alumni class meetings and other activities.
- ❖ Annual sponsor and participant in **PES School Fun Day**.
- ❖ Provide volunteers for **mentoring program** at PES.
- ❖ Sponsor for Science Technology Engineering and Math (**STEM**) program at PES.
- ❖ Co-sponsor with a Valdosta Veterans organization for a **coat giveaway** at PES during winter.
- ❖ Co-sponsor with Young Educators in Action to provide **1,000 Food Boxes** for PES students and the local community.
- ❖ Co-sponsor with WGUN radio station to donate **225 Black History Coloring/Storytelling books** to students at PES during **Black History Month**.
- ❖ Donated Appreciation gift bags to teachers at PES and MHLS during **Honors Day Programs**.
- ❖ Donated gift cards to graduates at PES and MHLC during **Honors Day Programs**.
- ❖ Conducted two (2) **mass mailouts** for classes 1957-1972 about upcoming 2023 high school reunion.
- ❖ Installed 71 brick pavers outside the gym and 36 name plates on the monument inside the gym. This project is on-going.
- ❖ Maintain **tax exempt status** for the Pinevale Alumni Association with Georgia Secretary of State.

Pinevale High School
Alumni Reunion
Committee
wishes to thank
each of you
for your support
in placing an ad
in this year's
school reunion booklet.

Congratulations!



**Pinevale High School Alumni
Association, Inc.**

We are preserving the history and legacy of our Pinevale experience
and bridging the gap between the old and new. Go Tigers!!



Pinevale High School -- Class of 1969
"The Spirit Keepers"

Celebrating the Pinevale Legacy
September 1, 2023 - September 3, 2023



Pinevale High School



Pinevale Class of 1962



Pinevale High School

1966



Greetings,

We, the 1963 Pinevale High School Tigers and Tigeretts better known as the "Class of Excellency" want to say congratulations and best wishes to the Pinevale High School Committee and all Alumni. What an exciting time to give a shout out to the greatest people in the world, the Pinevale High School Alumni. When we think of our years of fellowship, friends, and family, we can reflect on one word, **Excellency!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

"Excellence is the unlimited ability to improve the quality of what you have to offer." — Rick Pitino

GOOOOO Tigers and Tigeretts!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Pinevale High School



Pinevale Class of 1963



*In Loving Memory
of our
Beloved Alumni and Staff*



*The years may come,
The years may go,
We can never forget
How we enjoyed you so.*

*With each day
We remember anew,
Those precious years
We spent with you.*



PINEVALE ALUMNI

