

## Message from the National President

Michael Gilliam -Class of 1961

Greetings Scipio A. Jones National Alumni  
and Former Students Reunion of Classes!

I'm glad you will be arriving from far and near to help in celebrating our theme "Continue the Legacy: The Choice is Yours." Our guest speaker will be Dr. Linda Watson from the graduating class of 1970.

I'm asking each of you to become a current 2026 member of the S.A. Jones Alumni. Ask family, friends, distant relatives, and Co-workers to become members as well.

A special thanks goes to all the chairpersons and planning committee members who worked diligently to make the Reunion of Classes 2026 a festive and memorable occasion for everyone to enjoy.

I appreciate the elected board members for working to keep the business of the SA Jones Alumni Association in good standing with the everyday operations and complying with the federal and state governments. If you have a desire to serve on the board, please join us at the Business General Session on Friday, July 17, 2026 from 3:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Look forward to seeing you there!

At the close of the Reunion 2026, many will be returning home. On your behalf, we will pray for your safe traveling grace.

Please mark your calendars because we look forward to greeting each of you again at our next Reunion of the Classes 2028.



Sharing the Dragon Spirit,

Mike Gilliam National Alumni President

# ANNOUNCING ...SAVE THE DATES

## **SAJ ALUMNI 2026 Reunion of Classes**

July 15-19, 2026

Wyndham Grand Executive Center Little Rock Airport

3201 Bankhead Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas. 72206

Single King Room, \$112.00, nightly plus taxes

Double Queen size, same price

King Parlor Suites, \$129.00, plus taxes

Complimentary breakfast.

**Cutoff date for sleep night rooms is June 15, 2026.**

Code for sleep night reservations "SAJ 2026 Reunion"

**Must be guaranteed with a credit card**

Call: 501-490-1000 ask for Melissa Jackson or Solene Sutton

**Check in 3pm Check out 12:00 (Noon)**

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Class Pictures, July 16	3:30-5:30 pm
*Grand March, July 16	6:30 pm
Grand March Reception, July 16	8-10:00 pm
Scholarship Luncheon, July 17	Noon - 2 pm
Dance, July 17	8:00-11:45 pm
General Session, July 17	3:00-5:00 pm
Health Fair, July 18	9:30 am-10:30 am
Choir Concert, July 18	5:00-6:30 pm
Banquet, July 18	7:00-10:00 pm
Worship/Memorial Service, July 19	9:00- 10:00 am

### **FULL REUNION REGISTRATION \$180.00**

**Registration 7/15 3-9pm 7/16 Noon-3pm 7/17 10 am-5pm 7/18 10 am-Noon**

Vendors welcome - \$100 per Table/per day - **Dorthey Tucker**, Chairperson

**\*Grand March** - We'll celebrate 26 years since the Grand March was organized by the late Bettye Nelson Jackson, Class '50. The first Grand March was held in 2000 at the Wyndham Hotel in NLR.

**Tickets for the 50/50 Cash Drawing will be available February 21, 2026.**

Tickets \$1.00 p/t or 6 chances for \$5.00. For tickets, please contact **Allene Cartwright**, your Class president/representative, or Dorothy Sabbs Neely, Dance Chairperson.

### **King & Queen Contest**

The 2026 SAJ Alumni King & Queen contest will be the battle between the 40's & 50's Classes versus the 60's & 70's Classes. **Lois Hunter**, Chairperson



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**SAJHSNA&FSI** – Celebrating 113 Years of the Jones High Heritage

**ALL ROADS Lead to ARKANSAS** – Please Join the SAJ Alumni 2026 Reunion of Classes: July 15-19, 2026, Wyndham Grand Executive Center Little Rock Airport, 3201 Bankhead Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas 72206

**Hello Mighty Dragons and Friends,**

**THE REUNION PREVIEW:** Schedule of Events: ^Executive Board Meeting, July 15, ^Reception Honoring Alumnus Theodore Swanson '48, July 15, ^Registration, July 15, ^Class Pictures, July 16, ^The Grand March, July 16, ^The Grand March Reception, July 16, ^Individual Classes on-your-own after the Grand March, July 16, ^Scholarship-Heritage Award Luncheon, July 17, ^General Session, July 17, ^Dance, July 17, ^Health Fair, July 18, ^Choir Concert, July 18, ^Banquet, July 18, ^50/50 Cash Drawing, July 18, ^Worship/Memorial Service, July 19, ^Executive Board Meeting, July 19 – **END OF THE 2026 REUNION!**

**HOTEL SLEEP NIGHT RESERVATIONS:** Call the front desk @501-490-1000 ^DISCOUNT CODE "SAJ Alumni 2026 Reunion". Reservations guaranteed with a valid credit card. Single King, \$112plus tax, Double Queen, \$112plus tax, Bi-level Suites, \$129plus tax (SOLD OUT), Parlor Suites, \$129plus tax. Complimentary breakfast, the cutoff date re sleep night rooms discount is June 15, 2026. Check in 03:00pm – Check out 12:00pm.

**Purchase a Full Registration or a Luncheon ticket or a Banquet ticket and receive 1 Free ticket to the Grand March Reception.**

We'll **celebrate 26 years** since the Grand March was organized by the late Bettye Nelson-Jackson '50. The first Grand March was held in 2000, at the Wyndham Hotel, 2 Riverfront Drive, NLR. Adrian Sanders '63 Descendant, will provide the music for the Grand March. The 2026 Ad Book will be dedicated to the late Bettye Jackson and the Grand March of Classes. A CALL OUT-ALL-ALUMNI CLASSES, March with US in the 2026 March of Classes! All organized classes that plan to participate are asked to submit their class' year and song title to march-in-on, by May 31, 2026, to carolynmyrie8@gmail.com - 501-454-7133. Mike Gilliam '61 and Carolyn Myrie '62, Co-Chairs.

Please hook up with your Class Representative for your Grand March attire and class' photo time. A GROUP photo shoot (one pic) of all classes at the end of the Grand March.

**DJ Paul will provide the music for the Dance.** The 50/50 cash drawing tickets will be available February 1, 2026. Tickets \$1/per ticket or Six tickets for \$5. For tickets, please contact Dorothy Sabbs-Neely '68, Chair or Allene Tucker Cartwright '68, Co-Chair. **DRESS CODE:** Please wear your best or most stylish pair of **tennis shoes or sneakers, not mandatory.** And, don't forget to bring your dancing fan.

The **2026 King and Queen Contest will be the battle between the classes of the 40's and 50's versus the classes of the 60's and 70's.** The classes of the 40's and 50's contestants are **Lee Jeffrey Sr., '54 and Deborah Faye Rhodes D/40's and SAJ Membership Chair.** Lois Hunter '61, King and Queen Contest, Chair.

**DRESS UP – COME AND INVITE ONE TO ATTEND THE BANQUET - 2026 Theme – "Continue-the Legacy: The Choice is Yours".** The color scheme: Blue and Gold. **Speaker:** Dr. Linda Watson, our own alumnus and the former Superintendent of the Little Rock School District and the Pine Bluff School District. The winner of the 50/50 cash drawing will be announced and \$500 or more, Lifetime members will be recognized.

**VENDING TABLES** – Vendors are welcome, July 15-19, 2026, 8am-11:45pm. The skirted tables will be provided on a non-refundable cost of \$100.00 per day. There will be no restrictions on hours of sales or operations. The Association

will not be responsible for merchandise left at the tables, at any time. Table spaces will be assigned on a first-come-basis. Dorthey Tucker '63, Chair – 501-650-2445.

Each class is asked to purchase at least one full page ad. Each alumnus is asked to solicit at least one ad. Each Executive Board member is asked to solicit at least two full pages of ads.

**HEALTH FAIR** – will again be informative: Topic – “Living with Lupus”. The speaker: Deborah Faye Rhodes, 40’s Descendant and the SAJ Membership Chair.

**LEND US YOUR VOICES...COME SING!** The Committee is bringing back Descendant Hilton Taylor, a God sent talented, magnificent, and electrifying musician, who will direct the choir. If you would like to participate, please contact Earma Lloyd-Pleasant '61 (501-291-6806), Chair or Pat Brewer '66, Co-Chair (501-690-3713).

The **Worship Memorial Service** will feature selections from the Alumni Choir, Memorial Litany Candle Lightning, and the Memorial Video. The Reverend/Attorney/Judge Wendell L. Griffen will deliver the message. Berniece Sabb '59, Lois Hunter '61 and Margie Evans '69, Co-Chairs.

The Souvenir is an aluminum tumbler with a lid, a straw, the pic of the former 1952, school building and the pictures of the NLR SIX. The tumbler will be the Association’s second recognition of the NLR SIX.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **AD Book FORMATS:** Full page \$100(2 pics – Extra \$10 per pic), Half page \$50(1 pic – Extra \$10), Quarter Page \$25(no pic), Eighth Page \$15(bus. card) and \$5(patron Listing). A Complimentary Ad Book for each full page ad purchased.
- Deadline date to submit the application for the **Heritage Award:** May 1, 2026 – Olivia Stewart Jones '68, Chair.
- Deadline date to submit the application for the RCC Brown Jr., Arkansas Historically Black College Scholarship: May 15, 2026.
- The Hall of Excellence and National Alumni applications are posted on the website: Susie Ballard Ware '61 and Dr. Izora White-Harrison '61, Co-Chairs.

Please visit [sajonesnationalalumni.com](http://sajonesnationalalumni.com) website to download detailed information and applications regarding the above announcements.

Thank you in the Jones High Spirit and we hope to see you on one of the roads leading to Arkansas.

/s/RED COMMITTEE



**SCIPIO A. JONES HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.  
P. O. BOX 5445 – North Little Rock, Arkansas 72119-5445**

**November 15, 2025**

**Dear Subscriber,**

This is to certify that the bearer of this letter is a current member of the Scipio A. Jones High School Alumni and Former Students Association, Inc., family member or a friend is authorized to solicit advertisements and patron listings to be published in the Reunion of Classes' Souvenir AD book in July 2026.

The funds raised will help support our Bi-Annual Heritage Award for a graduating high school senior who is a descendant of Jones Alumni; monthly and yearly obligations, mailings to alumni and former students, technology updates, community services, and preparation for the Reunion of Classes held every two years.

The souvenir AD book will be distributed during the Scipio A. Jones Alumni Reunion of Classes to be held July 15-19, 2026, at the Holiday Inn Hotel LR Airport Conference Center in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**PLEASE MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER Payable to the order of:**

**Scipio A. Jones High School National Alumni Association, Inc.,**

**In the Memo: ADS**

**Mail to: Scipio A. Jones High Alumni, POB 5445, NLR, AR 72119-5445**

Thank you for your patronage. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely yours,  
Mike Gilliam '61, President



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**Purchasing Form**

**November 15, 2025**

**PLEASE USE A SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH AD; Sizes/Prices are on the backside**

Please make a check or money order payable to: **SCIPPIO A. JONES HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, Inc. In the Memo: AD BOOK.**

**Mail to: SA Jones High Alumni, POB 5445, North Little Rock, AR 72119-5445**

Check One: Full Page\_\_\_ Half Page\_\_\_ Quarter Page\_\_\_ Eighth Page\_\_\_ \$5 Patron\_\_\_ \$10 Patron\_\_\_

DATE OF PURCHASE\_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK#\_\_\_\_\_ MONEY ORDER#\_\_\_\_\_ CASH \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

**AD IN SUPPORT OF A KING OR QUEEN CONTESTANT** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**IF YES, NAME OF CONTESTANT** \_\_\_\_\_ **CLASS** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANY AD DONATION CONTRIBUTED IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE UNDER THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 501 (C) (3) STATUS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A RECEIPT, PLEASE INDICATE** \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

**THE SOUVENIR AD Book WILL BE PUBLISHED IN COLOR. Will accept black and white photos and camera-ready pictures.**

**SUBMIT WORDINGS (OPTIONAL)** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ALL ADS MUST BE REPORTED OR MAILED ON OR BEFORE June 6, 2026.**



**Full Page \$100.00**

**\$10.00 for a picture**

**AD Book will be published in Color**

**Will Accept: Black and white photos and Camera-ready ads**

**A complimentary ad book for the purchase of each full-page ad**

**HALF PAGE**

**\$50.00**

**No charge for one picture**

**Additional \$10.00 per picture for two or more pictures**

<p><b>FOURTH PAGE</b> <b>\$25.00 – No Picture</b> <b>clipart accepted</b></p>	<p><b><i>EIGHTH PAGE</i></b> <b><i>Business Card</i></b> <b>\$15.00</b></p>
	<p><b>PATRON LISTING</b> <b>One Name - \$5.00</b> <b>Two Names \$10.00</b></p> <p>I.E., Good Luck from John Doe (one name) Best Wishes from John and Mary Doe (two)</p>



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*Reunion of Classes – July 15-19, 2026*  
Wyndham Grand Executive Center Little Rock Airport  
3201 Bankhead Drive - Little Rock, Arkansas 72206  
501-490-1000

*REGISTRATION FORM - FULL PACKAGE COST PER PERSON: \$180.00*

Registrations are to be received no later than July 01, 2026. No refunds will be issued if requested after July 08, 2026. Purchase of a FULL Registration or a LUNCHEON or a BANQUET Ticket, will receive a FREE Grand March Reception Ticket.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include Maiden Name) CLASS EMAIL

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
#Street City/State/Zip Code

<i>Event</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Grand March Reception	Thursday, July 16 <sup>th</sup> 8:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.	None	1	None
Scholarship/Heritage Award Luncheon	Friday, July 17 <sup>th</sup> 12:00 P.M.-02:00 PM	\$50.00		
Dance	Friday, July 17 <sup>th</sup> 08:00 P.M.-11:45 P.M.	\$20.00		
Banquet	Saturday, July 18 <sup>th</sup> 07:00 P.M.-10:00 P.M.	\$75.00		
AD Book	Wednesday, July 15 <sup>th</sup> - July 18 <sup>th</sup>	\$20.00		
Souvenir NLR Six Aluminum Tumbler	Wednesday, July 15 <sup>th</sup> - July 18 <sup>th</sup>	\$15.00		

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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### SCIPIO A. JONES NATIONAL ALUMNI 2026 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

“Dear Ole Jones” closed its doors in 1970 but the great legacy lives on. Scipio A. Jones High School National Alumni Association NEEDS YOU! Your annual membership helps Jones High School’s family and friends preserve its rich history.

#### MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES:

- \_\_\_\_\_ REGULAR (ATTENDED SA JONES WHETHER GRADUATED OR NOT)
- \_\_\_\_\_ ASSOCIATE (FORMER SA JONES EMPLOYEE)
- \_\_\_\_\_ SUSTAINING (NON-ALUMNI)
- \_\_\_\_\_ LIFE MEMBERSHIP (\$500 OR MORE, NEGOTIABLE PAYMENTS)
- \_\_\_\_\_ DESCENDANT OF JONES HS ALUMNI

**“PLEASE PRINT”**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES \$50.00 JANUARY 2026 - DECEMBER 2026**

PLEASE NOTE: MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL DUE JANUARY 1, 2027

**MAKE CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO SCIPIO A. JONES HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

**PAYMENT METHODS:**

CASH \_\_\_\_\_ CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_ MONEY ORDER # \_\_\_\_\_

CASHIER CHECK \_\_\_\_\_ DONATION ONLY \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**MAILING TO: P.O. BOX 5445, NORTH LITTLE ROCK, AR 72119-5445**

LAST NAME: (TITLE: DR., JUDGE, MR., MRS., MISS) \_\_\_\_\_ (SUFFIX: JR., SR., IV) \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAIDEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ APT# \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

MEMBER OF THE CLASS OF 19 \_\_\_\_\_ GRADUATED: (CIRCLE) YES NO

RELATIVE OF: \_\_\_\_\_ RELATIONSHIP: \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS 19 \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED: J. Michael Gilliam, President

Deborah F. Rhodes, Membership Chairperson

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**2026 Reunion of the Classes  
Registration Packet**