



**Booker T. Washington Alumni Association**

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Greetings Alumni and Friends:

The Booker T. Washington Alumni Association hope all had an enjoyable end to 2023 and beginning of 2024. The Alumni had an outstanding year as we awarded five scholarships in 2023. This year only 1 scholarship will be awarded.

The Association will award the scholarship to Runako Robinson Walsh, a graduate of Staunton High. He plans to major in architecture.

The BTW Alumni Association, in addition to awarding scholarships, made donations to The Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad, Blue Ridge Food Bank and the Valley Mission. The Board realizes it must be good stewards of funds donated by alumni and friends and whenever possible, hold fundraisers as we did in 2023 and May of 2024.

2024 reunion activities begin Friday, August 30<sup>th</sup> held at the Booker T. Washington Community Center:

- Fish Fry 5:00 -7:00pm
- Bingo 6:00 -
- And other entertainment.

Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup> events will be held at the Hotel 24 South (formerly, Stonewall Jackson):

- Hospitality Hour 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- Banquet – Master of Ceremony Warner Howard - Class of 1966
- Dance – following dinner and awarding of scholarship – following dinner until 10:30pm
- Music: Bak N Da Day – Old School Band
- Dress – casual & beverages (hotel cash bar only)

Thanks to all who supported the May fund raiser and to the volunteers who help us all year.

The Board wants all former students, families of students and friends to know you are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in all our annual school reunion activities and events. Without your continued support we could not award scholarships.

In addition to making financial donations, we request you consider donating former Booker T pictures, awards, clothing (sweaters, jackets, etc.) and other school items to our Library-Museum.

In closing, we sadly mourn the loss of founder Willie (Smith) Washington. Please consider donating in her honor.

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