



FHHSAA

FHHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

February 2026

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new year! As I continue my role as President of the Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association, I have reflected on all the projects, events and many successes that has allowed the Executive Committee to remain committed and dedicated to the mission of the organization and the legacy of our historic alma mater.

During the last 4 years, I have seen the organization's growth and many accomplishments. However, we would not have been able to realize these accomplishments without the unwavering support of every alumnus. Moreover, for this, we are most grateful. Last year proved to be particularly busy for the association. During the past 12 months, we hosted an event each month including our annual Spring Dance and our 2nd Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony leading up to the Diamond Year 75th Anniversary Gala, which was celebrated in grand style. We ended the year with the 2025 Memorial Program in December. We applaud the 75th Anniversary Committee for their dedication and commitment to their oversight for the very successful event. In addition, our Historic Committee worked tirelessly in partnership with Prince George's County's Redevelopment Authority to secure the transfer of the historic building.

This year, I plan to set higher standards for our organization. I acknowledge my goals are also the member's goals and together we will accomplish as many as we can. We are determined individuals with diverse vocations, and it is quite honestly an amazing feeling to witness and work alongside our Executive Committee and membership. We have had our fair share of challenges, but what family does not? In addition, that's what we are...a family.

We will actively work to increase our membership numbers because Each One, Bring One is an initiative that I stand strongly behind. We will build our online presence at <https://fhhsaainc.com>, so that we can continue to share all the good work we do within the school and community. We will continue to develop meaningful initiatives of importance that will have beneficial outcomes to sustain the organization.

With all of that being said, one cannot be naive as there will be challenges. Some of those challenges will be beyond our control. However, this is more of a reason for me to encourage fellow alumni to become active members to join us and to discover innovative ways to adapt and work around them. Together, we will bring new ideas to the table and continue to make this one of the greatest alumni associations ever!

In closing, I must say I am truly humbled and honored to serve as your president this year. I look forward to continuing to work closely with the board and each member as we all move forward and Serve to Change Lives. The Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association is going places, and I encourage you to join us!

Thank you for your continuous support and encouragement. I would never have been here without the influence of each of you over the last few years. You have all played an active role in my growth as President, and I will, and hope to continue to inspire each of you in a little way everyday as change makers.

Sincerely,

Joan Kelly Crowder

Joan Kelly Crowder, President-Class of 1968

Fhhsaa.president@gmail.com

FHHSAA Officers

Joan Kelly Crowder – President ‘68
Gary C. Clark - 1st Vice President ‘69
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John Brooks - Athletic Hall of Fame Comm. ‘70

MEMBERSHIP

Visit <https://fhhsaainc.com> to join or renew your membership.

Lifetime Membership - \$200
5-Year Membership - \$40
3-Year Membership - \$25

PAYMENTS

Debit/Credit Cards

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Faye Martin Howell-240-281-9833
or
Fred N. Smith-301-706-2436)

cash, check,

Zelle: Email:

alumnifhhs1950@gmail.com

First Name: **Fairmont** Last Name: **Heights**

CONSTITUTION / BYLAWS

The Constitution/Bylaws have been undergoing major revisions. Current Constitution/Bylaws can be found on our website.

A draft of the revisions will be sent to all active alumni members via email in the month of March 2026.

Active members will have until May 1, 2026, to submit any comments, additions, deletions, etc. per the detailed instructions that will be included in the packet.

Adoption of these revised documents will be by a vote at the Annual Meeting on June 16, 2026.

MONTHLY MEETINGS

FHHSAA monthly meetings are open to all graduates. Meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm, (except for July and August)

Annual Meeting – June 16, 2026

Cookout starts at 4:30pm

Scholarships Awards

Cedar Heights Community Center
1200 Glenn Willow Drive, Seat Pleasant, Maryland 20743



75TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

On behalf of the 75th Anniversary Planning Committee, I would like to thank each and every Hornet who helped to make our 2025 75th Anniversary year long events an overwhelming success. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all of those who took part in any of the events that were sponsored and executed during 2025 in recognition of this milestone of our beloved Fairmont Heights High School.

We sponsored an event each month inclusive of activities at the school and in the community. One highlight was dedicating a bench in honor of and recognition of John J. Williams.

The culminating event was held on October 18, 2025, with a Black-Tie Gala Event at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, MD. We had over 540 Hornets, Family and Friends gathered to celebrate our school.

Please visit the Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association website at "fhhsaainc.com" and click on 75th Anniversary Celebration to revisit this momentous occasion.

If you missed the Gala and would like to purchase the Souvenir Journal and/or a Commemorative Coin, for a nominal price of \$10.00 each, please contact Gary C. Clark, Chairperson 75th Anniversary Committee at garycclark2010@yahoo.com

In Hornet Spirit,

Gary C. Clark
1st Vice Chairperson
FHHS Alumni Association

SCHOLARSHIPS

Fairmont Heights High School (FHHS) was the first modern “separate-but-equal” County school in Maryland for African Americans that included the twelfth grade when it opened in September 1950; therefore, FHHSAA created a scholarship program to celebrate 75 years of educating our youth. The Diamond Hornet Scholarship was awarded in the amount of \$7,500 to Paris Odemns who is attending Prince George’s Community College.



The FHHSAA also awarded six John J. Williams Scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each to the following FHHS graduating seniors:

David Akinsunlola

Mariah Allen

Daria Brinkley

Nyla Clark

Abdulrasaq Famuditimi

Iyiola Gbadeyan

Morgan State University

Bowie State University

Morgan State University

Towson University

Morgan State University

Paul Quinn University



The scholarship recipients, their family, and friends attended the FHHSAA Annual Cookout on June 17, 2025, where they were presented with a mock scholarship check. The scholarship recipients attending universities locally also attended the 75th Anniversary Gala on October 18, 2025.

The John J. Williams and Legacy Scholarship applications are currently open to FHHS graduating seniors. FHHSAA plans to award multiple scholarships to deserving students. The scholarship application period closes on March 31, 2026, for more information go to the FHHSAA website at <https://www.fhhsaainc.com>.

Are you actively involved in FHHSAA? Are you a member of a committee? Do you have ideas for growing the FHHSAA? Are there activities you would like to see FHHSAA pursue? If you answered yes, get involved. Your help is welcomed and needed.

FHHSAA OFFICIAL WEBSITE

FHHSAA website is <https://fhhsaainc.com>. This is where you will find news, upcoming events and activities, announcements, program and committee information, and services for all FHHS alums. We exist to keep all past and future graduates connected to one another and to our beloved Alma Mater.

Please visit the FHHSAA website listed above and click on the MEETINGS, EVENTS, NEWS, and other tabs. Also explore the links found in RESOURCES (HISTORIC FHHS, MEMBERSHIP INFO, SCHOLARSHIP INFO, COMMITTEES, PRODUCTS, etc. Don't forget to click on PHOTO GALLERY, you will see photos from the many activities that we've held in the last few years. Enjoy!

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE UPDATE

Historic Fairmont Heights High School

On April 29, 2025, the Prince George's County Council voted to approve the transfer of Historic Fairmont Heights High School (FHHS) to the Redevelopment Authority (RDA) which has an organization that is prepared to purchase/lease the building. The next step is for the County Executive to sign the transfer. The FHHS Alumni Association is in full support of this revitalization effort.

Student Archives Internship Program

In 2025, the FHHSAA Historical Committee partnered with the Maryland State Archives Office, and the Prince Georges' Arts and Humanities Council (PGAHC) to co-create a Student Archives Internship Program. It will provide an opportunity for FHHS students to assist FHHSAA with identifying, cataloging, recording, and managing appropriate historic materials related to FHHS and the surrounding communities.

This program is designed to train FHHS students in library and archive skills, history, conservation, etc. We selected McKenzie Howell (Class of 2026) as our first student to intern with the Maryland State Archives Office in Annapolis. She did an exemplary job. The Maryland State Archives Office plans to offer this program to other high schools in the state of Maryland.

Upcoming Event

On Saturday, February 21, 2026, the FHHSAA Historical Committee will hold its 3rd Annual Open House: "Past to Present" from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Cedar Heights Community Center, 1200 Glen Willow Drive, Seat Pleasant, MD. We are honoring some of our alumni who have chosen careers as Educators/Teachers. Also available will be information on voter registration, family services on aging & disabilities, etc.

More information is available at <https://fhhsaainc.com>, click on 3rd Annual Open House or call Denise Haskins on (240) 222-2237.



FAIRMONT HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION (FHHSAA)

DENIM & DIAMONDS 4

***34th ANNUAL SPRING DANCE
DINNER/REUNION FUNDRAISER***

Saturday, April 25, 2026 | \$40 | 6:00pm – 10:00pm

Camp Springs Elks Lodge #2332 - 7350 Temple Hill Rd

Camp Springs, MD 20748

Music: DJ Swivel | Photos: MR. G | 50/50 DRAWING

Dinner | Dancing | Cash Bar | No ticket sales at the door

Proceeds to Support FHHSAA Scholarships & Student Activities

DO NOT BRING FOOD OR DRINKS

For Tickets, Contact

Damita Goldsmith 240-832-7746

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Mickey McCloud 240-375-0853

Diane Sharp 240-401-8519

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CASH can be paid at the Alumni Monthly Meetings or contact anyone above

OR PAY VIA ZELLE: Name = Fairmont, Last Name = Heights; email to use = alumnifhhs1950@gmail.com

OR TO USE CREDIT CARD: Call Faye Howell 240-281-9833 or Fred Smith 301-706-2436

OR PAY VIA CHECK OR MONEY ORDER: PAYABLE TO: FHHSAA

Put SPRING DANCE & YOUR NAME in the memo field

MAIL CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO: FHHSAA – P.O. Box 6753 – Capitol Heights, MD 20791-6753

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By Authority of Faye Martin Howell, Treasurer, Fairmont Heights High School Alumni Association (240-281-9833)

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ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

**Accepting Nomination Forms
until March 6, 2026**

For more information

Go to FHHSAA website at:

fhhsaainc.com/athletic-hall-of-fame/

Click on: Nomination Form

Fill in and SUBMIT online

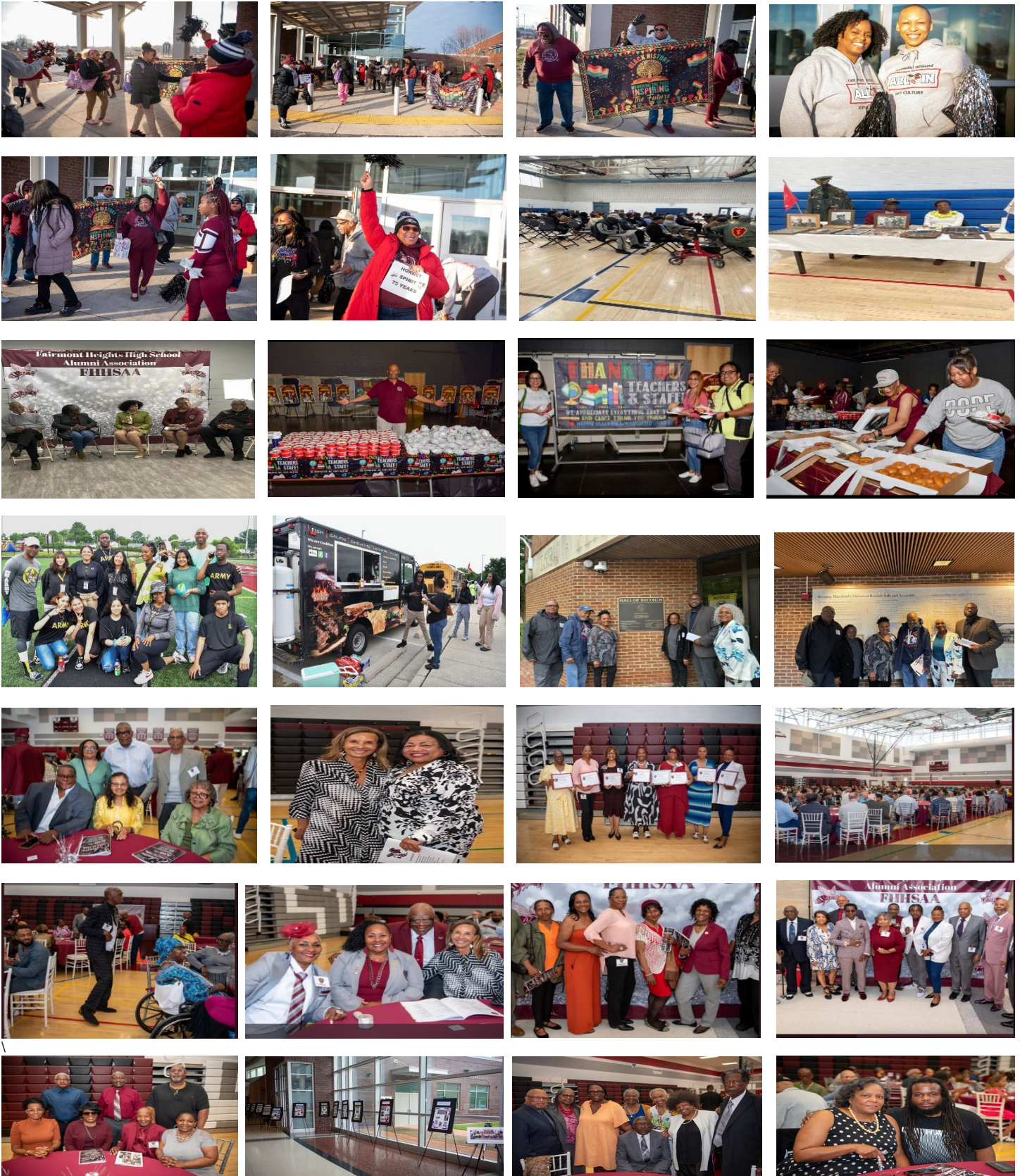
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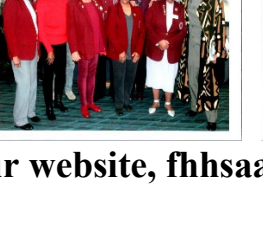
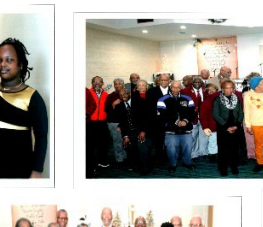
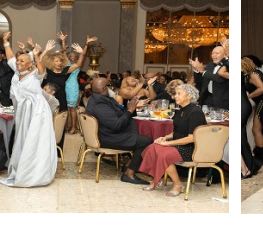
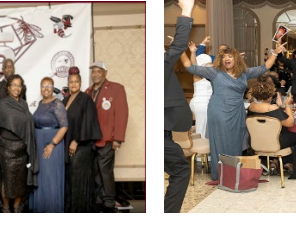
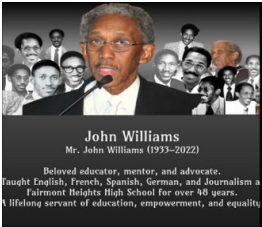
**Contact us via email:
athleticHOF@fhhsaainc.com**



Photos from 2025 Events

Clapin, Past to Present, Teacher Appreciation, Community Day, Archive, AHOF, John J. Williams Bench, 75th Anniversary Gala, Memorial Service





More photos and videos are available on our website, fhhsaainc.com

UPCOMING HORNETS' EVENTS

Open House – February 21, 2026, 2-5pm
Cedar Heights Community Center
1200 Glenn Willow Drive, Seat Pleasant, Md 20743

Hornet Honors – March 13, 2026, 6pm
Student Awards Program
Joseph Tolson
Honoree as our Alumni of the Year
Fairmont Heights High School
6501 Columbia Park Road, Hyattsville, MD 20785

Drama Production of Romeo and Juliet
April 20-21, 2026
Fairmont Heights High School
6501 Columbia Park Road, Hyattsville, MD 20785

DENIM & DIAMOND 4
34th Annual Spring Dance
Dinner/Reunion Fundraiser
Saturday, April 25, 2026
6:00pm – 10:00pm
Camp Springs Elks Lodge #2332
7350 Temple Hill Road
Camp Springs, MD 20748

Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony – June 6, 2026, 1-5pm
Fairmont Heights High School
6501 Columbia Park Road, Hyattsville, MD 20785

FHHSAA Annual Meeting – June 16, 2026, 6:30pm
Cedar Heights Community Center
1200 Glenn Willow Drive, Seat Pleasant, Md 20743

Memorial Service – December 5, 2026, 11am
The New Mt. Nebo Baptist Church
7501 Walker Mill Drive, Capitol Heights, Maryland 20743
(Just off Shady Glen Drive)
Rev. Robert R. Johnson Jr., Pastor

Visit the website for updated information on these events <https://fhhsaainc.com>