



...And Now A Word From Our Leaders!



DO YOU REMEMBER THIS GUY?

**Dr. Athel Q. Liggins,
Our Principal**

Hopefully you don't remember him by having lived in his office! Alumni visited with Dr. Liggins on August 4, 2021, and found him doing quite well.

Dr. Liggins celebrated an amazing 98th Birthday this year. He was showered with cards and messages from many of us. This is something we try to do every year to show how special he is to us. He is always glad to hear from his Techite family. Whether we are reaching out through a visit, by mail, or just a phone call, he welcomes us with open arms and lots of wise conversation. It's a blessing to know that our leaders are still around leading, guiding, and caring for us!

And he writes...

Greetings to the Class of '74! It is with great pleasure and honor that I bring greetings to the McKinley High School class of '74.

Looking back over my life, being the Principal of McKinley High School was the highlight of my professional career and the joy of my life after my family!! I'll tell anybody and everybody (that will listen - LOL!) that I had the privilege of serving the best students ever at McKinley High School.

It has warmed my heart how the Class of '74, along with the other classes, have invited me to attend and speak at so many class reunions over the years. The Class of '74 continues to just "show up" and shower me with love and attention. They never forget my birthday,

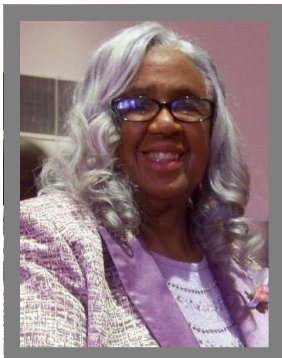
Father's Day, or Christmas! I feel so blessed that these wonderful students of mine who treat and regard me as family, continue to reach out to me.

Congratulations to the Class of '74 for their Online Newsletter. This is a close knit group of talented and smart students who have created this great newsletter and they want to bless me with your love and kindness!

I will continue to pray for all of you! God bless you all!!!

Your Humble and
Grateful Principal,

Dr. Athel Q. Liggins



GREETINGS TO MY MCKINLEY TECH HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY!

I pray that this greeting finds you in good health, and your needs are being met, especially as we continue through these long months of this dreadful pandemic

that seems to linger on. We certainly ask for guidance and wisdom as we try to get back to some sense of normalcy.

These long pandemic months have done two things for us, we have either grown stronger or become weaker in our faith. My prayer for each of you is that you are stronger, that family ties are great, and that relationships with friends are so much closer.

It has been much too long since we were together, but I have not forgotten the golden days at McKinley High School, the dinner reunions, and picnics.

As we grow older, we need to keep in touch. I certainly enjoy the phone calls, text, cards and your prayers, which shows the love that has always been a part of the "McKinley Way". Let us continue to grow together, (though we may be apart, ever closer), in order that we may share our thoughts, feelings, and our triumphs.

As the Class of 1974 sings out: "KEEP YOUR HEAD TO THE SKY", which means, to keep love in our hearts, minds, and thoughts, we walk to greater heights in the light of God's love. God bless each of you.

Remember me always,

Willa Rogers Johnson

Sponsor, Class of 1974

Words from Our Leaders



On behalf of the Class of 1974, we welcome all readers to our very first newsletter, The Informer! We are very excited to launch this newsletter which will inform and inspire classmates of McKinley Tech Class of '74 along with their family and friends with all things McKinley Tech...and more. We hope you will enjoy the newsletter and find it informative. Happy Reading!

Judy B. Bowie-Robinson
Reunion Executive Team Chair

Become A Class Sponsor

McKinley Tech Class of 1974 "Special Invitation"

Become a Class Sponsor for our 50th Class Reunion Golden Celebration Weekend

This is a "Special Invitation" to all McKinley Tech Class of 1974 Alumni. We invite you to become a Class Sponsor for our 50th Class Reunion to be held in 2024. Our plan is to secure a resort for the weekend to host our Golden Celebration. A Class Sponsor contributes \$200 to help make our reunion a fantastic and wonderful experience.

All donations are tax deductible. You can contribute a one-time payment or in installments. This \$200 will not apply to your personal reunion expenses. It will be used to secure the facility, live music, photographer, 50th Reunion Souvenir Book, and other memorable items.

Make a Contribution

There are two ways to make a tax deductible donation.

1. Cash App to tech061974@gmail.com.
2. Check or money order to:
McKinley Tech Class of 1974 and send to:
4630 Lacy Ave. Suitland, Md. 20746.
For all general questions, please email
tech74jb@msn.com or call (301) 518-5109.

If God is willing, we will all enjoy an awesome, beautiful, and blessed fellowship in 2024.

Rev. Sammie Fitzgerald
Logistics and IT Team Lead

Fundraising Ideas Welcomed

Fellow 1974 Techite Classmates

In preparation for our McKinley Tech Class of 1974 50th Reunion, we are seeking fundraising ideas for activities/events to be held between now and our reunion event in 2024. The goal is to raise funds we can apply to the activities and gala to reduce the costs to attend, keeping in mind that our economy has been affected and the rates, charges and fees of everything has and will continue to increase. We want to make this a GRAND CELEBRATION! We have been blessed and made it this far as we continue to keep our heads to the sky.

In spite of the pandemic, the ideas are endless. To give that brain a quick start, here are some thoughts: walk & jog-a-thon, art auction, class yard sale, bingo, balloon raffle, 50/50 raffle, jellybean estimate for a small fee, family photo shoot (update your family photo), omelet and pancake breakfast, and hula hoop (for the daring). I know we have some pros out there.

We, the reunion committee, look forward to receiving your enthusiastic ideas! Please submit your ideas via e-mail to the reunion committee at tech74jb@gmail.com.

Stay safe and well until we meet again!

Mary Algood
Finance Team Lead

Cherish every moment
and every person in your life,
because you never know when will be
the last time you see someone.



Life is fragile.
Take nothing and no one for granted.

Rosalind Williams

What are the 4 Types of People in the World?

1. He who knows not and knows not that he knows not; That's a Fool - Shun him
2. He who knows not and knows that he knows not; That's a Child - Teach him
3. He who knows and knows not that he knows; That one is Sleep - Wake him
4. He who knows and knows that he knows; That one is Wise - Follow him

Now I have determined and am fully persuaded that it is far better to be a Wise Child rather than a Sleeping Fool.

Rev. Samuel Fitzgerald

Inspiration for YOU

Greetings and welcome to the inaugural edition of the McKinley Tech Informer Newsletter and the Inspiration for You column. Beginning with our next edition, you will be encouraged, inspired and uplifted through the entries submitted by fellow classmates who are members of the clergy. Our hope and prayer is that these entries will in fact, help you to be built up on the inside, whereby you have the spiritual fortitude to overcome any situation you may face that tries to discourage you or hold you back! If you are a licensed or ordained clergy, we invite you to be a part of our Spiritual Life Team. Please contact Rev. Dr. Cheryl Davis Phillips at 1974newsletter@gmail.com.

"Keep Your Head to the Sky!"

MTAA DINNER DANCE



The Alumni Scholarship Dinner Dance that is sponsored by the McKinley Tech Alumni Association (MTAA) and usually held the day after Thanksgiving, has been postponed for 2021. It shall return, bigger and better!

We Regret the Passing...



Deborah Alexander
June 2021

Please visit our website and Facebook page to view classmates who have transitioned.

The Class of '74 Needs You!

As you can imagine, planning, preparing, and executing the plans for our upcoming 50th class reunion is a Herculean task! That is why the 50th Class Reunion Committee is starting the process so early. 2024 will be here before we know it, and the Committee needs extra help! Please respond to the requests below by contacting us at tech74jb@gmail.com. Here's how you can begin to plug in.

Communications Team **Donna M. Ennis, Team Leader**

The Communications Team is looking for individuals to help keep the Social Media

presence of the Class of '74 current in multiple formats. Join our team to help communicate with our class!

Solicitations Team **Cheryl Davis Phillips, Team Leader**

The Solicitations Team needs individuals who are self-starters and finish tasks in a timely manner to assist with researching and contacting potential contributors as we execute our fundraising plans. If you are interested in helping, or if you have suggestions regarding potential contributors, please contact us. If you are the owner of a small business, run a non-profit, or are a corporate leader, we want to

hear from you. There may be several ways we can partner together to make our 50th reunion the best one ever. Please reach out to us!

Newsletter Team **Deborah Morton, Team Leader**

If you have received recognitions, awards and/or commendations for a job well done in your career or volunteer service, or if you have been involved in impacting the lives of others in a special way, we would like to acknowledge you. Please forward pertinent info to us as soon as possible.

PASTOR CHERYL DAVIS PHILLIPS

McKinley Tech Class of 1974 50th Class Reunion Committee And Team Structure

Executive Team

Judy Bowie-Robinson, **Chair** (Class Coordinator, Memory Lane Team Leader)
Mary Allgood (Finance Team Leader)
Donna Ennis (Communications/Marketing Team Leader)
Cheryl Davis Phillips (Solicitations and Spiritual Life Team Leader)
Carl Bradford (Branding/Graphics Team Leader)
Sammie Fitzgerald (Logistics and IT Team Leader)

Finance Team

Mary Allgood, **Team Leader**
Judy Bowie-Robinson (Reunion Committee Chair)
Sammie Fitzgerald (IT and Logistics Team Leader)
Cheryl Davis Phillips (Solicitations Team Leader)
Regina Renfrow-Jones (Financial Secretary)

Communications and Marketing Team

Donna Ennis, **Team Leader** (Editor)
Judy Bowie-Robinson (Memory Lane/Database)
Carl Bradford (Branding/Graphics/Souvenir Book)
Sammie Fitzgerald (Website/IT and Logistics)
Cheryl Davis Phillips (Editor/Solicitations)
Deborah Jones Morton (Newsletter/Souvenir Book)

Solicitations Team

Cheryl Davis Phillips, **Team Leader**
Carl Bradford (Branding/Graphics/Souvenir Book)
Tyrone Broady (External Solicitations)
Sammie Fitzgerald (IT and Logistics)

Spiritual Life Team

Rev. Dr. Cheryl Davis Phillips, Team Leader
Rev. Rachel McPhail Boyd
Rev. Sammie Fitzgerald
Bishop Michael Kelsey
Rev. Marvin Matthews
Minister Kristle Murden
Bishop Jeremiah Murphy
Rev. Jan Murray
Rev. Francine Gaston Shuford

**Logistics Team

Sammie Fitzgerald, Team Leader (IT)
Mary Allgood (Site Team Leader/Activities/Transportation)
Judy Bowie Robinson (Program Team)
Carl Bradford (Branding/Entertainment)
Donna Ennis (Marketing)
Jackie Jones (Site/Meet and Greet)
Deborah Jones Morton (Hospitality/Gratuity)
Cheryl Davis Phillips (Prayer Breakfast Team Leader/Site/Program/Activities)
Terry Pierce (Hospitality/Gratuity)
Rosalind Williams (Meet and Greet/Transportation/Hospitality/Gratuity)

President of the Class of 1974

Randall Raigns

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