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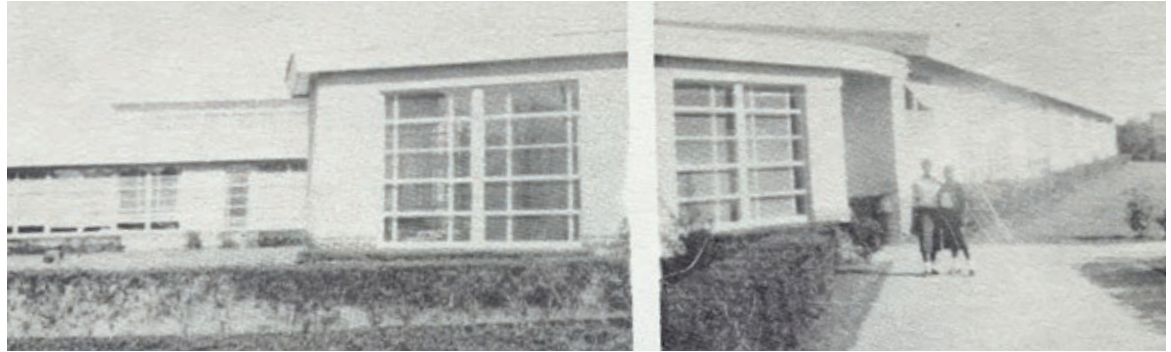
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*Carter-Parramore High School (1959)*



### **A Florida Non-Profit has been Formed to give Scholarships to Graduates of Gadsden County High School**

by Franklin D. Hamilton

Over the past seven months, a small group of graduates of Carter-Parramore High school (ca-1956-1970), located in Quincy, Florida and graduates of two other Gadsden County High Schools have worked diligently to establish a non-profit corporation. The purpose of the corporation is that of raising funds to provide

scholarship support to Gadsden County High School graduates who wish to attend college. Carter-Parramore High replaced Steven High (1929-1955) as the only secondary school for African Americans in the county.

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### **Carter-Parramore High School: Life and Legacy (As Seen Through the Eyes of a Former Student and Teacher)**

by Ms. Bettie J. Ponder

The Carter-Parramore High School graduating class of 1956, of which I was a member, was blessed with dedicated, caring, encouraging, demanding-the-best, and supportive teachers, administrators (especially the principal, Mr. Verdell D. Hamilton) and staff members. These individuals laid the foundation of this school with their unselfish commitment to students.

These sincere and caring people – one or many – were always around us with their eyes on us. They were present in the classrooms, the hallways, the bathrooms, at our break areas, sports games, social activities after school,

churches and neighborhoods.

The teachers even visited us and our parents in our homes.

This group of hardworking and devoted persons – with or without the help of parents – saw forty seniors receive diplomas in the 1956 Carter-Parramore High School first graduating class. Strongly instilled with the values taught at Stevens High School and Carter-Parramore, this graduating class went forth to become educators, lawyers, doctors and other highly skilled professionals.

Some four years later (1960), I returned to my alma mater (Carter-Parramore High School) as a beginning teacher.

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*Pictured above are members of the Carter-Parramore High School Class of 1960, at a super reunion of all classes, held in 2014. Photo by James E. McLaurin, class of '61.*

## **Carter-Parramore Class of 1960 Celebrates 60th Reunion** **Special to the Gadsen County Times (10/17/20), by J. Lloyd Milton**

The Carter-Parramore High School, Class of 1960 held a Virtual/Zoom Class Reunion on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020.

The three-hour event was recorded to the Cloud, and a sharable link to the video was provided to participants to download the recordings to their device for subsequent viewing and/or sharing. The virtual meeting was inspirational, and compensated for an in-person reunion. The main focus of the reunion was to hear from participants. A secondary mission was to discuss the feasibility of and participation of 1960 class members in a Carter-Parramore Scholarship initiative, as a way to give back to the community. The consensus was yes.

Some classmates had not seen each other since graduating high school on Apr. 29, 1960. Most classmates have retired; a few are still working.

The concept of a virtual reunion come from the host, J. Lloyd Milton, Ph. D. He recently attended a virtual reunion for his Center of ex-Bell Laboratories employees in October. He determined that the technology from

that reunion could be used for his high school reunion, and circumvent the COVID-19 pandemic rage. Since it had been six years since his last in-person reunion, and it would be mid-2021 before they could get together again, Zoom provided a technological solution.

Accordingly, a "Class of '60 Classmates-Location Committee" was established. The committee includes <sup>1</sup>Mary Sailor-Conway, <sup>2</sup>John Youmans, <sup>3</sup>Eva Neal-Kilpatrick, <sup>4</sup>Clarence Tannel, <sup>5</sup>Howard Green, <sup>6</sup>Franklin Hamilton, <sup>7</sup>Lillian Walker, <sup>8</sup>J Lloyd Milton (chair), pictures shown in photo above, and <sup>9</sup>Garaldine Daniels-Monroe (not shown).

A former colleague from Bell Laboratories who hosted the Bell Laboratories Reunion, Jay Shah, provided technical assistance in planning and execution of Saturday's Reunion.

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October 1, 2021

Re: Carter-Parramore High Alumni Scholarship Fund, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

It has been brought to my attention that a group of Gadsden County high school graduates recently established the Carter-Parramore High Alumni Scholarship Fund, Inc. I am writing to inform you of my strong support of this very worthy cause.

The goal of this not-for-profit corporation is to raise funds to provide scholarships for Gadsden County graduates who aspire to attend college. Many of the graduates of Carter-Parramore understand that a significant number of the students in Gadsden county grow up in families that have limited resources. Therefore, it is paramount to support the Carter-Parramore High Alumni Scholarship Fund to show support to next generation of graduates.

Upon its inception in 1955, Carter-Parramore replaced Stevens High School as the only secondary school for African Americans in Gadsden County. The school was named to memorialize two African American pioneers of education in the county, Mr. Jenkins Carter and Mrs. Hattie Macon-Parramore. One of the primary functions of the school was to encourage and promote growth in students so that they become contributing members to society. The teachers and administrators that walked the halls of Carter-Parramore encouraged students to prepare for the world and be aware of the challenges that may come their way upon graduation.

Though many of the graduates of Carter-Parramore are now in retirement, several still wish to lend a helping hand to the next generation of Gadsden County High graduates. The support shown to the Carter-Parramore High Alumni Scholarship Fund will serve as a spark for the careers of a number of new high school graduates by serving as a contribution to their education. I ask that you please consider support of this fund, as it will certainly be appreciated.

Sincerely,



Al Lawson, Jr.  
Member of Congress

## A Florida Non-Profit has been Formed (continued from pg.1)

Carter-Parramore was named to memorialize two outstanding African American pioneers in education in the county, Mr. Jenkins Carter and Mrs. Hattie Macon-Parramore, both of whom were born during reconstruction days. Mr. Carter was a farmer, business person and supervisor of the Shiloh School and donated land for the Jenkins Carter Park. Mrs. Parramore was educated in the Gadsden County Public Schools and the Florida State Normal School, the precursor to today's FAMU. She was an untiring worker for the then new (1929) Stevens High. She was a noted humanitarian, orator, poet and church worker and left an indelible impact on the community.

Members of the group who worked on this scholarship fund effort included Eunice B. Davis (C-P class of '63), Franklin D. Hamilton (C-P class of '60), Daniel D. Lane (C-P class of '60), James L. Milton (C-P class of '60), Roger P. Milton (Shanks High class of '77), Geraldine Daniels-Monroe (C-P class of '60) and Tawanda A. Scott (Greensboro High class of '91). These individuals formed a Board of Directors for the Carter-Parramore High Alumni Scholarship Fund, Inc. Following the submission of an application to the Florida Department of State, the Carter-Parramore High Alumni Scholarship Fund, Inc. (The Fund) was granted approval as a Florida Corporation. In addition, "The Fund" has successfully applied for and secured status from the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)3 organization. Consequently, all contributions made to "The Fund" can be deducted on a corporation or an individual income tax return.

It is the opinion of many, if not most, of the graduates of Carter-Parramore High that the African American administrators and teachers who worked at the school cared dearly for their students. They challenged, encouraged and motivated students to apply themselves and to be well prepared for the changes that were taking

place at the time in society.

Punctuality, decorum, respect for one's self and others were all traits that were instilled in students as they worked diligently under the careful tutelage of a dedicated group of instructors, supported on all fronts by an equally caring administration.

Many of the graduates of Carter-Parramore High are now in retirement. They have toiled mightily in the arena for over a period of many decades and now enjoy the shade of the olive trees. While doing so however, many want to look to the next generation of high school graduates who are emerging from the county and offer a helping hand toward their success in life's journey. The Carter-Parramore High Alumni Scholarship Fund, Inc. can offer to retirees and other who are yet in the workforce, as well as others who wish to contribute, an opportunity to acknowledge an appreciation for the dedication of the teachers of the period. In addition, contributors can help provide a jump start to the careers of new high school graduates of the county by making contributions to their education. Thus, we encourage each reader of this newsletter to send a contribution by completing the form on the back and mailing it, with your check or money order, to the indicated address. No sum is too small. We would like to provide 4-5 competitive financial assistance awards to 2022 CGHS graduates who qualify and apply to support their college education. Please help "The Fund" achieve this goal. And remember, your contribution is tax deductible!

*Franklin Hamilton grew up in Quincy and is a 1960 Carter-Parramore High graduate. He retired in 2009 after 40 years as a university professor, scientist and administrator. He and his wife currently reside in the Orlando area.*

## ANNOUNCEMENT!

**POTENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO QUALIFYING GCHS COLLEGE-BOUND 2022 GRADUATES FROM THE CARTER-PARRAMORE HIGH ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP FUND, INC.**

Applications will be available on December 15, 2021 for all qualifying college-bound Gadsden County High School graduating seniors. For comments or questions send an email to [cpscholarfund@gmail.com](mailto:cpscholarfund@gmail.com)



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Form 990 / 990-EZ / 990-N required:  
Yes  
Effective date of exemption:  
March 8, 2021  
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Yes  
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Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to [www.irs.gov/charities](http://www.irs.gov/charities). Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin  
Director, Exempt Organizations  
Rulings and Agreements

Letter 947 (Rev. 2-2020)  
Catalog Number 35152P

*I want to help C-P High Alumni Fund give financial support to college-bound GCHS graduates.*

Here is my contribution: \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1000 \$2000 Other\_\_\_\_\_

Check/Money Order Enclosed, payable to C-P High Alumni Scholarship Fund (no cash please).

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**Carter-Parramore High School: Life and Legacy (continued from pg. 1)**

The will to join in and carry forth the hard work and caring passion of my predecessors was foremost on my mind and in my heart. Even though all of the original staff was no longer present and new staff had been added, the same dedication, long-hours, and other qualities of caring teachers, administrators, and staff were still most evident.

In the return to Carter-Parramore High School as a recent college graduate, I simply knuckled down, got busy, got involved and joined the good work that was still – four years later – in progress. Teaching, encouraging, demanding, supporting, pushing-when-needed, going-the-extra mile were the Carter-Parramore High School standards for teachers, administrators, and staff as students were encouraged to achieve academically, be productive, stay in school, graduate, and go to college. “Just become the best that YOU can be. Help others, and do not permit your surroundings to determine who you are or who you become” was a constant refrain.

Looking around us today, we see the evidence of all the hard work of the 1955-1970 administrators, teachers, students and community that was achieved by working together. The products of all those unrelenting efforts are the many outstanding and caring doctors, mayors,

commissioners, lawyers, pharmacists, school and college educators, administrators, secretaries, ministers, managers, business owners and operators, technicians, cooks, landscapers, housekeepers, parents, and other responsible, dedicated and supportive lay persons and professionals.

Carter-Parramore High School staff gave passionately and wholeheartedly over the years. We are forever thankful for and grateful to all those hands and hearts that cared for, worked with, and motivated the many Carter-Parramore High students to step out on faith and achieve GOOD THINGS!

“Carter-Parramore High we love you...  
... We’ll do our best to honor and obey you...  
... We’ll cherish thee wherever we shall go...  
Carter-Parramore High, Carter-Parramore High we love you so.”\*

\*From the School’s Alma Mater

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