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**CHS Alumni Virtual Gathering
Closing Remarks
President, Shirley Pitt-Freeman**

Harriet Tubman quoted. "Every great dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember, you have within you the strength, the patience, and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world."

First, I would like to thank the First Officers and Founders of the Conetoe High School Alumni Association. CHSAA first reunion was held September 1978. First Officers and Founders were:

Officers:

President ~ Voneree Deloatch '60

Vice President ~ Teena Gray '57

Secretary ~ Amy Knight '66

Assistant Secretary ~ Brenda Exum Carroll '66

Treasurer ~ James Staton '61

Founder:

Teena Gray '57

Co-Founders:

James Staton '61

Ernestine Dickens Staton '63

Winston Knight '60

Curtis Knight '55

Amy Armfield Knight '66

Leroy Jones '67

Mary Howell '57



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***Voneree DeLoatch '60
Brenda Exum Carroll '66
Betty Cannon '61
McKinley Bryant '58
Enoch Armfield '63***

Thank you for laying the foundation and for your continuous support. As you may note as I shared Founding names, Teena Gray & Leroy Jones names were mentioned, and they are also participants on today's program. Some others are online. Will you raise your hand and say your name?

Furthermore, I would like to thank Lewis Higgs and David Gray administration for faithful in leading the CHSAA Planning Committee in their Reunions for the last 24 years, ending June 2020. I hope you noticed Lewis serves on the Board of Directors, he leads as the Class Representative for Class of 1966, and he continues to support CHSAA, INC. with all he can do. Thank you and all others of the previous administration for your continuous support.

Effective, June 27, 2020, Shirley Pitt-Freeman and Augustus Exum, Jr. administration picked up the CHSAA baton and hit the ground " as a fellow alumni stated "like on a runway with a Boeing 747 taking off, executing on our vision and mission.



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VISION: *Sustain the legacy of Conetoe High School by connecting the Association members to the community and subsequent generations of youth.*

MISSION: *Preserve the history and legacy of Conetoe High School as a preeminent historically black high school through an established network of alumni, associates, friends, and supporters who embody the historic legend of the school, its commitment to educational excellence in developing young leaders of the future, and its efforts to promote and sustain the ties that bind the community of the Association members.*

I want to thank our fantastic team of Program Participants that put on this awesome first time virtual gathering presentation today. Our CHSAA, Inc. committees shared their goals, objectives, and achievements and hope you have enjoyed it and it was very informative.

Again, thank you Alumni for the support and crushing the glass ceiling Class Initiative Scholarship Fundraising Drive 50 years after our school closed.

In closing, we are just getting started with our 50th year celebration and preserving Conetoe High School legacy. If God’s will, we will continue this 50-year milestone celebration in



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person next year in May, Memorial Day weekend. The social committee is planning a fantastic 50/51-year celebration in 2022. Please plan to join us. Registration and information will be mailed before the end of this year.

Before we close with our Benediction. I want to thank our Master of Ceremonies for the fabulous job, well done Russell Harris. And bring him back, Russell.

Shirley Pitt Freeman '70

CHSAA Inc., President