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Sumner High School
Ladies of the 80's



Building a Legacy of
Sisterhood
Honor
Service



Our "First Lady", Michelle Obama, referenced Marian Edelman Wright's quote, "Service is the rent we pay for living...it is the true measure, the only measure of our success.", during her debut commencement address at the UC, Merced, on May 16, 2009.

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The Ladies of the 80's "servin' up charm" during the Annual Round-Up



During the Annual Alumni Round-Up, Warice Blackmon-Davis, Founder of the Ladies of the 80's (upper left) making an "appeal" with "Aunt Reece's" famous homemade punch. Some of the Ladies take advantage of a photo op (lower right).

The Ladies of the 80's made their debut during the Sumner Alumni Association's Annual Membership Round-Up. Warice Blackmon-Davis, Founder of the Ladies of the 80's, class of 1980 graduate, and SAA member, volunteered to support the Association's efforts to offset some of the expenses of the Round-Up, by asking a few classmates to help her with catering the affair. At the time, the Ladies of the 80's was just her vision. However, Warice knew that the young girls, now women, that she'd walked the halls of our dear Sumner High with would step up and rise to the occasion. *She was absolutely right!* Six "Ladies" representing the classes of '80, '82, and '84, met for a "Happy Hour" planning meeting in late January 2009, to work out the details.

Warice Blackmon-Davis '80; Lovey Davis '82; Michelle Elgin '82; Kim Garrett '84; Mary Hunt '80; Valerie Leslie '83; Viveca Mack-Handley '80; Sarah McElroy '80; Terry Puritty '80; and Valerie Shurn-Turner '80,

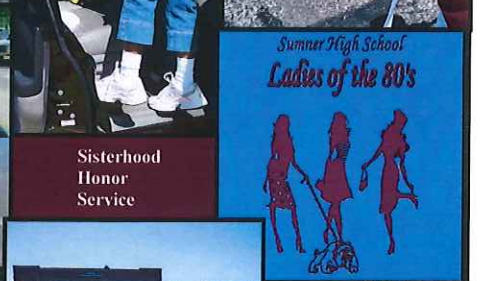
donned their pearl earrings, necklaces and bracelets to cater a most charming affair for the Alumni, their guests, students and staff.



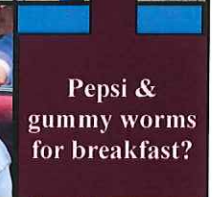
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The menu included chicken wings, 2 varieties of meatballs (brown gravy & barbeque), veggies, dip, assorted cheeses, fruit, cookies, crackers, chips, pretzels, mints and of course, "Aunt Reece's" famous homemade punch, personally poured and served by the Ladies!

Special thanks to Byron Morris '79 (pictured above lower left) Warren Holloman '80 and Eric Oliver '80 for assisting us!



...The Lil Dogs doin' it right in Maroon and White!



There ain't no party like a Bulldog Party! The Ladies of the 80's came out 20 strong for our "official debut" on Sunday May 17, 2009 at the Annual Annie Malone May Day Parade.



1980-Pi
Warice Blackmon-Davis
Mary Hunt
Vivecka Mack-Handley
Sarah McElroy
Terry Purty
Valerie Shurn-Turner

1981-Pi Alpha
Carlet Studamire-Cole
Bonita Smith-Hill
Bridget Williams

1982-Pi Beta
Cynthia Oliver-Andrews
Lovey Davis
Brenda Drake
Michelle Elgin

1983-Pi Gamma
Candace Blackwell
Tamarla Carter
Saundra Stevenson-Walker

1984-Pi Delta
Kim Clayton-Garrett
Priscilla Mason
Tracy Patterson

1985-Pi Epsilon
Sherriese Dawkins



"Proud Mary"

...a letter from a Lady

Hello Classmates,

I want to personally inform each of you how much I enjoyed serving you during the "Historic May Day Parade."

I didn't commit to the mission of "The Ladies of the Eighties" until my ride home from church on that same day. You see, it was about me, I wanted to keep a low profile,

besides, marching in a parade, please. That was something you did back in the day. I was then reminded of how blessed I was to have made it to this point in life with a reasonable amount of health, etc., and how I had made a commitment to support the school by participating in the aforementioned group and that it was time to give back to the community; not to mention the school. The voice within once again reminded me, as it often does, "It's not about you." Hurryingly, I rushed home to prepare for the cause.

Our legacy our students initially had a thrifty appearance in my eyes (uniforms, instruments, etc. and the lack thereof), but as they lined up with a proud look, I humbled myself and began to realize how proud I was to be a part and at that very moment their appearance was transformed right before my eyes.

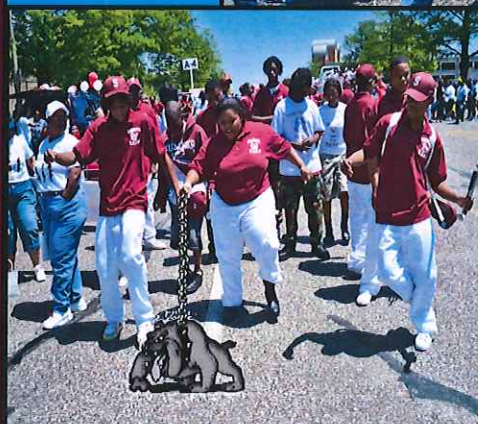
On behalf of "The Ladies of the Eighties," we thank each of you for your continued support.

Until We Meet Again, Mary.

2009

New School

Bulldogs
partying' like
it's...



Old School

1999

Sumner's Ladies of the 80's

The ladies of the 80's unite to support the academic and social experiences of the students (more specifically the young ladies), promote a positive learning environment at Sumner, support and partner with parents, staff and community through our guiding principles:



Sisterhood - Celebrating our roles as women and leaders by forming relationships built on support for each other, positive self image and awareness, pride, hope and love.

Honor - Instilling a sense of honesty, integrity, fairness and self respect among the young ladies attending Sumner High School through one-on-one and group activities.

Service - Volunteering in meaningful ways to enhance the experiences of Sumner High students, parents, staff, and community.

Our primary goal is to work with and engage female students in teambuilding activities designed to support their personal goals and ultimately assist them in realizing success! The Ladies of the 80's will form Chapters, much like sororities (no initiations). The Chapters are named based on Greek numbers and aligned with the year of graduation e.g. 1980 graduates are in the "Pi" Chapter. The names of all Chapters are listed in this brochure. The students (young ladies) will all be called Sweetee Pi!

So come on Ladies, let's
Show Her Success,
80's style!

Pi

Warice Blackmon-Davis '80
Laura Brown-Thomas '80
Lowry Finley-Jackson '80
Marian Holt '80
Mary Hunt '80
Pamela Labriado '80
Viveca Mack-Handley '80
Diana McCrary '80
Sarah McElroy '80
Theresa D. Moore-Jackson '80
Terry Puritty '80
Marjorie Sabbath-Webb '80
Valerie Shurn-Turner '80
Edythe Weeks '80

Pi Alpha

Carla Baker-Moore '81
Lillian Blackshear-Bryant '81
Robin Childress-Witherspoon '81
Carlet Cole '81
Stephanie Harden '81
Karen Madden '81
Stephanie Nichols-Coffer '81
Bonita Smith-Hill '81

Bridget Williams '81
Eve Whitfield '81
Tobie Taylor-Hudson '81
Jennifer Waters-Jones '81

Pi Beta

Cynthia Andrews '82
Toni Dansberry-Davis '82
Terri Dansberry-Robinson '82
Lovey Davis '82
Brenda Drake '82
Michelle Elgin '82
Arlesia Jennings '82
Leslie Lewis-Coleman '82
Perdita Samuel '82

Pi Gamma

Candace Blackwell '83
Tamarla Carter '83
Valerie Leslie '83
Lorraine McClain '83
Althea Kincaid '83
Saundra Stevenson-Walker '83
Elois Sumpter '83

Pi Delta

Robin Allen '84
Kim Garrett '84
Michelle Holmes-Brown '84
Priscilla Mason '84
Tracy Patterson '84

Pi Epsilon

Sherriese Dawkins '85
Sheila Edwards-Reed '85
Tina Griffin-Dansberry '85

Pi Zeta

Linda Butler-Trice Eley '86
Victoria Harris '86

Pi Theta

Nicole Lewis '88
Monica Waller '88
Joyce Russell '88

Angela Johnson*
Jackie Mitchell-Gates*
Neicy Robinson*

*(graduation year to be updated)

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