

Alumni Award Nominations Sought

The Athens State University Alumni Association is seeking nominations from students, faculty, staff and alumni for the 2005 Alumni Awards.

Distinguished Alumnus of the Year
Alumni Loyalty Award
Outstanding Alumni Achievement awards in
(1) Arts and Sciences, (1) Business, and (1) Education
Commitment to Teaching Award (ASU faculty member)
Alumni Spirit Award
Alumni Appreciation Award

Guidelines for each award are available at: www.athens.edu/alumni.

Send nominations to: Office of Alumni Affairs, Athens State University,
300 N. Beaty St., Athens, AL 35611

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Bullington to lead Alumni Affairs Office



Tena Bullington has taken over the leadership of the Athens State University Alumni Office and will be the liaison with the membership of the Alumni Association and its Board of Directors.

Bullington has been employed at Athens State for 22 years. In addition to her alumni duties, she will continue her work with student activities including overseeing the Student Government Association. She is a graduate of Athens State earning her bachelor's degree in 1992. Her office will be in the Sandridge Student Center and she can be reached at 256-233-8243 or by email at: tena.bullington@athens.edu.

"Tena will do an outstanding job with the Alumni Association," said Rick Mould, Vice President for University Relations. "She will bring new and fresh ideas and will be a great asset to reaching out to all alumni."

"I look forward to serving all Athens State University alumni," said Bullington. "The Alumni Association has been a great supporter of the University and I want to help the association reach its goals in membership and providing opportunities for activities and service."

Alumni Association says "Welcome Back"

2004 Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention

The Athens State University Alumni Association will have its "Alumni Tent" to welcome back alumni and friends during the 38th annual Tennessee Valley Old Time Fiddlers Convention. The convention is Friday, Oct. 1 and Saturday, Oct. 2.

The Alumni Association tent will be at its traditional location on Founders Green in front of the main stage located on the steps of Founders Hall. This is a great opportunity for alumni to re-establish contact with the University, update their mailing and email address changes and even become a member of the Alumni Association.

"I am looking forward to a great time in meeting former students and alums during the convention," said Tena Bullington, coordinator of Alumni Affairs. "We have great plans for the weekend and encourage everyone to join us."

The Alumni Association plans to sell food and refreshments. The proceeds will be used to support alumni activities. Anyone interested in helping staff the alumni tent can contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 256-233-8243 or tena.bullington@athens.edu





Alumni golf tournament huge success



The annual Alumni Association Golf Classic was a great success. More than \$6,000 was made for student scholarships. Twenty-one teams participated in the event at Canebrake Club in Athens. Two hole-in-one prizes - \$10,000 cash and a new ski boat by Alabama Watersports – went unclaimed.

Our thanks to many sponsors and supporters of the tournament. Above, the team of David Hunt, Steve Meagher, Jim McClary, and David McKenzie won first place. Many thanks to golf co-chairs Walt Merritt and JJ Donahue for a job well done!

Alumni in the news

Percy Dalton Stephenson, Class of 48', has authored a short, Southern historical novel, *And The Willows Wept*, now in circulation. The book has its setting in the mountains and valleys of south Decatur, and features the difficult struggles of a family of post-depression tenant farmers. His previous writings include two short novels *Countdown at Shepherd Square* and *The Duchess and the Ancient Oak*, and a book of 18 short, comedy plays, entitled *Doss and Daisy Dingle*.

Frank Malone, Class of '87, recently earned his doctor of psychology in pastoral psychology from the Oxford University base of the Graduate Theological Foundation. His thesis, *Psychoanalysis and the Sacred: Explorations in the Psychoanalysis of Religion* with Claude Barbre, John M.Hartke, Alden Josey, Ana-Maria Rizzuto, Murray H. Sherman and Charles B. Strozier. In recognition of one of Dr. Malone's favorite Athens State teachers, the dedication page reads: "Dedicated to the memory of **Professor Daniel Jones, Th.D.**, who introduced me to the philosophy of personalism". The work also qualified for the thesis for post graduate certificate in psychoanalysis from the Philadelphia School of Psychoanalysis. Dr. Malone is in private practice of psychoanalysis in West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Richard Drewyor Class of 89' and 91', had a digital artwork recently selected for the cover of *Boards & Solutions Magazine*, Europe's leading magazine for the Embedded Computing Industry. His paintings are on exhibit at GE Infrastructure in Huntsville, AL. Richard works for GE Fanuc Embedded Systems as a graphic artist, photographer, and webmaster. He has an M.F.A. degree in Studio Arts (2000) from the Memphis College of Art. Richard's work can be seen on the net at www.rd99.com. *Boards & Solutions Magazine* web site is: www.embedded-control-europe.com/bs_magazine

Lucy Slater, Class of 85', has received the Alabama A&M University "Torchbearer Award." Slater, who is the community relations and education specialist for the Boeing Co., in Huntsville, was honored for her enthusiastic support of higher education.

Stacey Landtroop, Class of 95', recently was awarded the Kettering Award for the employer/employee who demonstrates excellence in Cooperative Education Programs. She works in the Human Resources Department at ADTRAN in Huntsville.

Corey Carter, Class of 02', is a business analyst for the Space Shuttle Main Engine Project Office at Marshall Space Flight Center.

Dr. Jenita Smith, Class of 88' and 90', was promoted to Professor of English at Athens State University.

OBITUARIES

Jennie Lee Kelley, Class of 40', died in Nov. 2003. She was a graduate of Jones School of Law. She joined the firm of Wilbanks and Wilbanks and began an association with the Wilbanks family that lasted over 65 years. She practiced law in Alexander City for over 30 years.

**THE
2005 GOLF CLASSIC
will be held
June 9, 2005**

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- Student ticket/or discounted prices to Athens State University-sponsored arts and cultural events;
- Book checkout privileges at the Athens State University Library;
- Employment and career advancement assistance through the University's Office of Career Services.
- Discounted rental car fees through Enterprise Rent-A-Car. The discount is available through any Enterprise location nationwide.
- Discounted admission tickets to the U.S. Space and Rocket Center Museum in Huntsville. Home of Space Camp and Aviation Challenge. Also, A \$50 discount on registration to Space Camp and Aviation Challenge to anyone in your immediate family.

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presenting
Rick Bragg
Author and former
New York Times Journalist

Friday, October 29, 2004
12:30 p.m.
First United Methodist Church's
Beasley Center

The event is sponsored by the Athens State University
Friends of the Library.

*Bragg is the author of "All Over But the Shoutin'"
and "I am a Soldier, Too: The Jessica Lynch Story".*

**FOR TICKET INFORMATION,
CALL: 256-233-8215**

Purchase Athens State merchandise online!

Athens State University Alumni Association and **Off-Campus Bookstore** are teaming up to sell Athens State merchandise through the Alumni Association's website.

The plans include offering selected clothing and merchandise featuring Athens State. The website is expected to be available on Oct. 1. The website is: www.athens.edu/alumni.



Athens State alum Mike Vastano of Chattanooga visited last year's alumni tent at the Fiddler's Convention. A native of East Brunswick, NJ, he was a member of TKE fraternity while at Athens State and completed his degree in business in 1976. He is senior power systems load coordinator with the Tennessee Valley Authority. He and his wife, Sandra, have three sons.