

“Invest In Emeritus”

What does Emeritus mean? It means “Retired from service in an honorary fashion”. Shaw University fifty-year graduates are now given this distinguished designation and asked to invest their time, talents, and treasures in their Alma Mater. At Homecoming 2018, the official Emeritus Class designation was announced and is composed of all classes who have celebrated their 50th Class Reunion, starting with 1970 and in descending order by class; the earliest class is 1940. A mass induction ceremony was held for all fifty-year celebrants present at Convocation 2018. Each ensuing year at Homecoming Convocation, a new class celebrating 50 years will be inducted into the Emeritus Class, thus perpetuating the organization.

The purpose for establishing the Emeritus Class was to re-energize the Shaw Spirit among alumni, provide fellowship opportunities between alumni members of the Emeritus Class, promote **sustained** financial giving to the University, promote a feeling of belonging for senior alumni, and make a minimum **annual** unrestricted donation of **\$100,000.00** to the University.

Emeritus Class Members – your donations are needed. If you have yet to donate – do so via US mail or electronically. If mailing, send to Shaw U National Alumni Association, P.O. Box 27036, Raleigh, NC 27611. Write Emeritus class and your class year on the check memo line. If donating electronically, go to www.shawunaa.com or www.shawu.edu and follow **the give** instructions. Select Emeritus Class under gift donations. The suggested donation from each alumnus is \$500.00; however, any donation is appreciated and needed.

An especially important member of this organization is the Emeritus Class Coordinator. That person attends Emeritus Class meetings via conference calls, sends out communications directly to his/her classmates, and promotes the activities, amenities and fundraising for the Emeritus Class. The following classes 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1967 are missing Coordinators. If you are willing to volunteer for your class, contact Mary Louise White Garrett at marylouiseshawu57@gmail.com to receive your marching orders.

Current Emeritus Class Coordinators:

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| 1940 – 1949 Mary Louise White Garrett | 1963 – Stella Johnson |
| 1954 – Gloria Feimster | 1964 – Mack Sowell |
| 1956 – Bernice Carter | 1966 – Shirley Hinton |
| 1957 – Coriene Dudley Scurry | 1968 – Randolph Bazemore/Carol Love |
| 1958 – Julius Cromwell | 1969 – Carol Gartrell/Hazel Gibbs/Olivia Williams |
| 1959 – Marian Smith | 1970 – Earnest Alexander |
| 1961 – Patricia Finger | 1971 – has not celebrated yet |
| 1962 – Varnell Bridges/John Jeffreys | |

Keep an eye out for exciting **new activities** from the Emeritus Class - leading up to Homecoming 2021 and Homecoming 2022. Your participation (time, talents, and treasures) is desperately needed for our Alma Mater Shaw University to remain relevant in this changing society. Invest!!!