



**NATIONAL  
PINE FORGE ACADEMY  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

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(NPFAAA)

**2020**  
ELECTIONS

CANDIDATE DOSSIER

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**A PUBLICATION OF THE NPFAAA 2018 - 2021  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

## IMPORTANT DATES:

- IMPORTANT:** RENEW 2020-2021 ANNUAL DUES (REQUIRED TO VOTE)  
[WWW.PFAALUMNI.ORG/MEMBERSHIP](http://WWW.PFAALUMNI.ORG/MEMBERSHIP)
- OCTOBER 11:** LAST DAY TO PAY ANNUAL DUES TO RECEIVE A BALLOT
- OCTOBER 14:** MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM (SESSION 1)  
7:30 PM EST  
NPFAAA FACEBOOK PAGE
- OCTOBER 15:** MEET THE CANDIDATES FORUM (SESSION 2)  
7:30 PM EST  
NPFAAA FACEBOOK PAGE
- OCTOBER 18:** ELECTRONIC VOTING BEGINS  
**OPTION 1: ELECTRONIC BALLOT**  
ACTIVE NPFAAA MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL FROM THE NATIONAL PINE FORGE ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION WITH A UNIQUE ID AND INSTRUCTIONS TO SUBMIT YOUR VOTE ELECTRONICALLY.
- OPTION 2: MAIL-IN BALLOT**  
REQUEST A MAIL IN BALLOT FROM KELLY HOLDER, PHD'94, RECORDING SECRETARY BY EMAIL: [KELLY.HOLDER@PFAALUMNI.ORG](mailto:KELLY.HOLDER@PFAALUMNI.ORG)
- MAIL-IN BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 15TH.**  
POST OFFICE BOX 241, PINE FORGE, PA 19548
- NOVEMBER 15:** VOTING ENDS AT 12 MIDNIGHT EST
- NOVEMBER 20:** ELECTION RESULTS

## 2020 ELECTION COMMITTEE:

- CYNTHIA POOLE, '63, CHAIRMAN
- ROBERT BOOKER, '85
- KRYSTEN COPELAND, '07
- RAWLE CUMMINGS, '94
- MARTA CHEATHAM, MD, '84
- WAYMAN WENDELL CHEATHAM, MD, '66
- BRIANA HENDRICKSON DAVIS, '94
- NANCY WASHINGTON IRBY, '79
- J. ALFRED JOHNSON II, '69
- PAULA FREEMAN JOHNSON, '70
- HELEN BRADFORD MURPHY, '76
- LYDIA PELOTE WRIGHT, '69
- LAFAYETTE TRAWICK, '83
- ROY WILLIS SR., '72
- PHYLLIS PELOTE EDMONDS, '64, NPFAAA MEMBER

"In order to maintain transparency and accountability, it is the responsibility of the NPFAAA Executive Committee to inform our membership that there exist potential conflicts of interest within our leadership team and the current roster of officer candidates. Four officer candidates are close relatives (two are sisters). Of those four candidates, (one of whom is a current executive officer) also served on the Elections Committee responsible for all nominations. The Executive Committee identified this potential conflict after receiving the candidate list from the Elections Committee. Though our constitution and by-laws do not address this type of potential conflict, the Executive Committee recognizes that these familial ties potentially make it difficult to govern with objectivity. Therefore, our precedent has been to avoid these types of conflicts. The four candidates were contacted, made aware of the potential conflict, and given the option to proceed with or withdraw their nomination. All four candidates have chosen to proceed, and Alumni Association members are free to vote as they deem appropriate. In order to avoid this type of potential conflict in the future, the 2018-2021 Executive Committee will propose an amendment to our governing documents for the consideration by our membership at our next Annual Business Meeting."



## PRESIDENT SOKONI SCOTT, '94 PRESIDENT

**INCUMBENT**

Sokoni K. Scott is the Senior Vice President of a premier commercial real estate capital markets firm, Robert Louis Capital, where he arranges debt for investors ranging from \$5–50 million annually. Lauded for his forward-focused leadership, Sokoni has received numerous commendations for his distinction as a Top Producer for multiple Fortune 500 companies. He has been featured in publications including the Impact Financial Leader in the Business Leader Magazine as well as a cover feature for Black Pride Magazine Multicultural Guide. He has presented keynote addresses for The Old North State Medical Society, 100 Black Men Executives, and other notable organizations.

Sokoni elects to operate under his personally crafted mantra that states, *“It is our duty to stand together in order to develop young leaders who receive an elite education in state-of-the-art facilities.”* His philosophy, coupled with his strong business acumen, has led him to raising unprecedented funds for his Alma Mater, Pine Forge Academy, in his first two years as president of the National Pine Forge Academy Alumni Association.

Sokoni’s ultimate vision for the Alumni Association is to build upon the 45-year-old history through increased alumni engagement. He believes in the power of networking and enjoys connecting and engaging with PFA Alums ranging from our vibrant Pioneers to our youngest members.

Sokoni holds a Finance and Marketing degree from Strayer University. He’s married to Leilani, and they have three sons. An avid runner, he recently completed his first marathon in 2020. Sokoni also enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with his family.

### **Pine Forge Academy Qualifications & Service:**

- Class of 1994, four-year senior
- Lifetime NPFAAA Member
- NPFAAA President since 2018
- NPFAAA General President 2014-2018
- NPFAAA’s 2016 Alumnus-of-the-Year
- PFA Board of Trustees Development Committee Chair

### **Plans for 2020-2021 NPFAAA Term:**

- Lead the effort to build the Paul R. Jones Center by 2022
- Implement plans to significantly increase Alumni Engagement
- Continue to raise money for the PRJ Center, scholarships & Capital Improvements
- Work with the Executive team to produce an epic 75th Anniversary Celebration
- Work collaboratively with PFA and all stakeholders

### **NPFAAA Scoresheet:**

- NPFAAA President
- Successful 2019 & 2020 Virtual Pine Forge Academy Alumni Weekend
- Successful 2019 Pine Forge Academy Alumni Weekend
- Annual increase in the annual and lifetime Membership
- Raised \$1.5 million in total for Pine Forge Academy capital improvements and student scholarship
- Secured \$50,000 donation from TE Connectivity, Fortune 500 Company for Math & Robotics
- Secured \$100,000 donation from Adventist HealthCare for a new state-of-the-art science lab
- Adventist HealthCare for a new state-of-the-art Science lab \$200,000+ for Student Scholarships
- North Hall music building Renovation
- Handy & Kimbrough Hall Improvements
- Campus lighting project \$15,000
- Launched new \$46,000 Alumni Cares Scholarship Fund Campaign and raised \$21,000 to date (July 2020)
- PFA Board Appointed Chair of the Paul R. Jones Building Fundraising Campaign
- New Coach Bus
- Electronic Voting



## **PRESIDENT** **WAYMAN WENDELL CHEATHAM, MD, '66**

**CANDIDATE**

### ***PINE FORGE ACADEMY AFFILIATION***

4 Year Student  
Vice President – Class of 1966  
Salutatorian – Class of 1966

### ***ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE***

Special Assistant t/t Surgeon General 2008 – 2019 United States Navy (Global Medical Resch): Assistant Vice President 2005 – 2008 MedStar Clinical Research

Centers & Medical Director MedStar Research Institute

Corporate Vice President 2004 – 2005 MannKind Corporation & Chief Medical Officer,  
Senior Vice President, 2002 – 2004 MannKind Corporation Medical & Regulatory Affairs  
Vice President, Medical & 2001 – 2002 Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America,  
Scientific Affairs

Vice President, Med Affairs 2000 – 2001 Takeda Pharmaceuticals North America

Director, Medical Affairs 1999 – 2000 Takeda Pharmaceuticals America.

Medical Director 1996 – 1999 Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

Chief, Div. of Endocrinology 1992 – 1996 Howard Univ College of Medicine

Member, Board of Trustees 1984 – 1997 Pine Forge Academy

President 1987 – 1990 National Pine Forge Academy Alumni Assoc

President 1994 – 1997 National Pine Forge Academy Alumni Assoc

### ***GOALS***

- In concert with the PFA Board of Trustees and the PFA Headmaster and administration, completion of fundraising, architectural plans, and building of the Paul R. Jones Student Center.
- Support and oversight of the correction and timely-regular updating of the NPFAAA membership contact, email, phone, SMS and address lists. Insurance of timely and regular communications from the NPFAAA to all members and friends of NPFAAA and the Academy via multiple conduits of communication, specific to the individual routine of communication receipt, as requested by the NPFAAA members.
- Active and energetic development and support of metropolitan, regional and international Chapters of the NPFAAA with assistance for their fundraising, activity schedules, promotion of PFA, scholarship programs for local youth to PFA, hosting of the PFA Concert Choir, PFA Creative Arts, other PFA artistic endeavors, and PFA Administration Recruiting Activities in their local metropolitan, regional or international areas.
- Updating of the NPFAAA Bylaws to ensure monitoring of NPFAAA Executive Office Holder activities, adherence of same to the Bylaws, and requiring public accountability of actions, separation of powers, and upholding of democratic ideals in the carriage of office.
- Oversight of review of Constitutional requirements, and submission to the membership, areas in which the Bylaws should be strengthened and updated such that office holders will be held accountable for specified breaches of democratic ideals, fiduciary responsibilities, and required separations of powers & authority within the Executive Officer cadre and other constitutionally established governance or electoral groups.
- Institution of a required, independent official audit of the NPFAAA accounts and assets at a minimum of biannual (every 2 years) investigation, and publication of findings to the full NPFAAA membership.
- Focus fund-raising activities on pre-specified accounts and projects with requirement for detailed fiduciary accountability of all funds raised and their dispersal

### ***POST PFA EDUCATION***

Bachelor of Arts – Chemistry (Biology Minor) 1970 Washington Adventist University

Doctor of Medicine 1975 Pennsylvania State University

Board Certified in Internal Medicine – 1978, & Board Certified in Endocrinology & Metabolism – 1981

Fellow – American College of Endocrinology 1985



## EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT CANDICE CROMWELL-EDWARDS, MBA, '99

**INCUMBENT**

Candice Cromwell-Edwards is a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As the daughter of two culturally astute professionals she determined early that immersing herself in black culture was supremely important. Her educational development began at the Ivy Leaf School, a black owned private school in Philadelphia that provided the framework for her interest in education. It was at Pine Forge Academy where she demonstrated her love for leadership, volunteering to be an understudy to her Class Sponsor and showcasing school pride all four years. Her educational development began at Tuskegee University and later at Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University where she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education with honors. She earned her Master of Business Administration Degree from Florida Institute of Technology. She is a Management Specialist with the United States Army, as a Civilian.

Candice was initiated into the Gamma Mu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc in 2006. A committed servant leader, Candice earned the international distinction of Undergraduate of the SouthEastern Region for her leadership as Chapter President. Her efforts to obtain 100% undergraduate chapter membership in the NAACP was most notably recognized. In 2008, she was nominated to serve as the Undergraduate Member-at-Large and received International recognition for her excellence in leadership with an all expense paid trip to the Centennial Boule in Washington, DC. Her personal goal is to maintain continuous active membership in her Sorority and to one day serve as the youngest International President.

Candice's experience in project management and business development has led to her success as a member of several professional, civic and non-profit organizations. She serves her high school and college Alma Maters respectively with a sense of passion and pride.

She is married to W. Tyler Edwards, her Pine Forge Sweetheart, also an Inimitable Class of 1999 Alumni, and they have one daughter Gabrielle Lenice who she describes as her two year old life saver. In her free time she enjoys hosting gatherings, being a statistician for local high school basketball games, volunteering with Senior Citizens and organizing.

### **PFA Qualifications & Service:**

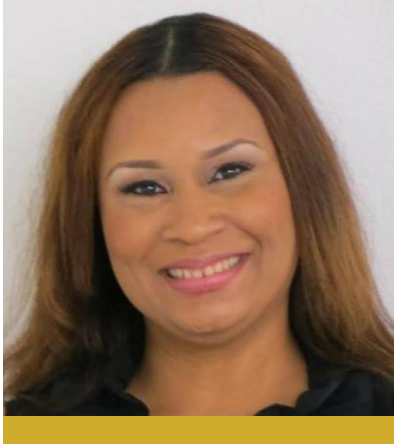
- Class of 1999, four year senior and Class Ambassador
- President Appointed to Executive Vice-President, September 2019

### **2019-2020 Scoresheet - 2020 Alumni Weekend:**

- Chairperson for the 2020 Virtual Pine Forge Academy Alumni Weekend
- Created Social Media Facebook Frame celebrating 2020 Alumni Weekend
- Created, curated, packaged and mailed the 2020 Alumni Weekend In A Box(AWIAB)
- AWIAB yielded 209 new memberships and raised \$ 27,000, a record first
- Organized the Adulthood 101: Virtual Series (Career Day for PFA students AND Alumni)
- 2020 Virtual Alumni Weekend survey response of 259 (an increase of 720%)

### **2019-2020 Scoresheet - NPFAAA Organization:**

- Created the Alumni eNewsletter
- Created the Honor Class Parade
- Managed the revamp of the NPFAAA website
- Rebranded the NPFAAA logo
- Initiated Class Ambassadors resulting in 51 registered Class Ambassadors
- Initiated the Forever Falcons moniker
- Creative designer of the 'Raise & Crown 75th Anniversary Logo'
- Led the collaborative effort to create the Candidate Dossier
- Invited by Headmaster Reynolds to serve on the Academy Day Committee
- Chairperson of the 2021 Alumni Weekend, Pine Forge Academy's 75th Anniversary Celebration



## GENERAL VICE-PRESIDENT TIFFANY SMITH BRISSETT, '95

**CANDIDATE**

Currently Membership Secretary of NPFAAA since 2015

Creator and Producer of the NPFAAA Music Hall of Fame which has become an effective and motivational alumni program wherein over twenty alumni have been inducted and many more seek this recognition.

Has worked with the Recording Secretary to plan, produce and direct the NPFAAA Awards Program.

Class of 1995 Representative and has motivated and inspired almost 100% class participation in activities and communication.

Planned, produced and directed three (3) Facebook Live panel discussions on the topics of mental health and racial injustice.

Voluntarily recruits and promotes the Academy on a national and international level.

Under her leadership as Membership Secretary, active membership of NPFAAA has increased.

Recruited Alumni to attend PFA Choir Concerts during their scheduled tours.

### GOALS

- Activate Chapters based on classes, locations and other group identification.
- Work closely with the President and the PFA Development Officer to tap into philanthropic organizations to increase the giving and fundraising.
- Work closely with the Membership Secretary to increase active membership. Continue to plan and produce Facebook Live discussions and communications.
- Plan, develop and implement chapter group communications and events on social media.
- Establish a national NPFAAA "Greenbook" for Alumni business networking and support.



## GENERAL VICE-PRESIDENT RUE MANN, '84

**CANDIDATE**

I am an experienced teacher that is highly skilled in planning programs that is conducive to meet the needs of all students. I am well versed in employing a variety of instructional techniques and media. I can establish and maintain supportive and companionable relationships with students, staff, and parents. I come with a strong experience in applying an inquiring method in teaching, especially in the content area of Humanities/Social Studies, as well as a great STEM background that is an additional skill that helps my student to become College and Career ready.



## GENERAL VICE-PRESIDENT COURTNEY COUTREYER-THORNTON, '06

**CANDIDATE**

As the lead lobbying consultant for the Federal, Legislative and Regulatory Affairs team at Allstate Insurance, (a Fortune 100 insurance company). Courtney's legislative portfolio spans over a diverse number of sectors including financial services, healthcare and benefits, education privacy, technology and diversity, equity and inclusion.

Courtney has created fruitful relationships with Congress and Regulators, resulting in increased company engagement with the Connect with Congress initiative, the Congressional HBCU Caucus, led by Representative Alma Abrams, as well as the

Congressional Black Caucus.

Courtney also serves as Chair of the Financial Services Task Force for Women in Government Relations and Chair of Young Professionals for (Black) Financial Services Professionals.

Prior to joining Allstate's Federal Affairs team, Courtney worked in the litigation division of the company. Before her endeavors in the legal and policy space, Courtney started her professional career as an educator and later Program Coordinator for a Montessori Academy where she created curriculum, trained new hires, maintained regulatory and policy standards and specialized in Language Arts.

Courtney is a goal oriented and driven individual who seeks to exceed expectations, formulate winning strategies, and develop long-lasting, meaningful relationships. Courtney is a daughter of Pine Forge Academy, with which she proudly shares Alumni membership with her Mother and Father. Courtney is most excited to share her passion for leadership with the NPFAAA Executive Committee. Her executable plan is centered around the tenets of membership and alumni engagement utilizing her exposure and experience gained in her involvement with several professional organizations. Courtney's professional educational experience will be valuable when the NPFAAA is working with Pine Forge Academy to advance the Academic program. She plans on hosting Virtual Social Meetups for our Alumni in key cities as NPFAAA Celebrates 75 Years of Excellence at Pine Forge Academy in 2021.

Skills: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Policy Analysis, Education, Communications, Research, Interpersonal skills, PublicPolicy, Psychology, Health Care, Financial Services,Insurance, and Public Affairs.



## RECORDING SECRETARY ERIC ADAMS JR., Esq., '05

**CANDIDATE**

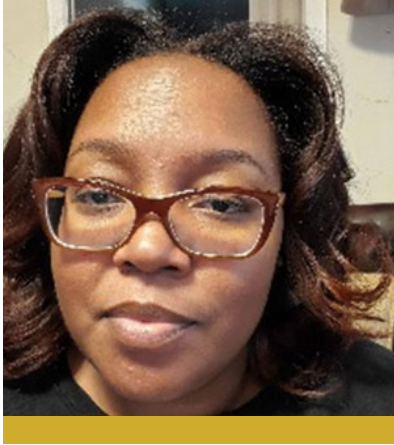
As a proud graduate of the Inimitable Pine Forge Academy Class of 2005, Eric is excited to run for the position of Recording Secretary for the National Pine Forge Academy Alumni Association.

After high school, Eric attended Oakwood University ('09) and the University of Alabama School of Law ('12), graduating with a B.S in Finance and J.D., respectively. Subsequently, Eric was admitted to the California State Bar where he currently practices law.

Professionally, Eric is a criminal defense attorney who represents individuals charged with crimes ranging from low-level felonies to murder at all stages of criminal proceedings.

In addition to his professional commitments, Eric brings a wealth of experience in assisting non-profit organizations in applying for non-profit status, drafting organizing documents, and creating and applying for trademarks. Moreover, Eric is an investor and entrepreneur who brings a creative mind, progressive spirit, and indelible work ethic to all of his endeavors.

Eric is recently married as of August 2020. He resides in Los Angeles, CA where he lives with his beautiful wife, Jillian. In his spare time, Eric enjoys spending time with his family, reading, playing basketball, and cheering on his beloved Los Angeles Lakers!



## RECORDING SECRETARY MAKIA BOBBIT PERRY, '97

**CANDIDATE**

Makia is a born leader and has manifested productive leadership even while at PFA. She graduated from PFA in 1997. She is currently serving as an Analyst for Horizon Blue Cross Blue Shield in the Newark, New Jersey area.

She is active in the Trinity Temple SDA Church in New Jersey. She is a dedicated hardworking member of the Trinity Temple Academy School Board where her leadership is making a difference in the education of the students there. She has one daughter who is a PFA graduate.

She believes she can be of service to her Academy and the Association as a productive, precise and dedicated Recording Secretary.



## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY CARMEN ROBINSON, MD, '00

**INCUMBENT**

Dr. Carmen Robinson is a class of 2000 graduate of Pine Forge Academy. She attended Oakwood (College) University and completed her Bachelor's degree in molecular biology at Winston-Salem State University. After receiving her medical degree from Wake Forest University School of Medicine, she completed her family medicine residency at Baylor College of Medicine. During this time, she was appointed Chief Resident, serving as liaison and advocate between the residents and faculty, collaborating with subspecialty programs, and developed the didactic curriculum for the program. She is currently practicing in North Carolina and recently accepted the position of Chief Medical Officer of a Federally-Qualified

Health Center (FQHC). She is passionate about health maintenance and disease prevention. Combining her religious/spiritual beliefs with her medical training, her specific foci are whole-body wellness: mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual.

Carmen has a deep love for Pine Forge Academy and is a Life Member of the Alumni Association. She has the privilege of serving as Correspondence Secretary where she has been responsible for communicating the initiatives, updates, and activities of the Alumni Association. She also co-manages the social media accounts with Public Relations. Working with the Recording Secretary, Carmen helps to moderate our executive and business meetings, and helped to organize the 2020 virtual business meeting, with record attendance of over 150 members. At the direction of the President, she is currently developing protocol for standardizing receipt, management, and disbursement of the multiple scholarships entrusted to and maintained by the Alumni Association. In partnership with the Executive Vice-President, Carmen will be developing the Alumni Association's quarterly newsletter to foster an increased sense of connection among the membership.

Dr. Robinson uses her experience in corporate leadership and non-profit management to help improve and enhance the processes of the Alumni Association. With a commitment to professionalism, collegiality, and collaboration, Carmen continually endeavors to further the mission of the National Pine Forge Academy Alumni Association. She is grateful for the opportunity to serve and give back to the institution that helped make her into the woman, professional, and Christian that she is today.





## CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY

### KARYN HASKINS, '84

#### CANDIDATE

Karyn Haskins a native of Washington, DC. Karyn has an extensive background in Social Work. Earning a Bachelor's degree in social work from Howard University. Karyn served as a Case Manager with Georgetown University Hospital for more than 14 years. Karyn is currently serving at an area Substance Abuse center.

Karyn was passionate about working with patients and their families. She is well known for her work ethic, integrity, commitment and compassion that she exemplified when working with patients. Karyn serves each patient as if they were her personal family members. Oftentimes she went over and beyond to make sure

patients and their families were treated with the greatest care morally possible. She received several outstanding achievement performance awards and bonuses. Assisting families during some of the most difficult times in the lives. Patients find comfort in a friendly face and with someone who is honest with them when it comes to their health care needs and any decisions that affect their plan of care.

Ms. Haskins was diagnosed with cervical cancer in September 2012. This illness altered her life tremendously. However, this illness didn't deter them from helping and pursuing opportunities to help others. She kept her faith and realized that God wasn't done with her. During her illness she was incapacitated, but she found strength to work with her High School Alumni Association and successfully planned one of the biggest alumni weekends at Pine Forge Academy. She organized not only her class reunion, but she organized a reunion choir, which was composed of participants from around the world. Karyn was determined not to allow her illness to defeat her. Her positive attitude and her Faith and the mercy that God had already shown her kept her motivated.

Karyn Currently leads all-girls ministry (Daughters of Destiny) within her church New Samaritan Baptist Church located in Washington, DC.



## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

### MARTA CHEATHAM-LOTT, MD, '84

#### CANDIDATE

Marta L. Cheatham graduated from Pine Forge Academy as Valedictorian of her class in 1984 and has been an active member of the NPFAAA since 2016 and currently a lifetime member. Her parents Wilbert Augustus Cheatham and Ida Anderson Cheatham were active and supportive lifetime members from the inception of the NPFAAA. They both left her impressed and driven to commit to serve and support their shared alma mater.

Marta went on to Oakwood College and completed her BS degree and Certification as a Physician Assistant upon finishing Howard University as Magna Cum Laude of her class there in 1989. She then went on to complete her Doctor of Medicine degree at Loma Linda University and residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology at the White Memorial Medical Center in 1998. She is currently practicing as a Board Certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist in the state of California. She is currently a member of the Professional Standards committee and has served as Chairman of the OBGYN department as well as functioning as owner operator of her private medical practice.

Marta is a mother of 3 young adults and has encouraged and supported their christian education. She resides in Redlands, California. She enjoys spending time with her family and dedicating her time to the support, growth and development of her favorite charities and organizations such as Allegheny East Conference, Kansas Avenue SDA Church, NPFAAA, and Operation ReachBack, for example.

Marta is acutely aware of the importance of christian education in the development of leaders and the spreading the gospel. She desires to commit her time and skills to fulfilling the office of Membership Secretary for the years 2021 to 2024. In this role, she plans to fulfill the duties of the membership secretary as outlined in the official position description such as securely building, managing and protecting the electronic membership data in order to support communications with the Pine Forge Academy alums, friends and family. This will then help to assure support of our Alma Mater and continued growth as we prepare for the soon coming of our Savior and positively occupy until He comes.



## MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY EBONI MURRAINE, MSN, FNP-BC '03

**CANDIDATE**

Eboni Murraine is a Board-Certified Nurse Practitioner and is currently working at Oakwood University (OU). She is the Director of Health and Counseling Services and the Nurse Practitioner for the Student Health Clinic. Eboni's role at OU is to design and coordinate a comprehensive student health program to manage student health and mental well-being. She serves on several committees and was critical in developing COVID-19 policy and procedures. She was instrumental in establishing partnerships with other organizations to provide free COVID-19 testing for the students.

Eboni has been in nursing for over ten years and is a member of several nursing organizations to stay abreast of the constant healthcare changes. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama, and continued to Walden University to earn her Master's Degree as a Family Nurse Practitioner. In addition to her work life, she serves as the co-ministry children's leader and volunteers to help foster "church outside the walls" for her local church.

In an effort to offer her support for the first ever virtual alumni weekend, Eboni and her husband volunteered their time to assemble and pack items for the Alumni Weekend in a Box (AWIAB) Membership Drive. This enabled the first 78 boxes to be delivered just in time for the Alumni Weekend launch. Eboni was the creator of the first "unboxing video" to debut the (AWIAB) items for the Alumni to see, this video was featured on the Alumni FB group page, and ultimately increased foot traffic to purchase. It is because of this that Eboni has already been contemplating ideas for the 2021 AWIAB Membership Drive. Eboni serves as the Class Ambassador for the Class of 2003, making sure her classmates are informed and has already begun brainstorming about her upcoming 20th Class Reunion in three years. She has a goal to increase her classes participation by 10% percent. Eboni prides herself in owning every item from the 2019 and 2020 PFA Apparel collection and can be seen showcasing her love of PFA all around OU's campus. Eboni has plans to identify a Class Ambassador for every PFA Alumni Class 1946 - 2021 and host a virtual meet up each quarter. To increase Alumni Engagement, she also plans to host a "Information Drive" to allow all Alumni to update their information in the database to receive communications from the NPFAAA.

Eboni is married to her Pine Forge Sweetheart (Omar Murraine, c/o 03) and they have three children together. She enjoys family time, hiking, camping, bike riding, finding new restaurants, thrifting, and sewing in her spare time.



## TREASURER GIAN ALEXIS, MBA, M.Acc., '97

**INCUMBENT**

Gian Alexis is a proud graduate of Pine Forge Academy's Infamous Class of 1997. He attended Oakwood College where he graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Healthcare Administration. Following his undergraduate studies, he pursued a Master of Business Administration degree with an emphasis in Finance and a Master of Accountancy degree from Alabama A&M University and the University of Alabama-Huntsville, respectively.

His professional experience as an auditor for three Fortune 500 companies in the healthcare, homebuilding, and performance chemicals industries have provided him with a wealth of financial experiences. As an auditor, Gian has extensive experience developing and implementing effective risk based financial and operational audit programs that assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations as well as firm policy and procedure.

Additionally, Gian is an exceptional communicator and believes in building relationships. His ability to build relationships and network have afforded him exciting career opportunities as well as opportunities to be mentored by executives. He truly credits his matriculation at Pine Forge Academy with equipping him with tools to be successful in his career. Currently, he is the Director of Finance and Administration for The Moriah Group, an international consulting firm focused on enhancing outcomes for children, youth and their families through improved education, child and youth development, and community development strategies.

His plans for the next three years are to increase communication of the financial status of the alumni association to the constituents. He will accomplish this by holding periodic information sessions as well as providing a printed version of the information sessions for those members of the constituency who prefer to be communicated in this way. He also will work to increase efficiencies of the alumni association's treasury processes.

Gian resides in Huntsville, Alabama with his wife, Amber, and two daughters, Imani and Arya. He is an avid reader and sports fan who loves to play basketball in his spare time.



## ASSISTANT TREASURER GARHETT ADAMS, '10

**CANDIDATE**

Garhett Adams graduated from Pine Forge Academy in 2010 as Salutatorian of his class as well as holding office as the Vice President. Upon graduation Garhett attended Washington Adventist University until 2012. It was in this same year that Garhett found himself in trouble with the law and was sentenced to a total of 20 years in prison.

It was during this time that Garhett made a decision that he would use this experience and not only help others but also become the man that his family and friends knew he could be. By God's grace he was granted early release in January of 2018.

Since his release he has formed two new organizations called R.E.B.A.L Ministries (Recognizing Every Burden & Alleviating the Load) and LIVE Mentoring & Tutoring (Living in Victory Everyday). These organizations center on youth mentoring, prison ministry & prevention, and prison re-entry and societal reintegration. He has also written a book entitled "One Choice Away", which was released April 13, 2018. The book details his experience and hopes to serve as a warning to other youth not to travel down that same path.

He also found the love of his life; Mrs. Brittany Kersey-Adams whom he married in 2018 and they have a 19 month old son; Manasseh Adams and their newest edition, Nehemiah Adams who just turned a week old. Garhett is set to graduate from Bowie State University in December of this year with his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and currently works for the Federal Government as an Auditing Technician for the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation.



## ASSISTANT TREASURER ANDREA ELLIOTT, '84

**CANDIDATE**

Born and raised in Orange, NJ, "A Jersey Girl." A product of Christian Education, she attended her secondary studies at Pine Forge Academy, graduating in 1984. Student body Vice President, and President of Kimbrough Hall. Captain of the Cheerleaders ("Go Falcons"). Proud member of the "Pine Forge Academy Choir" under the directorship of Allen and Gwen Foster.

She completed her undergraduate studies at "HBCU" Oakwood College (University), with a B.S. in Accounting. While at Oakwood, she was a member of the world renown "Aeolians" under the directorship of Alma Blackmon.

She completed her master's degree from DeVry University/Keller School of Management with an MBA in Human Resource Management.

Andrea is currently a Tax Auditor for the State of NJ Department of the Treasury for 29 1/2 years. Auditing businesses on behalf of the state of NJ to be sure they are following state laws and regulations.

An accomplished musical artist singing all over the world (North America, Europe, Africa, Asia). In 1990 she toured and sang across London, England. In 1997 she taught music and started a choir in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. In 1998 she sang, and started a choir in Johannesburg, South Africa. In 2001 she sang for the South African Consulate, NY, NY and in the same year she sang for the South African Medical Train Fundraiser for Bishop Desmond Tutu. She also sang at the vigil for the slain Amadou Diallo, an event bringing awareness to gun violence and police brutality.

In 2007 Andrea released a CD entitled "Redeemed", and in the same year opened as a solo artist at Carnegie Hall, NY, NY for the South African Radio Choristers.

Andrea loves young people and loves to teach. She taught as a substitute teacher in both church school and the public-school system. An active member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. She directed the Generation Choir from 1989-2001 who won the NJ "McDonald's Gospel Fest" in 1994.

She has been a mentor of young people for 30 years, and is currently the Drum Corps Director for the Allegheny East Conference Drum Corps, with young people from NJ, PA, DE, MD, DC, and VA.

She will tell you, anyone that knows her knows she loves to sing and most of all, she is "A lover of Jesus Christ and her Community."



## ASSISTANT TREASURER EUGENE MASON, '69

### CANDIDATE

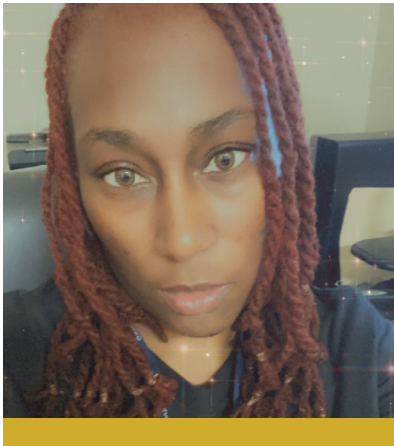
Pastor Eugene Monroe Mason, Jr., born in Newark, New Jersey, is a graduate of Pine Forge Academy, in Pennsylvania and Oakwood University, in Huntsville, Alabama, with a B.S. in Business Administration (with emphasis in Accounting).

Before accepting a call to a career in denominational service, he worked for 7 years as an accountant for Bechtel Power Corp. in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Pastor Mason served as Associate Treasurer for the Southeastern Conference of SDA, in Orlando, Florida, for 8 years and as Treasurer for the South Atlantic Conference, in Atlanta, Georgia for 9 years.

Since 1998 he has pastored SDA church districts in Greenville, Georgia, Sumter & Manning, South Carolina, New Bern & Jacksonville, North Carolina and the Abney Chapel SDA Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Currently, Pastor Mason serves as Pastor of the New Covenant SDA Church in Savannah, Georgia and the First Hinesville SDA Church in Hinesville, Georgia.



## ASSISTANT TREASURER KEISHA CASE PRAILEAU, '95

### CANDIDATE

Hello, my name is Keisha Praileau, and I am currently working for the City of Orlando Streets and Stormwater department as an Inventory Coordinator/Fiscal Specialist. I was in the Navy for almost ten years, and I currently have my Associates in Accounting. In my last year at Old Dominion University, I will have my bachelor's in accounting. I will then pursue getting my master's in business administration.

I have been working in the financial field for over 15 years maintaining budgets for \$72 million or more. My goals are to finish school and open a business; I want to create generational wealth for my family. I also want to walk in my calling and

evangelize to people that have been in situations like domestic violence and depression.

I am grateful for the experience that I had at Pine Forge Academy; graduating with the Magnanimous Class of 1995 taught me about family, and that is why I love my kids with all my heart. I am proud of myself for getting knocked down but having the courage to get back up. Now I am walking in my calling as a minister. I am so proud of overcoming all obstacles that the enemy has tried to throw my way.

I look forward to serving my Alma Mater Pine Forge Academy because if it wasn't for the foundation placed in me the four years I attended school, I don't know where I would be.



## **PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR** **STEFANIE SMALL, MBA, '01**

**INCUMBENT**

Stefanie Small is a Communications professional with over 10 years of experience in the industry. Her passion lies in communicating relevant stories to the world. She started her career at Think B Squared Marketing Group, a marketing consulting firm, as marketing manager for the agency. In this role, she was responsible for assisting in developing and executing plans and initiatives to support the business objectives of the company. Stefanie also served as Public Relations Manager with FSquared Communications Group, a full-service public relations agency focused on brand

development, media and community relations, crisis communications and special event management. As the administrative lead, she assisted in managing every detail of the client's brand development, projects and events to ensure that they were consistent with the mission and vision of the organization. She was also instrumental in assisting the agency in being selected as the only African-American public relations agency to roll out the Affordable Care Act campaign and launch the healthcare marketplace in the state of Georgia.

Most recently, Stefanie served as the Community Engagement Manager at Future Foundation an organization whose mission is to level the playing field for Metro Atlanta youth through their second family model. Today she is a Project Manager of Business Development at INROADS, a nonprofit that helps businesses gain greater access to diverse talent through continuous leadership development of outstanding ethnically diverse students and placement of those students in internships at many of North America's top corporations, firms and organizations.

Stefanie holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Oakwood University in Huntsville, AL and a Master in Business Administration with a concentration in Project Management and Organizational Psychology from American Intercontinental University. She is a board member of the United Way of Greater Atlanta Young Professional Leaders and Hope Atlanta's Young Professionals Board. Additionally, she is a member of the Black Public Relations Society (Atlanta Chapter) and a 2018 graduate of the United Way VIP Program. As the Public Relations Director of the National Pine Forge Academy Alumni Association, Stefanie will continue to develop and execute the communications strategies of the association that will not only provide information to the association body, but will make sure that our "light on the hill" shines bright.



## **PARLIAMENTARIAN** **PHYLLIS PELOTE EDMONDS, '64, Esq.**

**INCUMBENT**

Life Member of NPF AAA with many years of Association active service.  
Parliamentarian of the NPF AAA.

Retired Assistant Solicitor for the City of Baltimore  
Currently Working as a Federal Government Contractor conducting Investigations  
Attorney, Corporate, Employment and Labor, Governance  
Owner and CEO of Family Business Pelote Innovative Risk Solutions  
Author of NPF AAA, SDA Conferences and Corporate Constitutions and Bylaws  
Former President of the PFA Parents' Association  
Former Member of the Academy Board

Former Dean and Teacher at the Academy

Parliamentarian for corporate and SDA Conferences business meetings

Author of Modified Rules of Order for business use

Advisor to Administrative Officers in matters of corporate procedures and governance

Author of governance policies and procedures for many business entities

Legal Advisor to the NPF AAA leadership for over 30 years.

### **GOALS**

- My plans are to bring the Constitution and Bylaws up to date adding provisions that will aid in effective governance of the organization.
- Author and the Association's own rules of order that will facilitate equitable and efficient business operations.
- Work with the General Vice President to reactivate and innovate Chapters and Class organizations to provide membership participation in government throughout the year.



## PARLIAMENTARIAN GWEN-MARIE DAVIS HICKS, '98, Esq.,

**CANDIDATE**

Gwen-Marie Davis Hicks is a proud Pine Forge Academy alumna and member of the Class of 1998. Currently, she is the managing and founding partner of GDH Law Firm, which represents business and injury clients in the Metro Washington D.C. area. Davis-Hicks, a top-rated Attorney, was selected in 2016 as a Super Lawyer, Rising Stars of which only 2.5% of attorneys receive such distinction.

Davis-Hicks was elected to serve as the Parliamentarian of the Maryland Association for Justice (formerly Maryland Trial Lawyers Association), and is currently the Treasurer of the Maryland Bar Association. Davis-Hicks is currently positioned to become the first African-American President of the Maryland Bar Association. As an elected member of the Board of Governors for the American Association for Justice, she continues to sharpen her craft.

Her law firm and positions in professional organizations have given her current and vast experience with working with committees, corporate and non-profit organization technology; non-profit organizations' Constitution and Bylaws; and effective operating systems. All of which Davis-Hicks will use to advance the National PFA Alumni Association which conversely will benefit her Alma Mater, Pine Forge Academy. Davis-Hicks has a strategic plan to create an electronic cloud based repository for drafted NPFAAA policies to be made available on the members only side of the website. In addition Davis-Hicks has the idea to create The Parliamentary Spotlight in the Alumni Newsletter to share her knowledge, educate and update Alumni on approved actions from the Association. Davis-Hicks plans to draw from her experience and add her finishing touch to the Associations ByLaws, by drafting a policies & procedures manual.

Davis-Hicks is a member of the Emmanuel-Brinklow SDA Church which is one of the largest churches in the Allegheny East Conference. She serves on the Family Life Committee, Social Justice Committee, and as a Sabbath School teacher.



## CHAPLAIN JAMES ALFRED JOHNSON, III MDIV '93

**INCUMBENT**

James Alfred Johnson, III has served his church, community and country respectively as a pastor, educator and university and military chaplain. As an ordained minister of the Seventh-day Adventist Church he has led congregations of various sizes in both rural and urban locations since the year 2000.

For seven years he served as an adjunct professor in the Department of History and Political Science at Delaware State University, teaching courses on the early development of the United States. He also served as chaplain and director of Religious Affairs at Delaware State University. As a US Navy chaplain he currently serves sailors, marines, members of the coast guard and their families and has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. Since 2018 he has served as chaplain of the National Pine Forge Academy Alumni Association.

Pastor Johnson is a graduate of Pine Forge Academy, Oakwood University with a Bachelor of Arts in Theology and Andrews University with a Master of Divinity. He is married to Jayné Miller Johnson, Esq., and they are the grateful parents of their daughter Jaelyn who is a current Pine Forge Academy student and son Avery.



**CHAPLAIN  
KAGGIA SCOTT, MA, '90**

**CANDIDATE**

Kaggia Kimathi Scott was born to Roland and Donna Scott of Detroit, Michigan, on December 20, 1971. He is the product of Christian education, having attended Adventist schools in four states, including Peterson Warren Academy in Michigan, Griswald Christian Academy in Ohio, Pine Forge Academy in Pennsylvania, and Oakwood University in Alabama.

Degrees conferred on him thus far include a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Morris Brown College, a Master of Science in Biology from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, and a Master of Arts in Pastoral Studies from Oakwood University. He is currently pursuing a Doctor of Ministry degree from South University.

Kaggia Scott has been happily married to the former Rondora Jefferson of Atlanta, Georgia, for 21 years. They have three sons, Ronald, pursuing a pharmacological degree, and Israel and Emmanuel, who both attend Oakwood University.

Kaggia Scott began his ministry as a local hire at Madison Mission SDA in Huntsville as Pastor for Care. In February of 2010, South Atlantic Conference extended the invitation to full-time ministry in the Hemingway District of South Carolina, where he happily served for eight years.

He is currently Pastoring the Gethsemane and Ebenezer SDA Churches of Kinston and Greenville, North Carolina. During the Covid-19 season, he partnered with Austin Humphreys to Co-Host North Carolina Online Worship (NOW), which broadcast services thrice weekly.

Pastor Scott is a retired marathon runner, finishing six marathons, Author of the book "The Fifth Gospel," and a lifelong mentor. In the fall of 2015, after being invited to Rosemary Middle School to help with a disciplinary issue, he started the mentoring program, "Five at a Time." He is currently the Co-Host of The Academy Podcast with Austin, and G on iTunes, Spotify, YouTube, and Facebook.



**CHAPLAIN  
LYDIA PELOTE WRIGHT, '69**

**CANDIDATE**

I have worked for my Alma Mater since graduating from the Academy in 1969. All of my four children have attended the Academy. I have served the Alumni Association in the past as Chaplain. I am a registered nurse and have recently received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. I am involved in Women's Ministries and Pathfinders. I have been Director of Nursing for Camp Victory Lake for about 40 years, inspiring and motivating youth to reach for the best. I am a Nurse Administrator- Register Nurse for over 40 years.

I am an Elder in my Church, NEC Women's Ministries District Ambassador, NEC Junior Youth Camp Medical Coordinator, Hudson - Capital Adventurer Club Deputy Coordinator, NEC Hudson-Capital District Associate Health Ministries Coordinator. Victory Wellness Center Lifestyle Center Board-member, Trinity Temple Health Ministries Director, and Family Life Co-Director.

I have only missed one alumni reunion since it's inception.

My spiritual nature was so nurtured at PFA that I developed a closer relationship with Yahweh (God). I always wanted to be in the mind-set of spiritual servitude.

The highest level of any cognitive level is to be in constant connection with the Savior. My peace is the synchronization and total surrender of my life to Christ. I experienced a "Spiritual" transformation at PFA and will be forever grateful to Yahweh for His provision.

I have had different assignments for the Alumni Association and have served as its Chaplain. My goal is to continue service for the school that has done so much for me personally, spiritually, and professionally. Another goal is to continue to provide spiritual guidance and maintain the highest spiritual connection, which is Yahwah's ideal for HIS children.

I am active in my community and have worked with the Cancer Leukemia/Lymphoma Society. I plan to continue my studies in preparation to work professionally as a Chaplain.

# OFFICIAL NPFAAA ELECTION BALLOT

## 2021-2024 TERM

**INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER:** To vote for the candidate of your choice. Completely fill in the circle next to the candidate you want to vote for.  
Mail ballot to the address below.

*MAIL-IN BALLOTS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 15TH.  
POST OFFICE BOX 241, PINE FORGE, PA 19548*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Year: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>PRESIDENT (2)</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT (1)</b>
<input type="radio"/> Sokoni Scott, '94 ( <i>Incumbent</i> )	<input type="radio"/> Candice Cromwell-Edwards, MBA '99 ( <i>Incumbent</i> )
<input type="radio"/> W. Wendell Cheatham, MD, '66	
<b>GENERAL VICE PRESIDENT (3)</b>	<b>TREASURER (1)</b>
<input type="radio"/> Tiffany Brissett '95	<input type="radio"/> Gian Alexis, MBA, M.Acc., '97 ( <i>Incumbent</i> )
<input type="radio"/> Rue Mann '84	
<input type="radio"/> Cortney Coutreyer-Thornton '06	
<b>RECORDING SECRETARY (2)</b>	<b>ASSISTANT TREASURER (4)</b>
<input type="radio"/> Eric Adams Jr., Esq, '05	<input type="radio"/> Andrea Elliott, '84
<input type="radio"/> Makia Bobbit-Perry, '97	<input type="radio"/> Garhett Adams, '10
	<input type="radio"/> Eugene Mason, '69
	<input type="radio"/> Keisha Praileau, '95
<b>CORRESPONDENCE SECRETARY (2)</b>	<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS (1)</b>
<input type="radio"/> Carmen Robinson, MD, '00 ( <i>Incumbent</i> )	<input type="radio"/> Stefanie Small, MBA, '01 ( <i>Incumbent</i> )
<input type="radio"/> Karyn Haskins, '84	
<b>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (2)</b>	<b>PARLIAMENTARIAN (2)</b>
<input type="radio"/> Marta Cheatham-Lott, MD, '84	<input type="radio"/> Phyllis Pelote-Edmonds, Esq., '64 ( <i>Incumbent</i> )
<input type="radio"/> Eboni Murraine, MSN, FNP-BC, '03	<input type="radio"/> Gwen-Marie Davis, Esq., '98
	<b>CHAPLAIN (3)</b>
	<input type="radio"/> J. Alfred Johnson, III, MDiv, '93 ( <i>Incumbent</i> )
	<input type="radio"/> Kaggia Scott, MA, '90
	<input type="radio"/> Lydia Pelote Wright, '69