

C4CM News

A program of the George Washington Carver Regional High School Alumni Association



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Save These Dates

Giving Tuesday
November 29th
The first day of our **2nd Annual Holiday Lights Fundraiser**

Sunday
December 11th
3:00 pm

Christmas At Carver
Music * Reception * Tree Lighting * Special Exhibit in the museum

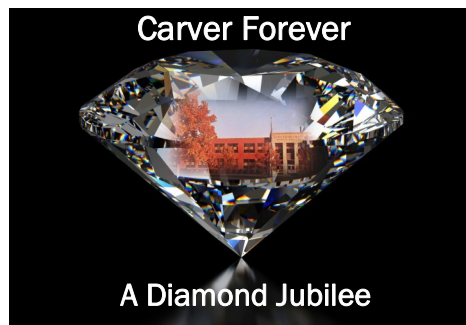
Must RSVP due to limited seating of 300. Invitations will be mailed on Nov 1st. Price of admission is a nonperishable item.

This special event benefits the Culpeper Food Closet

The museum thanks public historian, Angela J. Chapman, who let us scan her collection of Baccalaureate and Commencement programs. The latter are on display in the lobby of The Carver Center.



Our Jubilee Has Begun



74 years ago this week, Carver's auditorium was filled with well-wishers to inaugurate the opening of the first high school for minorities to serve four counties in this Commonwealth. The celebration begins now and includes:

- Four special events - the first on **December 11, Christmas at Carver**
- A traveling exhibit, "Being a Citizen"
- Carver facts, photographs and tributes on our website - especially from our scholarship recipients
- Ongoing collection of oral and written histories, yearbooks, and artifacts.

Ahhh . . . The Artifacts

Imagine the joy in the museum when in walked Edward "Skip" Gordon and John "Dykes" Hunter - carrying a vintage saxophone and snare



drum with stand. They donated their professionally played instruments to the museum's permanent collection. We will unveil these treasures on **December 11th for Christmas at Carver.**

Special appreciation is given to **Randolph Finks** who sent copies of his *New Farmers of America* certificates — one of which is now on display.

Who Were The Advocates?

For nearly a year, we have been reading newspapers, school board minutes, Virginia Board of Education reports, essays and dissertations, books, and letters and other documents of Virginia government officials from the 1940s.

Why? To find the names of African American parents, other relatives, neighbors, and friends who tried for years to get the attention of the right officials to build a high school for their community's children.

Our goal was to identify four (4) people from each of the four counties.

With funding from the **Northern Piedmont Community Foundation**, to date we have identified and verified:

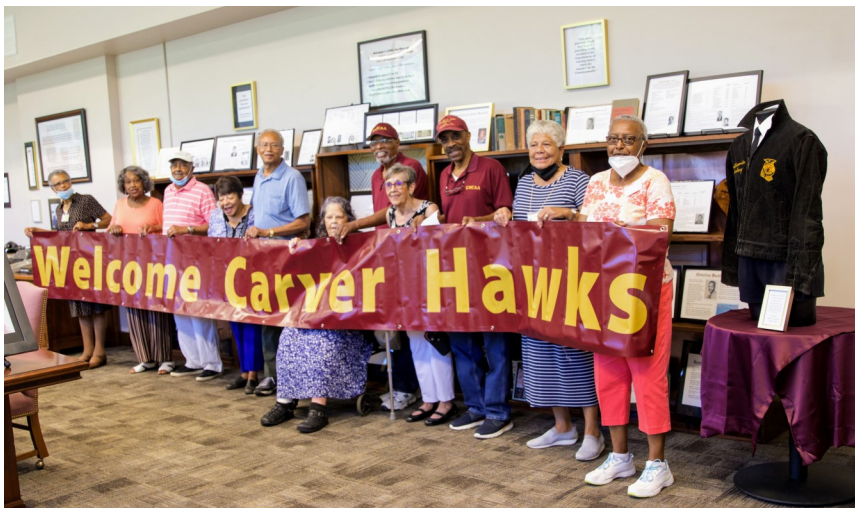
- ◆ **5** from Culpeper: Harvey Fleshmon, Charles B. Coleman, James Seals, Ruth Marshall, and Noah Price
- ◆ **5** from Madison: James Walker, Daniel Washington, Thomas Arrington, James Garnett, and Rev. John A. Jentons
- ◆ **4** from Orange: Gussie Taylor, Lawrence Dade, Thaddeus Johnson, and Fannye T. Staff

- ◆ **12** from Rappahannock: Edward and Elmo Russell Jordan, Charles C. Lewis, Minor Russell, Philbert and Anna Williams Green, Rev. Luther B. Banks, Roberta Engham Russell, William B. and Georgia Porter, and Willie and Mary Corbin Brown.

What's next?

- ◆ Tell us if **you** know of a family member or friend who fought to get Carver built.
Deadline: March 31, 2023
- ◆ Find and scan a photograph of each person
- ◆ Write a one-page biographical sketch of each person
- ◆ Publish new names in each newsletter and in the special "Jubilee" section on our website (www.carver4cm.org)
- ◆ Write news stories for every news outlet in our region
- ◆ Add their information to the permanent exhibit, documentary, and companion book we are preparing for our Carver Jubilee
- ◆ Honor their memory, celebrate their achievement, and be thankful for their years of advocacy.

Class of '57 Visits Museum in August



Want to donate to the museum? Just point your cell phone camera on the QR code and follow the directions.

