



Booker T. Washington Alumni Association  
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Dear Alumni and Friends:

We are bringing you greetings from our homes to yours. We hope you are staying well and safe. Things have changed so drastically since March. We know everyone is feeling some effects of the coronavirus in one way or another. We have been holding our Board of Directors meeting virtually like many others are doing. We have had to make some difficult decisions this past month. The Board decided not to have our annual reunion and scholarship banquet this year. As many of you know it is just too risky. We know some restrictions have been lifted, but we decided that it is in our best interest to protect your wellbeing and ours and to cancel the celebration this year. We have also canceled the 2020 cruise that was scheduled for October. We thank those who had made plans to travel with us. We pray we can resume all our activities next year.

Now for the good news. We have received a very generous donation from Mr. Carl Eugene McCutcheon, Sr. He has donated to the BTW Museum and Library an exceptionally large collection of items from the Kenneth L. Jones Funeral Home. We have received and have on display, Mr. Jones' office desk, chairs, typewriter and several awards and pictures. We are looking forward to having an open house for the public to be able to view this collection. We are extremely excited about this collection because Mr. Jones was one of the first graduates of Booker T. Washington High School, Class of 1923. We are also honoring Mr. McCutcheon Sr. with our 2020 Community Service Award for his outstanding service and dedication to the Staunton, Waynesboro, and Augusta County area.

We have also selected our 2020 Scholarship recipient, Mr. Malcolm Elliston graduate of Staunton High School. Mr. Elliston will be attending Old Dominion University when classes resume. We have also selected Mr. Kai Johnson of Riverheads High School as the first recipient of the "Bigg Dogg Bikers" Scholarship. Mr. Johnson will be attending Blue Ridge Community College. We wish much success to both of our graduates.

We are still asking for funding from you to our clubs and membership as in years past. We still want to continue to support our scholarship even though we will not have a banquet.