



Richetta A. Wilkerson

2016 Alumna of the Year

A native of Montgomery, Alabama, Richetta A. Wilkerson is a 1974 graduate of Sidney Lanier High School. Following her secondary education, Wilkerson enrolled at historic Alabama A&M University (AAMU), where she received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1978 in Social Work while minoring in Criminal Justice.

Presently employed for over 30 years with the Department of Defense HQ Army Materiel Command at Redstone Arsenal, AL where she serves as a Logistics Management Specialist. Her extensive affiliations include the non-profit Operation Making a Difference, Inc. (board member); Tennessee Valley Diversity Leadership Colloquium (2015 graduate); AAMU Bulldog Pride Committee and its Brick Paver Quad Committee; avid volunteer, AAMU Office of Alumni Affairs during Founder's Week, Class Reunion, Hall of Fame and other activities; the AAMU Strategic Planning Committee Priority Six Initiative; supporter of numerous AAMU fundraising and scholarship initiatives. She is a member of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Her true passion for AAMU is manifested by her longstanding membership in the Huntsville Madison County Alumni Chapter and she is a Life Member of AAMU Alumni Association. In 2008, she received the Class of 1978 Class Achievement Award and recently she was presented the AAMU Alumni Association Arthur Pillar Award. In March 2016 she was elected to the 2016 - 2018 AAMU Alumni Association Board of Directors.

Richetta developed and maintains the AAMU Alumni Association's popular Facebook site, which has attracted over 2,000 members. She proudly serves as AAMU Alumni Association Membership Committee Chair where she responds to member inquiries, facilitates monthly conference calls with the Association's Leaders and always seeks improvement opportunities. Her personal relationships and social media efforts have resulted in alumni membership growth, significant improvements to membership among graduates, supporters and global outreach to alums.

Moreover, this loyal Bulldog has worked tirelessly with AAMU radio station WJAB-FM 90.9 to kick off alumni membership drives, as well as assisted with similar drives during the Homecoming and Magic City Classic. She worked with the Admissions Office on an initiative and strategy to enroll 2015 Freshman Class parents as Associate Members of the Alumni Association.

Her work for the AAMU and the Alumni Association extends into the community and workplace. She participated in the TEAM Redstone Kickoff Campaign for the Combined Federal Campaign 2015 to support the AAMU Alumni Association Scholarship Fund. She is a member of St. Mark Baptist Church where she serves on the Media Committee. In addition to holding membership in the Huntsville Photographic Society and the Photographic Society of America, Wilkerson also looks forward to a game of pool with friends and is a member of the America Poolplayer Association.

She is an energetic Bulldog, supporter and unconditional lover of Alabama A&M University and the AAMU National Alumni Association for life. She is without a doubt, one of the most committed and dedicated alums who has assisted the Association and the University in achieving its mission of enriching the lives of others. Richetta's service personifies the words from the Alma Mater hymn thy brave and loyal one sent from thy shrine on Normal's Hill filled with a zeal for tasks well done, anxious thy mandates to fulfill.

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