

## A Message from the Chair of the General Alumni Association of Fisk University, Incorporated

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Let me first thank you for your patience and understanding. We have had to venture into new, and in many ways, exciting ways of connecting. There have been many "opportunities" that have challenged us. I am proud of how the alumni have persevered.

We have had a hectic fall! Jubilee Day 2021, the Virtual Far West Regional, GAAFU's Virtual 2021 Biennial Convention, and the Alumni Virtual Homecoming 2021 After Game Party - "Stepping Through the Pandemic" are in our rearview mirrors. **Jeanette Maye Allen '83** was the BIG prize winner during our Virtual Homecoming 2021 After Party. She won a Full Reunion Registration. **Dr. Nadine Hauser-Archield '82, John Alston, II '65, Jacqueline "Skee" Harris '79, Sandra Smith** (Wife of **James Smith '63**), **Roger Radcliffe '75**, and **Wendolyn (Wendy) Mitchell Majors '85** won prizes, also. They won either a set of Fisk Reunion Champagne Flutes, a Fisk Pen & Key Chain Gift Set, a Fisk Sweatshirt, or a Jubilee Singers Award-Winning CD,

I want to take this opportunity to introduce the [Association's officers](#) elected at the 2021 Biennial Convention. I will be serving as chair for a second term. I will be joined by **Beverly Hill Dixon '76** as vice-chair, **Robert K. Wiley '76** as treasurer, **Janelle Caldwell-West '81** as secretary, and **Anthony Murphy '99** as the parliamentarian. We are your elected officers. **Kyle D. Parks, Esq. '05** will continue as our appointed legal counsel.

Congratulations to the newly elected Far West region officers. **Lewis A. Jordan, II '82** was elected as chair, and the vice-chair is **Cassandra McCright Smith '98**. We are asking Far West Region alumni to rally around our new leadership. Since many are comfortable with virtual meeting platforms, we have an opportunity to charter new clubs and collaborate easier. I want to thank outgoing Far West Chair **Derreck Johnson '86** for his leadership of the region. Thanks to **Marshawn Harris '95**, Bay Area President, for hosting the convention.

We are preparing for [#GivingTuesday](#) on November 30th, the Virtual [Eastern Regional](#) on December 4<sup>th</sup> (1-5pm Eastern), and the Virtual [Southern Regional](#) on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup> (6:30-8:30pm Central). Our 2021 Biennial Delegates will reconvene (virtually) on December 11<sup>th</sup> to vote on proposed bylaw amendments.

We are looking to the future and planning on a vibrant Reunion 2022 (April 29-May 2). Mark your calendars! The host hotel is the Renaissance Nashville. To make your reservations online, [CLICK HERE](#).

We have all benefited from what Fisk has given us as we have succeeded in our careers. As alumni, we must continue to pave the road for future generations.

Your [Alumni Association](#) is continuing the work of bringing Fisk alumni together. Our committees are working diligently to plan and implement ways to keep alumni connected and support the university. I ask that you continue to follow us on [Facebook](#) and the university's social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#)).

Thanks to alumni who serve on our national committees. We appreciate all alumni who have been nominated by their regions to move the alumni association forward! Additionally, thanks to all alumni who support Fisk through the [local chapters](#) and [regional levels](#)!

Together we will make a difference.

Happy Thanksgiving!