



NATIONAL COUSINS FAMILY REUNION

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Greetings Cousins,

The following is your Atlanta, Georgia 2023 reunion update.

First, we want to thank Cousin Harold and Robbin Purvis and their entire group in the Georgia chapter for hosting what was truly a remarkable, exciting, warm loving and long overdue face to face reunion. From the moment you entered the hotel, the buzz, the hugging, kissing, and picture taking began and continued throughout the weekend. We thank all who came to Georgia to support the chapter. We all had a wonderful time.

Several highlights of the weekend included the presentation of checks to six of the rising graduates who are headed to Colleges and Universities of higher learning to continue their educational endeavor's. They included:



1. Imani Brock;



2. Aysha Purvis;



3. Jaelyn Singleton;



4. Jani Vanholten;

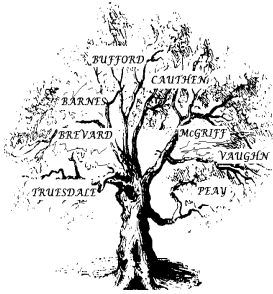


5. Jahché Vanholten;



6. Mariah Chisley.

We wish each of our students the very best in their chosen fields of study. Go with God and may he continue to bless and protect each of you.



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We presented the youngest cousin at the reunion who was 18 months old, *Cousin Chief Amir Brown*. The Eldest person in attendance at the reunion was Ninety-one-year young *Cousin Louise Reed*. The cousin who traveled the farthest was *Cousin Lisa Thompson* from Chatsworth, California, they all received a plaque from the cousins. Congratulations to all our recipient's. See the above photo.

Congratulations to Cousins Henry and Patricia Brown who were celebrating their fifty-seventh wedding anniversary, that's so wonderful. God bless those two young looking love birds; may you have fifty more years.

Exquisite jewelry, candles, etc. made by the cousins were on display and sale for purchase during the reunion.

What I would consider the most important African American Bus Tour in Georgia covering Historical areas of Atlanta and the surrounding communities identifying the travels, struggles and accomplishments of blacks in the area was on display. If you are traveling to the Atlanta area, please make time for this outstanding tour.

The family elected a new National Chairman, Cousin Jelani Vanholten. Congratulation cousin, and we aim to give you and your administration our support in your new journey.

We did not secure an invitation/location for the 2024 or 2025 reunion yet, but our new National Chairman will be working diligently on securing a location so stay tuned for his announcement at a later date.



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Kudos to the Georgia chapter, this was the first time ever that I have visited a hotel that served, greens, black eye peas, mac and cheese, cornbread, fish, chicken, and to top it off with peach cobbler, this meal was outstanding! The Peach 🍑 State really turned it out!!!!

Sheila Brevard
National Vice
Chairman

In closing, I want to thank the cousin's family for giving me another chance to serve you these past four years. It has been an honor and a privilege.

Bennie McGriff
National Treasurer

Let's Stay Together!!!

Cheryl Hatton
National Secretary

Warmest Regards,

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