

Committee Reports

Chaplains Report

FAMUNAA NER August 2026
Deborah Payton-Jones

Reminder

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This link was created to assist our Region in making sure that we have all the information needed to properly and respectfully create a lasting memorable presentation of our Beloved Fallen Rattlers.





1. Intro

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Please click on this so that all can review the form together.

Milestones

Preparation for the
Untimely Departure

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NOW

For Your Loved ones Celebration of Life

Untimely Departure

Contact RVP and Chaplain

Funeralizing

Flowers, Resolution(Regional) and additional acknowledgements will be gathered and shared with the Bereaved.

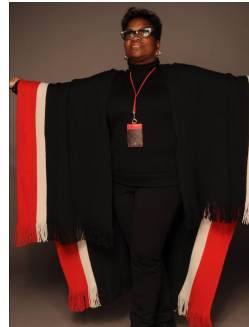


This was and is
a hard conversation!

*We will get through this
together*

Blessings !

Deborah Payton-Jones
FAMUNAA NER
Chaplain 2026





NORTHEAST REGION FAMU NAA

Nominating Committee report

August 13-16, 2026

The Nominating Committee of the Northeast Region announces the following slate of nominees for the 2026 election to be held at the NER's Annual Meeting August 13-16, 2026, in Westbury Long Island, NY

First Vice President, Sebastian Alexander, New Jersey

Financial Secretary, Janaya Washington, Northern Virginia

Treasurer, Nomination Needed

Parliamentarian, Nomination Needed

Sargent-At-Arms, Nomination Needed

Nominating Process

The Nominating Committee ensured notifications regarding the election were submitted to chapters timely. The initial request for nominations was released via email from the Regional Vice President and Communications Committee on July 2, 2026, along with the qualifications for all vacant positions. Follow-up email solicitations were released on July 9, 19, and 22. The committee reviewed qualifications of potential candidates and made every attempt to slate eligible candidates for all vacant positions. Unfortunately, we only have two slated candidates and will need to solicit nominations from the floor for the remaining vacant positions.

Pertinent Election Rules, Remainder shall be found in Bylaws

A. The Nominating Committee shall, during an election year, present a slate of eligible members for the offices to be filled and make a formal report at the Annual Regional Meeting. The Committee shall nominate at least one, but not more than three, members for each office. **Following the report of the Nominating Committee, an opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor.** The ballot shall contain the offices scheduled for election for the given year.

B. Election of officers shall be by ballot, **unless there is only one qualified candidate nominated for a particular office.** In this case, the registrants at the **Annual Regional Meeting or Special Meeting shall decide whether the election of the single candidate shall be by ballot or voice vote.**

J. With the exception of the Regional Vice President and Assistant Regional Vice President, a vacancy occurring in any office shall be filled for the remainder of the unexpired term by an eligible member elected by majority vote of the Executive Board. The First Vice President shall automatically assume the duties and responsibilities of the Regional Vice President in the event a vacancy occurs in that office and shall assume said duties and responsibilities for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days, or until a new Regional Vice President is elected. Prior notice of any action of this nature shall be in the call of the meeting.

In the event a vacancy occurs in the Assistant Regional Vice President office, that office shall remain vacant until an election is held for that office. An election must be held no later than sixty (60) days from the date that the position was vacated.

The Regional Vice President, with the approval by majority vote of the Executive

Board, or the Executive Board by majority vote must call a special meeting to hold elections for these positions, if doing so is not in conflict with planned elections.

Position Duties and Qualifications

The following is a description of the duties and qualifications for each vacant position.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

In the absence of the Regional Vice President, the First Vice President shall perform and carry out the duties and responsibilities of the Regional Vice President. This position, in conjunction with the host chapter and other pertinent regional officers, shall plan and coordinate the regional conference, when held.

Qualifications

Must be a team player, have good organizational skills, be a supporter of the University and the Association, and have skills to perform presidential duties in absence of the Regional Vice President.

TREASURER

The Treasurer shall be responsible for the preparation of the annual budget, chair the Finance Committee, keep the financial records of the Northeast Region, serve as an authorized signatory for all financial accounts; co-sign all expenditure requests except those authorized as payable to oneself, make payments on behalf of the Region as approved by the Executive Board and as authorized by two of the three Region signatories (Regional Vice President, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer), receive money on behalf of the Region and deposit funds into the Region's account in a timely manner, make a full financial report at the Annual Regional Meeting and interim reports at the Region's Executive Board meetings, and compile and present financial documents to the Auditing Committee, annually.

Qualifications

Have the ability to carry out responsibilities of the office, be skillful in preparing budgets, have the ability to transact business in a timely and efficient manner, be skillful in the use of financial software and electronic transactions, have skills to organize and present accurate financial records, and have good organizational skills.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Financial Secretary receives all funds for the region; surrenders all collected funds to the Treasurer with appropriate documentation; in collaboration with the Treasurer, prepares and submits annual reports to the Association as required; maintains official membership records of the Region and serves on the Finance and Fundraising Committees.

Qualifications

Be skillful in the use of financial software and electronic transactions when providing accurate accounting of income and in preparing budgets, have the ability to transact business in a timely and efficient manner, have good organizational skills and be eligible for bonding.

PARLIAMENTARIAN

The Parliamentarian shall advise the Regional Vice President on parliamentary procedure, serve as a member of the Regional Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and

ensure proper conduct of meetings according to the Region's governing documents.

Qualifications

Be well versed in Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, the Association's and Region's Constitution and Bylaws, Policies and Procedures, and other governing documents.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS

The Sergeant-at-Arms shall prepare the physical arrangements of the room prior to meetings, keep order at all meetings, and assist the Treasurer in determining the eligibility of registrants at regional meetings, for the purpose of voting. During the meeting, the Sergeant-at-Arms will monitor who leaves and enters the meeting room, especially during voting, and shall oversee the counting of votes and election ballots.

Qualifications

Must have good organizational skills and the ability to maintain order in meetings.

Sincerely,

Nominating Committee members:

Armand Belcher, Chair Nominating Committee email: melloare@gmail.com

Shirley Carrington

Floyd Patterson



FAMU National Alumni Association Northeast Regional Annual Meeting

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report August 2026

Following the 2025 Annual Meeting, the Region's constitution and bylaws were revised to include changes to said documents as determined by the body during the annual meeting. Those documents were subsequently shared for distribution to the Region.

Likewise, post the approval of the Regional Vice President, the chair of the Nominating Committee was contacted regarding the Region's new financial secretary position and the need to conduct the nominating process and subsequent election for this position.

Submitted by:

Monica L. Zeno-Martin on behalf of the Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

General LeRoy Bell
Penelope Jones
Floyd Patterson
Deborah Payton Jones



62nd FAMU National Alumni Association Northeast Regional Conference
Fundraising Report
August 13-16, 2026

All Items are available for sale on our website and ready to be shipped out.

Inventory as follows:

NER T-Shirts: 72 Available \$37.00 - 39.00 each

72 Available x \$38 cost = \$2736 Revenue - \$648 Shipping = \$2088 Sitting Profit
Revenue \$394.65 - Cost to Make \$1420 - Shipping \$90 = Profit \$-935.35

THE CHARGE Cozy Throw: 36 Available \$58.00 each

36 available x \$58 cost = \$2088 Revenue - \$504 Shipping = \$1584 Sitting Profit

THE COLEMAN Cozy Throw: 46 Available \$58.00 each

46 available x \$58 cost = \$2668 Revenue - \$644 Shipping = \$2024 Sitting Profit

THE DARK CLOUD Hoodie: 37 Available \$63.00 each

37 available x \$63 cost = \$2331 Revenue - \$518 Shipping = \$1813 Sitting Profit

Revenue \$1783.31 - Cost to Make \$2805.00 - Shipping \$420 (30) =
Profit \$-1441.69 Total Sitting Profit \$5421

BEACH'IN THE FAMU WAY Towel: SOLD OUT

Revenue \$4050 - Cost to Make \$837 - Shipping \$1040 = Profit \$2173.00

All Merch is available on our regional website. We are requesting that you share and post on your social media to garnish sales.

New Ideas Loading. Lets move Current product. - To Update after DC BE OUT DAY!!

Investing in Future Rattlers

2025–2026 The State of Recruitment

Stephanie Griffith Richardson, Second Vice President
Scholarship & Recruitment Chair

Recruitment Highlights

Key Finding

The Northeast Region continues to strengthen its partnership with Florida A&M University's Office of Admissions while emerging as one of the University's most active alumni recruitment regions.

The 2025–2026 recruitment cycle marked significant progress through the implementation of the University's inaugural **Rattler Reach Alumni Recruitment Program**, designed to standardize alumni recruitment training and ensure prospective students receive consistent and accurate admissions information.

The Northeast Region actively embraced this initiative, with chapters participating in certification, recruitment events, and prospective student engagement throughout the admissions cycle.

Rattler Reach Program Highlights

Measure	Result
Certified Alumni	280
Assessment Pass Rate	68%
Recruitment Events	123
Students Captured	314

The **Northeast Region** ranked **third nationally** among all alumni regions with **54 prospective student captures**, demonstrating the Region's continued commitment to supporting enrollment efforts.

Chapter Spotlight

The Washington, DC Alumni Chapter ranked among the University's **Top Five Recruiting Chapters**, recording **15 prospective student captures** through the Rattler Reach initiative.

Admissions Update

Florida A&M University continues experiencing record interest from prospective students.

2026 Admissions Snapshot

Stage	Students
Applications Received	32,913
Completed Applications	18,529
Students Admitted	8,206
Enrollment Deposits	2,077

Of the University's total applications:

- **23,112** were submitted by out-of-state students.
- **4,233** out-of-state students received admission offers.
- **596** out-of-state students submitted enrollment deposits.

Recruitment Update

The Office of Admissions implemented its first **Recruitment Ambassador Assessment** during the 2025–2026 recruitment cycle. The assessment was designed to ensure alumni volunteers representing Florida A&M University at recruitment events communicate accurate and current admissions information.

The Northeast Region experienced strong participation from chapters completing the required certification.

During discussions with **Jeffrey Pierce**, University leadership acknowledged several implementation challenges during the first year, including certification expiration dates that unintentionally created a gap in July and August—the Region's busiest recruitment period. The University plans to revise future certification timelines to better align with the annual recruitment cycle.

The Northeast Region appreciates the University's willingness to evaluate the process and incorporate alumni feedback into future improvements.

Recruitment Observations

While Florida A&M continues to experience record application numbers, the Northeast Region has observed increasing competition for highly qualified out-of-state students.

Regional chapters continue reporting that scholarship affordability has become a determining factor in college enrollment decisions. During discussions with University leadership, the Region shared examples of

students choosing competing HBCUs after receiving more competitive financial aid packages.

During discussions with University leadership, the Northeast Region shared observations that scholarship affordability increasingly influences enrollment decisions among admitted students. Chapters continue receiving a growing number of scholarship applications and financial hardship requests from families affected by rising educational costs and changing federal financial aid resources.

These observations reinforce the important relationship between recruitment and scholarship investment. Supporting students financially remains one of the Region's most effective recruitment and enrollment strategies.

Northeast Region FAMU National Alumni Association

Communications Committee Report

Members

Janaya Washington, Communications Committee Chair

Dr. Karimah Lynum, Secretary

Dr. Regina Boateng, Sergeant-at-Arms

Chantell Black, New York Chapter President

Reporting Period: July 31, 2025 – July 31, 2026

Respectfully submitted by the Communications Committee Chair.

Mission

The Communications Committee shall promote the positive image of the region; strategically plan the communications for the region; ensure that all communications on the region's platforms are consistent and correct; manage the official communication of the region with appropriate approvals; and maintain the region's website(s) and social media page(s) with current information. The Secretary will serve as a member of this committee. The Secretary shall review and the Regional Vice President shall approve all region communications prior to dissemination or release.

Overview

During the 2025–2026 reporting year, the Communications Committee remained focused on providing timely, consistent, and effective communication with members throughout the Northeast Region. Efforts were directed toward maintaining regular email communications, supporting the Board through meeting coordination, and expanding engagement across our social media platforms.

Email Communications

The Communications Committee distributed **66 email campaigns** during the reporting period, averaging **5–6 communications per month**. These communications included event announcements, meeting reminders, regional updates, and other information relevant to our membership.

From July 31, 2025 through July 31, 2026, our email campaigns achieved an **average open rate of 46.2%**, reflecting strong member engagement.

As of **July 31, 2026**, the Northeast Region email listserv includes **1,016 subscribers**, providing a valuable communication channel for reaching our members.

Board Support

In addition to managing regional communications, the Communications Chair coordinated all virtual Board meetings by creating Zoom meeting links and distributing meeting invitations for every Northeast Region Board meeting throughout the reporting year.

Social Media

Instagram

Instagram continues to be our strongest social media platform for reaching both members and prospective members.

During the 90-day period from **May 2, 2026 through July 31, 2026**:

- Added **23 new followers**
- Generated **16,237 content views**
- **67.6%** of content views came from individuals who do **not** currently follow the account, demonstrating our ability to reach new audiences.
- Recorded **522 content interactions**
- Reached **2,812 unique Instagram accounts**

During the 30-day period from **July 1 through July 31, 2026**, the Communications Committee published a total of **45 Instagram posts and stories**, maintaining an active and consistent presence on the platform.

Facebook

During the same 90-day period (**May 2, 2026 through July 31, 2026**), Facebook activity included:

- **6 new followers**
- **739 content views**
- **67 content interactions**

Notably, **97% of Facebook interactions** came from existing followers, indicating that Facebook continues to serve as an effective platform for engaging our current audience.

Looking Ahead

The Communications Committee will continue to focus on delivering timely communications, increasing member engagement, and expanding the Northeast Region's digital presence. Efforts will include maintaining consistent email outreach, strengthening social media engagement, and supporting the Board through effective communication and meeting coordination.

Respectfully submitted,

Communications Committee Chair

Northeast Region FAMU National Alumni Association