

## **With the Classes (Class Notes, Wedding Bells, Baby Statesmen, In Memoriam)**

1970s

1972

Gary Walker of Tampa, FL has been listed in the 2013 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*, which recognizes the top five percent of all lawyers in the country.

1980s

1986

Jason Case was named Outstanding Alumnus of the Year by the Delta State South Central Mississippi Alumni Chapter. Jason is the principal at West Lincoln Attendance Center, where the school has been recognized as a National Blue Ribbon School, only one of three schools in Mississippi and 269 schools nationally chosen for the honor.

1990s

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Kevin Locastro announced that he is retiring as the head football coach at Christian Brothers High School. He plans to spend more time with his family. Locastro will stay on as CBHS as a teacher.

1996

John Cox was named president of the Mississippi Tennis Association Board of Directors.

James Glorioso was promoted to senior vice president and credit administrator of Cleveland State Bank.

1997

Alicia Bariola, owner of Lux Alla Moda Boutique, was recognized in "Building Business in Washington County" by the Delta Democrat Times.

1998

Andy Lee has been named President of Guaranty Bank and Trust's Cleveland Branch.

Burns Strider, founder of the Eleison Group, was listed as one of the 13 "players to watch for 2013" by Salena Zito, the national political reporter for the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review.

1999

Brian Bishop, of the Cleveland Volunteer Fire Department, was named Officer of the Year by the Mississippi Firefighters Burn Association.

Rebecca Lancaster, teacher at Sumner Hill Junior High, is the recipient of the 2012 Mississippi Art Education Association Outstanding Elementary Art Educator of the Year.

2000s

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Libby Story McRight was named the Mississippi Business Journal's Business Person of the Year. (Photo credit: Deryll Stegall, Mississippi Business Journal)



2002

Tim Grommersch recently took a job with State Farm as an Insurance Agent in Memphis, TN.



2003

Jason Coslet, vice president CWS Grain Systems Inc. was featured in "Building Business in Washington County" by the Delta Democrat Times.

2005

Arnold van Dyk recently opened up his own law firm. He is a member of the California State Bar and has an LL.M in taxation. He specializes in all areas of tax, including tax controversy, tax litigation and international tax. Check out his website: [www.arnoldvandyklaw.com](http://www.arnoldvandyklaw.com).



John Walker, co-owner of Greenville Kawasaki, was recognized by the Delta Democrat Times in “Building Business in Washington County.”

2006

Sulee Blansett was voted Bell Academy’s Teacher of the Month for January.

Russell Gainspoletti recently received his certificate as a Certified Financial Planner (CFP). There are less than 20 CFPs in the state of Mississippi.

2007

Mary Claire Kinnison has been promoted to Recruitment Manager in C Spire’s Human Resources Department.

2008

Marcie Behrens accepted the position of Community Development Director for Tuttle, Oklahoma.



2011

Felicia Sorrels LPN, the CEO and owner of Helping Hands Care, LLC, was recognized in “Building Business in Washington County” by the Delta Democrat Times.

2012

Ty Austin was recently promoted to Consumer Lending Officer at Guaranty Bank and Trust Company.



Jeanna Wilkes accepted the position of Admission Recruiter at Delta State University.

Attended

Liz Davis was featured on NBC's The Voice.

Faculty/Staff

Laura Howell was named executive director of the Bologna Performing Arts Center.



## Wedding Bells

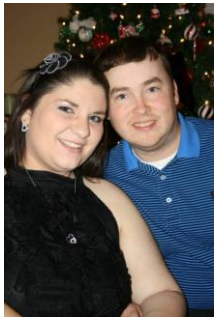
Brittany Herndon (Attended) to Justin Quinn ('12) of Tuscaloosa, Alabama on March 30.



Alexandra Prisock ('13) to Christopher Johnson ('08) of Cleveland on April 20, 2013.



Megan Steinzor to J.T. Webb '11 of Clarksdale, MS on June 30.



Rebecca Seawright (2003) to Matthew Bishop of Oxford on June 4, 2011.



## Baby Statesmen

Andrew "Elias" Abide, III to M/M Andrew Abide '09 (Marion Weeks '09) on January 4 in Jackson, MS.



Lila Katherine to M/M William Everitt '09 (Pamela Mangrum '09) on January 17.



Noah Turner and Jase Cooper to Reeves Gaddy ('11) and Catherine Whitt ('11) on August 30, 2012.



Rylee Lucian Whitehead to M/M David Whitehead '02 (Stacey Goff '02) on February 5, 2013.



## **In Memoriam**

**Belle M Alexander '69**, of Cleveland, on April 11.

**William A. Barbee '75**, of Grenada, on January 22.

**Phillip L. Boggs '63**, of Dandridge, TN, on December 27.

**Beatrice A. Bradley '47**, of Columbia, on February 1.

**Fred J. Bromund '76**, of Indianapolis, IN, on January 13.

**Hoyt C. Butler, Jr. '38**, of Gastonia, NC, on November 25.

**Kim Rodney Choate '69**, of Rolling Fork, on April 20.

**James A. Coleman, Jr. '42**, of Waco, TX, on January 24.

**Patricia A. Crawford (friend)**, of Chillicothe, IL, on January 13.

**Jeff Curtis, Jr. (Attended)**, of Greenville, on February 16.

**Margaret Eloise Morton Davis '72**, of Cleveland, on April 17.

**William M Durham '50**, of Cleveland, on April 25.

**B.G. Garrison '60**, of Madison, on January 3.

**Mildred J. Gibson '74**, of Cleveland, on December 23.

**Sheppard W Haaga III '76**, of Cleveland, on April 13.

**Terry L. Herring '75**, of Memphis, TN, on January 4.

**J. Paul Hollomon '77**, of Hattiesburg, on January 16.

**Harold H. Jones '53**, of Coffeetown, on February 10.

**Limmie (Grogan) Kidd '43**, of Winter Park, FL, on December 8.

**Kathryn P. Kittleman '50**, of Greenville, on January 11.

**Ruth D. Lerosen '44**, of Port Arthur, TX, on December 24.

**Kenneth D. McClain '61**, of Jackson, on February 21.

**Billy M. McEachern '52**, of Greenwood, on February 2.

**Maxine P. Meriweather (friend)**, of Columbus, on December 24.

**Cassandra Bunch Moore '38**, of Saint Petersburg, FL, on November 25.

**Roberta J Moorhead '81**, of Rosedale, on April 10.

**Curtis L. Pace '73**, of Lumberton, TX, on January 29.

**John F. Peden (alumnus)**, of Schlater, on December 10.

**Fred D. Riley '56**, of Bruce, on February 15.

**Jane Riley (Friend)**, of Marietta, GA, on February 1.

**Ronald S. Sexton (attended)**, of Greenville, on November 23.

**Sara Sarullo Sherman '52**, of Oxford, on February 3.

**Ida T. Slough (friend)**, of Lebanon, OH, on November 29.

**Lillian T. Smith '64**, of Memphis, TN, on February 16.

**Shirley Dianne (Berryhill) Smith '99**, of Belzoni, on January 19.

**Phoebe Monteith Strange (friend)**, of Greenville, on November 12, 2012.

**Vivian S. Taylor '29**, of Grenada, on December 25.

**Robert M Thompson '57**, of Tupelo, on April 8.

**Danny White '70**, of Tuscaloosa, AL, on April 12.

Featured In Memoriam

Rosalie Vetrano "Rosie" Bucy, age 103, died peacefully with her family around her at her Birmingham Ridge home in Saltillo on Monday, April 22, 2013. She was born on Dec. 27, 1909, to Italian immigrant parents, Joseph Antonio and Emilia Costanzi Vetrano. She was the oldest of seven children. She was raised in the Mississippi Delta, living in Lobdell and then Rosedale. She graduated from what was then Delta State Teachers College in 1932 and was the oldest living graduate at the time of her death. She was a member of the first freshman class to complete their degree at Delta State.

She married Jim Bucy and moved to the Bucy Garden Community in Saltillo in 1934. She was widowed in 1945, leaving her with two young children. She helped run the Bucy Brothers Gin and kept the family farm in operation until it was taken over by her son in 1959. She taught Business and Public School Music at Saltillo and Belden. She left teaching and went to work for the Lee County Welfare Dept. and later for the Mississippi Dept. of Welfare until her retirement. She was the organist for St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Saltillo for many years.

She loved to play the piano and was an active member of three bridge clubs until she was 97 years old.



She was a wonderful conversationalist and always asked her family, "How will you ever learn anything if you don't ask questions?" She was known for her cooking, especially her cakes, which she loved to bake and give away to friends and family.

As the matriarch of five generations, she is survived by two children, a son Jimmy Bucy, a daughter Anita Joe Bucy Long, and a son-in-law, Jimmy Long; four grandchildren, Debbie Morgan (David), Teresa Gregory (Scott), Mary Jo Brown (Kennon) and Jim Bucy Long; nine great-grandchildren, Emilia Morgan (John Thomason), Will Morgan (Carlee), Charlie Bronc Anderson, John Allen Brown, Jared Koon, Joseph Koon, Jenna Rose Koon, John Bucy Long and Stephanie Harrison (Robert); one great-great-grandchild, Isabella Rose Morgan; two sisters, Mary Vetrano Moss and Asterina Vetrano Carter, and one brother Ernest Vetrano, and many nieces and nephews.

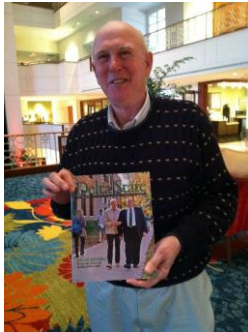
She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim Bucy; her parents, Tony and Emilia Vetrano; two brothers, Buddy Vetrano and Joe Vetrano; and one sister, Anita Vetrano.

**Capt. Viola Brown Sanders**, USN Ret., 92, passed away at her home in Greenwood Sunday, April 28, 2013. Viola was born to John Stansbury and Viola Brown Sanders in Sidon and had been a longtime resident there prior to moving to Greenwood several years ago. At age 22, a phone call led her to a career that would take her around the world and to the top of her field. A graduate of Greenwood High School, "Pinky" as her was affectionately known by family and friends, went on to Sunflower Jr. College where she was named Miss Sunflower Jr. College and named to the Hall of Fame. She continued at Delta State Teachers College where she was head cheerleader, and graduated with a degree in English. While later teaching 7<sup>th</sup> grade English in Glenn Allan, her life path changed dramatically when her brother, Stanny, a young Naval Officer, called from New Orleans to tell her of great opportunities developing for women in the Navy. From New Orleans, Ensign Sanders proceeded to Officer Candidate School and was promoted to Regimental Commander of the WAVES. This was followed by a three year tour of duty serving on the staff of U.S. Naval Forces in Japan. While there, she had the experience of climbing Mt. Fuji. Viola returned to Washington, D.C. as administrative officer to Admiral Richard E. Byrd as part of the International Geophysical Year. In 1960, she represented her military branch in Copenhagen at the first NATO Conference for Women. In her distinguished career, Captain Sanders was recipient of the United Nations Korean and National Defense Service medals and Legion of Merit Award. She was also honored at Arlington with a chair in the theater at the National Women in Military Service Memorial and was named to Who's Who of American Women. In 1966, Viola retired and returned to her roots in Sidon, took over management of the family farm Elder Grove, and began an active life in the Mississippi Delta. She served on the board of Delta State University, the board of Cottonlandia, and the Board of Trustees of Sidon Methodist Church. She was a member of American Legion Post 29 and enthusiastically worked on the Veteran's Monument Committee from concept to completion in 1999. Other recognitions were being named alumnus of the year by both Mississippi Delta Junior College and Delta State University. She was named Outstanding Citizen of Leflore County by the Lions Club, and named into the Greenwood Hall of Fame by the Chamber of Commerce. The Greenwood City Council honored

her with a street bearing her name. A highlight in her life, also, was being selected Grand Marshal of the 2007 Greenwood Christmas Parade.

## **Miles Away**

Jim Garverick (64) in Atlanta, 412 miles



Stephen Kaminski '02 in Kandahar, Afghanistan



## **Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity Reunion**

The Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity will celebrate 50 years on campus this year at Delta State's Homecoming, November 1-2. Location and times are to be determined. Invitations will be mailed to Pi Kappa Alpha Alumni. For more information, contact Trey LaBella at 240-857-8785 or [carl.labela@afncr.af.mil](mailto:carl.labela@afncr.af.mil).

## **Keeping the Delta State Tradition Alive**

The Alumni Association has recently partnered with the Admissions Department on an initiative to better recruit children of alumni. Send us your child's name, birthdate, and address, and he or she will begin receiving mail outs from Delta State. Send information to [alumni@deltastate.edu](mailto:alumni@deltastate.edu). For more information, contact the Alumni office at 662-846-4660.

Save the Dates!

We hope to see you back on campus for these signature events!

**Pig Pickin' – September 27-28; Homecoming – November 1-2**

**\*Due to space limitations, beginning with the Spring 2013 Delta State Magazine, listing priority in the "With the Classes" section of the Alumni & Foundation magazine will be given to dues paying members of the Delta State University Alumni Association. To submit a class note, baby statesmen, wedding bells, in memoriam, or miles away photo, send it to [alumni@deltastate.edu](mailto:alumni@deltastate.edu) or DSU P.O. Box 3104, Cleveland, MS 39042. The Association relies on numerous sources for "With the Classes" information and is unable to verify all notes with the individual alumni.**