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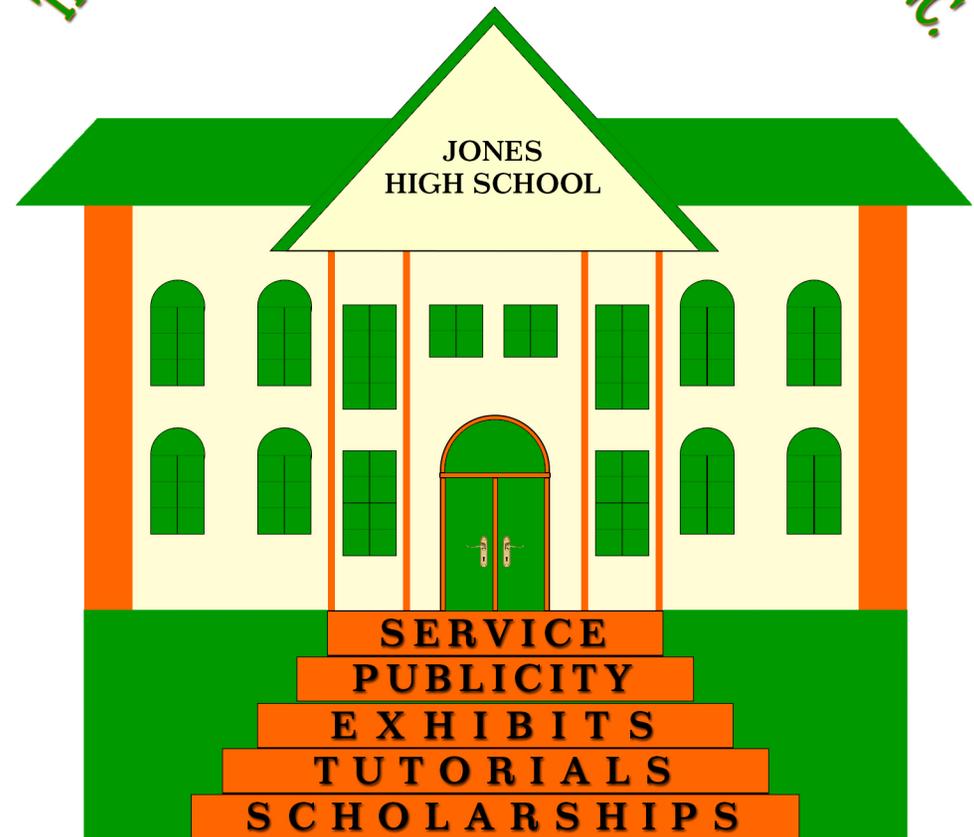
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Rich in Pride & Tradition

THE JONES HIGH SCHOOL HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.
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A Short History of Jones High School

Believed to have been established in 1895, the school now known as Jones High School was first an old frame building on the southwest corner of Garland Avenue and Church Street. Later it was moved to the corner of Jefferson and Chatham Streets and was named Johnson Academy in honor of Lymus Johnson, the principal.

In 1912, L.C. Jones became principal of Johnson Academy. Under his leadership, a new school was built in 1921 on the corner of Washington Street and Parramore Avenue. Because his family donated the land for the school, the school was renamed Jones High School. The students of grades six through ten were moved in. Near the latter part of Jones' administration, the remaining grades were moved from Johnson Academy to Jones High School, and the school term was lengthened from five to nine months. By 1929, grades one through twelve were in operation. In 1931, Jones High School had its first graduation of students completing the twelfth grade. At the end of this term, Mr. Jones was transferred to Oakland, Florida, and A.J. Polk was named principal. C.W. Banks replaced Polk in 1935.

Principals succeeding Mr. Banks were the following:

Cecil W. Boston	1954 - 1964
Claudius J. Manigault	1964 - 1968
Wilbur S. Gary	1968 - 1975
Henry C. Wright	1975 - 1981
Clara S. Walters	1981 - 1990
Victoria Johnson	1990 - 1991
Eddie Sneed	1991 - 1999
Andrew Jenkins	1999 - 2003
Lorenzo Phillips	2003 - 2006
Bridget Williams	2006 - 2010
Valeria Maxwell	2010 - 2015
Roderick Waldon	2015 - 2017
Allison J. Kirby	2017 - Present

In 1952, Jones High School moved to its current home on Rio Grande Avenue. Today, in addition to the regular classrooms, auditorium and gymnasium, the facilities include a new music suite and a new computer laboratory.

Purpose

The Jones High School Historical Society is an organization founded to provide a permanent site for memorabilia, books, articles, musical works and art by, for and about Jones High School's students and graduates. Membership in the organization is open to all graduates and students of Jones High School, friends, businesses and corporations, current and former Jones High School faculty, and anyone else interested in preserving Jones High School's legacy.

Memberships Available:

General Membership: \$20.00 per year
Executive Membership: \$120.00 per year

Programs

The Historical Society maintains a gallery of works by Jones High School alumni. The gallery serves as an incentive to students and graduates of Jones High School.

In addition to the exhibition of works, the Historical Society maintains a tutorial center to assist current students who need help in academics. The organization has also established a scholarship fund to help students who have the ability and the desire to go to college but lack the means to do so.