

## Calendar of Events

**Saturday, September 5, 2020**  
10:00 AM- 1:00PM

### **32nd Annual Convention Business Session**

Featuring:

Devotion

Rhode Island Minutes

Chapters Annual Report

Program Annual Report

Financial Report

State of the Association

Elections

**Sunday, September 6, 2020**  
4:00PM-6:00PM

### **Worship Service Installation of Officers Class Challenge**

## Class Challenge

Is your class up for the challenge? Is this your year to be number 1?

Class	Rank
1973	1st
1979	2nd
1985	3rd
1974	4th
1976	5th
1980	6th
1987	7th
1966	8th
1983	9th
1967	10th
1978	11th
1981	12th
1977	13th
1971	14th
1986	15th
1968	16th
1975	17th
1969	18th
1982	19th
1972	20th



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**Announces its  
32nd Annual  
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**"Thriving in  
Every Season"**

**Any City, USA  
Virtual**



**Saturday, September 5, 2020  
&  
Sunday, September 6, 2020**

June 15, 2020

Good day Dragons,

Thank you for continued support! Forced into this season where many things are uncertain, we are happy to announce that our Convention will still go on. And this year, there's no need to book flights, no driving, no car pooling, no hotels, no Air B&B...

We are bringing the convention to you! We will meet virtually for five hours of deliberation, fellowshipping, and fundraising. You have made an impact over the years, and in spite of the current situation, we still have the duty to prepare future leaders. Let's work together to create a legacy by preparing Ricks for the next decade.

**Last year, the Class of 1979 challenged us to beat their annual record of \$9,653.79. Also, the all time #1 record set by the Class of 1973 is in reach. Let's keep the competitive spirit going.**

We have 81days to go.

Please visit our website <http://riaausa.org/> to register for the convention. The annual package is \$100. The package will cover your annual dues, sitting fees, and souvenir package. Let's not forget that this is an election year. Paying your dues will allow you to vote for the candidate of your choice.

You also will be able to participate in the memory book by purchasing an ad; this is an opportunity to celebrate graduations, anniversaries, memorials, or to honor a special person in your life. A half page ad is \$50 and a full page ad is \$100. All ads have to be in by July 15, 2020. Please email our Vice Chairlady at [renajarrett@gmail.com](mailto:renajarrett@gmail.com).

Register early so that we can get your reunion package to you by August 20th. The package will include your T-Shirt, Cap and the souvenir program.

We have 45 days to plan so kindly partner with us as we move our organization onward and upward.

Thank you again,

RIAA Virtual Reunion Committee

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## Educating Future Leaders

Today, the alumni of Ricks Institute stand as leaders all over the world, working to make this planet better than we met it. But it was not long ago that someone invested into our lives, providing us with the foundation that we can stand on today. At our alumni conference, we plan to meet for the 32nd time to work towards a mission of paying it forward-- to plant a seed in a child's life by providing them with a tool that will give them their own ground to stand on: an education.

**Join us** September 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> from anywhere in the world as we work together to make an impact on the future by transforming the lives of Liberian children who, by means of the powerful tool that is a solid education, will have the chance to fulfill their potential and lead us to a brighter tomorrow.

## Q&A

### **How Can I Be A Partner?**

#### **Attend the RIAA Convention.**

Enjoy the fellowship as we fundraise!

#### **Purchase an ad in our souvenir program.**

Advertise your business. Honor a spouse, children, parent, friends, and more. Memorialize a loved one. Congratulate the organization.

#### **Donate to your Class Challenge.**

**Each one encourage one to become an active member.**

#### **Financial donations of any kind are welcome.**

Sponsor a child's tuition

## "Not for Self but for Others"

1989: Donated \$11,000 Cash for school operations (\$6,000 of which was raised by Mr. Oody's church)	1999: 10 by 2008," a strategic plan to elevate Ricks Institute to educational excellence in a ten-year period	2009: Donated 12,000.00 for Cheeseman Hall(High school boys dorm) renovation and \$7,000.00 for beds	2019: Provided Scholarships
1990: Cash contribution for operating the school and paying teacher salaries	2000: Completion of the payment towards an electric generator for the campus	2010: Donated \$7,000.00 for dining hall furniture	2020: Donated \$23,000 Sporting uniforms, Equipment and renovate six bathrooms in the administration building. Provided five scholarships
1991: Cash contribution for operating the school and paying teacher salaries	2001: Donated \$12,000 for Principal Residence Renovation	2011: Donated \$ 15,000.00 for teachers' salaries and \$6,000.00 for sporting supplies (jerseys, balls, shoes, etc.)	2021:
1992: Cash contribution for teacher salaries	2002: Donated \$12,000 for William V. S. Tubman Administration Building Renovation	2012: Donated \$20,000.00 for faculty and staff salaries	2022:
1993: Cash contribution for operating the school	2003: Shipment of school and office supplies, including two computers and science textbooks, and two monetary grants which were awarded to the graduating seniors with the highest achievement in math and science	2013: Renovation of Charlotte Tolbert Hall	2023:
1994: Renovation of the dining hall		2014-2016: Launching of Virtual Education Program (VEP) including the latest in learning technology, donation of 50 laptops and desktops, purchased and installation of a 100 KVA generator to electrify the campus (Total cost= \$21,985.00);	2024:
1995: Shipment of 20 barrels of educational and medical supplies			2025:
1996: Donation of two microscopes for the science laboratory			2026:
1997: Provision of parts to rebuild the tractor (essential to the campus agriculture program)		2017: <i>Phase I</i> of "Project Renovate Ricks": Repairing and painting of administrative building (cost: \$15,000);	2027:
		Refurbishing of Ricks science lab and purchase of microscopes and other science lab accessories by the <i>Etoile Filante</i> (class of 1976); class went to Liberia and launched phase 1 of the project for \$7,505; total project will cost about \$21,000	
1998: Donation of a 1991 Chevy S-10 pickup truck	2008: Donated \$15,000.00 for teachers' salaries	2018: "Project Renovate Ricks": <i>phase II</i> begins soon: replacing all windows on administrative building: cost \$35,000. Please donate on the website. <i>Phase III</i> : New school gates to be undertaken soon by members of <i>Etoile Filante</i> (class of '76)	2028