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## Alum Williams to MC BAW Banquet



Carlton Ray Williams, Jr. is no stranger to Radford University. He is a two time RU graduate and former faculty member.

And now he will return to campus once more, this time as the Master of Ceremonies for the Mardi Gras Fundraising Banquet during the 2006 Black Alumni Weekend.

Williams graduated from then Radford College in 1979 with a Bachelors degree in General Psychology. He returned to RU and graduated with a Masters degree in Industrial Organizational Psychology in 1983. While a student, Williams served as a tour guide, an officer for the black

student organization, UJIMA, member of various Student Life committees and was a founding member and officer of the RU chapter of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity. He was also a Resident Director of Floyd and Perry Halls.

In 1983, Williams began his professional career when he joined the Admissions staff of RU. He still remained active on campus, serving as a faculty advisor to various campus organizations. Later, Williams would join the Admissions staff at Roanoke College. While there, his main responsibilities were in minority student recruitment.

Williams became an operations/underwriting manager for Allstate Insurance Company in 1986 after making the decision to leave his career in higher education. After ten years in the insurance field, he began his own

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## Spotlight on Lijah Smith

**Lijah Smith, Class of 2003**

**Address:** Alexandria, VA

**Degrees:** B.A. in Communications; M.B.A. in Non Profit Management from the University of Maryland, University College

**Occupation:** Project Supervisor

**Job Location:** Woodbridge, VA

**Employer:** Networking & Engineering Technologies, Inc.

**Years in Position:** 2

**How did your time at Radford prepare you for this position?:** My time at RU prepared me for this position by offering me the exposure to diverse populations and offering me the opportunity to be a spoken leader.

**Professional or Civic Memberships and**

**Affiliations:** National Congress of Black Women

Metropolitan Chapter  
Charter Member, City of  
Alexandria Project  
Discovery Board  
Member, City of  
Alexandria Holiday  
Sharing Program, Alpha  
Kappa Alpha Sorority,  
Inc.

**Professional of Civic**

**Accolades:** City of  
Alexandria Project Discovery Alumni of the Year  
(2006), Scholarship Fund of Alexandria "Portrait of  
Success" (2005)



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“We have a powerful potential in our youth, and we must have the courage to change old ideas and practices so that we may direct their power toward good ends.” *Mary McLeod Bethune (1875—1955).*

## Welcome Back, DJ Nazz

Heth Ballroom will once again be filled with the spinning of DJ Nazz, also known as Radford alum, James Stewart, Jr. A 1996 graduate, “Junior”, as most students referred to him, was the DJ of choice for every party in the region.

While a student at RU, Junior could be found at parties at Radford, Virginia Tech, Longwood College and Virginia Union. His summers were spent near home, DJing at venues in the Washington, DC area. When he wasn’t getting the crowd hype, Junior served in organizations such as the African American Heritage Association and the Black Awareness Programming Board.

After graduation from Radford, Junior began work in the media industry. He later decided pursue higher education and did just that when he received his Masters degree in Rehabilitation Counseling from George Washington University in Washington, DC. With his degree in hand, Junior traveled to Los Angeles, CA where he became the Director of Disability Support Services at Loyola Marymount University.

In 2004, Junior made the decision to return to the Washington, DC metropolitan area and pursue his goal of becoming an college educator. He once again returned to George Washington University where he is currently enrolled in their Doctoral program in Counseling.

Junior is now employed as a Transition Specialist for Falls Church City Public Schools in Falls Church, VA and is an Adjunct Professor at Coppin State University in Baltimore, MD. He resides in Ft. Washington, MD with his wife of three years, Liz.

We are so excited to have him back, as he has performed from RU to LA and now back to RU. Do not miss Junior’s return as he spins for the Black Alumni Weekend After-Party on Saturday, September 30, from 10 p.m.—2 a.m. It will be unforgettable.

## Homecoming 2006:

# A Highlander Adventure

## October 13-14

Rekindle your Radford experience.  
Share the memories.  
Experience the adventure.

This fall, Radford University invites you back to campus for a weekend of fun and celebration. Catch up with old friends, discover what’s new at RU and share the Highlander spirit.

The treasure of friendship awaits you!

To learn more, call  
(540) 831-5248, (888) 478-4723  
or e-mail [alumni@radford.edu](mailto:alumni@radford.edu).

### Founders Day

8 a.m.

### Founders Day Alumni

Golf Classic sponsored  
by Eleven West

off campus

2 p.m.

### Alumni Association Meeting

Hurlburt Hall

8 p.m.

### MOVIE -

### Superman Returns

Hurlburt Student Center Auditorium

\$1 with RUID, \$2 without

9 p.m.

### Alumni Coffeehouse

### Best Western Radford Inn

Saturday, October 14

### Homecoming and Eleventh Annual

### Radford Highlanders Festival

9 - 11 a.m.

### College of Arts and Sciences

### Alumni Coffee Time with the College

Reed/Curie

10 a.m.

### Homecoming Parade

East Main and Tyler Streets

10 - 4 p.m.

### Alumni Celebration

In front of Fairfax Hall

10 - 6 p.m.

### Highlanders Festival

Moffett Quad and Heth Lawn

11 - 3 p.m.

### Kids Carnival

Heth Lawn

Noon

### Parade of the Tartans and

### Gathering of the Bands

Game Field, Moffett

Noon - 2 p.m.

### College of Information Science

### and Technology Alumni -

### Bluegrass & Bar BQ!

Reed Hall Lawn

Noon - 2 p.m.

### College of Education and Human

### Development Open House

Peters Hall

11 - 5 p.m.

RU Planetarium show with Dr. Rhett

Herman at 11, 12:30, 2 and 3:30 in Curie

Hall. Advance reservations are requested.

Other surprises await in the Reed Hall/

Curie Hall Complex – visit

[www.radford.edu](http://www.radford.edu) for details.

Reed/Curie

1 - 4 p.m.

### Highlander Challenge

Muse Hall Lawn Area

6:00 p.m.

### The Third Radford University

### Theatre And Cinema Reunion

Heth Hall

### Alumni @ Dedmon

Noon - 3 p.m.

### Alumni Tailgate Social

Dedmon Center adjacent to

Cupp Stadium

3 and 4 p.m.

### Alumni Flag Football

### Alumni Softball

adjacent to Cupp Stadium

7 p.m.

### Men's Soccer vs. Charleston

Patrick D. Cupp Stadium

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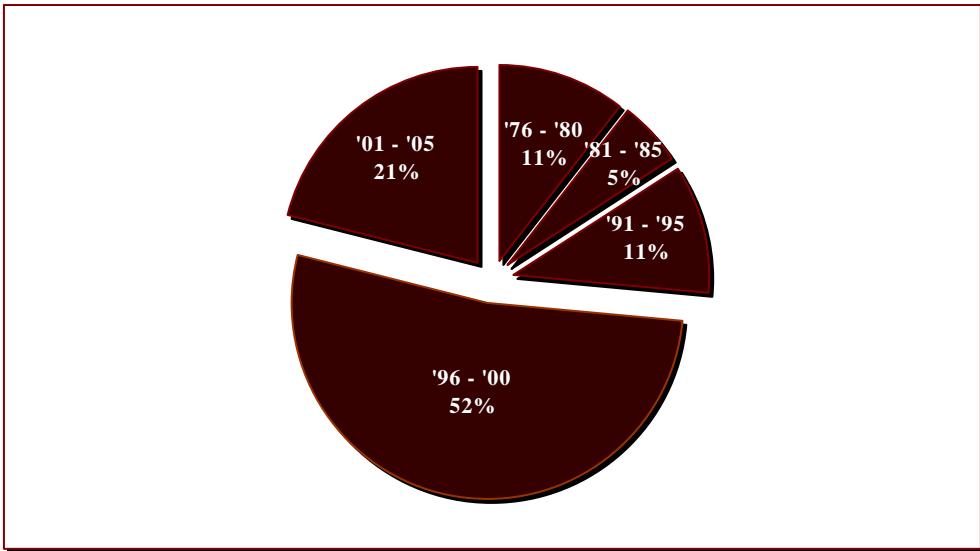
insurance agency which he operated until 2002, when he made the decision to return to higher education. Williams accepted a position at Virginia Tech as the Assistant Director of Admissions and worked with minority academic support programs. He is still currently employed by Virginia Tech and holds the position of Director of Multicultural Programs and Services, which is responsible for assisting the university in the creation of a more inclusive and representative campus environment.

Williams is married to Deborah Whitten, a graduate from the class of 1977. They have two children, Ray, III and Sarah.

We extend our warmest welcome to Carlton Ray Williams, Jr. and our many thanks for his support of the African American Highlander Alumni Association and Black Alumni Weekend.

# Who's Coming to BAW 2006

Here is a poll of who has already registered for Black Alumni Weekend 2006. Where are the members of the classes of '86—'90 and 2006? Visit [www.radfordblackalumni.com/baw.html](http://www.radfordblackalumni.com/baw.html) to see a schedule of events. Register now to represent your class!



**Missing in Action:**  
**Classes of 1986,**  
**1987, 1988, 1989,**  
**1990 and 2006.**  
**Where are you?**

## AN IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

The Office of Alumni Affairs has agreed to recommend to the Alumni Association that AAHAA become an official chapter with all the rights and privileges of the other chapters. We will officially vote on this measure at our business meeting to be held on Saturday, September 30 at 5 p.m. The Alumni Association will vote on our inclusion at a meeting on Friday, October 13, the first day of the RU Homecoming. The meeting will be held at 2 p.m. in Heth Hall. All alumni are encouraged to attend.

Please be present at the business meeting during BAW and Homecoming to make your voices heard!



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If you have photos or information that you would like included in the AAHAA News, please e-mail Teri Wheaton at [teri@radfordblackalumni.com](mailto:teri@radfordblackalumni.com). The newsletter will be posted each quarter.

The AAHAA News can be sent via U.S. mail if you wish to receive a hardcopy. Please send an e-mail making your wishes known.

**We're on the web!**  
[www.radfordblackalumni.com](http://www.radfordblackalumni.com)

## **Other Notes . . .**

- *If you are a recent graduate, please be sure that when you register for a password for the AAHAA Alumni Directory that you use an e-mail address other than your RU address or be sure to submit a new e-mail address once your RU address has expired.*
- *Room blocks for BAW 2006 will be cancelled after August 29 or September 1. There is a Virginia Tech home game on Saturday, September 30 and rooms will either NOT be available or be outrageous in cost. Reserve your room now!*
- *If you plan to attend BAW and it is your intent to pay onsite, please kindly send in your registration form, either by mail or submit online, in order for us have a good estimate of attendance. Please be advised that the onsite payment amount will still apply.*
- *The "Old School" vs. "New School" concept of the step show is not an actual competition. It is merely a fun concept, just like step shows at various organizational conventions where members are "competing" against one another. No one is asked to show any disrespect to members of their own organizations or any other organization. Please sign-up now for a time slot.*