

Phillips alumni make \$2,000 donation to Phillip Middle library

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Members of the Phillips High School Class of 1969 celebrated their 40th class reunion over the Memorial Day Weekend.

The celebration included participation in the Phillips/Bricks Alumni all school reunion events Friday and Saturday night as well as their private, catered luncheon at the Comfort Inn banquet room in Tarboro.

There were 51 members in attendance.

Nellie Hunter, senior class advisor was the guest speaker, and shared with the class her stories and remembrances from their days at Phillips in 1969.

A memorial ceremony to deceased classmates, personal updates, great food, fellowship, memories and many pictures highlighted the Saturday noon event. Donations were received from attendees in the amount of \$2,000 for the Phillips Middle School Library.

This gift will be submit-



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ted to the Principal William Etheridge on behalf of the Class of 1969 to purchase books for the school library.

Knowing the value of reading for educational success, class members chose this cause as one that would benefit all of the students at Phillips, and one that would best serve them in preparing for high school and college.

The Class of 1969 was one of the 24 graduating classes of Phillips High School.

The school was one of the

four high schools for African Americans in Edgecombe County during the years of segregation.

Phillips closed its doors as a high school in 1972 and was transformed into a middle school.

Its graduates and attendees not only share a great love and admiration for their school's history, but also a commitment to give back to the students in the area.

This commitment is shown through the efforts of many individual classes of Phillips as well as the Phillips/Bricks Alumni Association.

This year, the Class of 1959 and Phillips/Bricks Alumni awarded five \$1,000 scholarships to deserving students who will be attending college.