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West End High School Alumni Association Mecklenburg Chapter President Glanzy Spain is pictured with National President John Royster.

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West End alumni enjoy reunion Michelle Wright-Reyes

Alumni of West End High School held their annual reunion on Saturday, June 27, at various points throughout Mecklenburg County, including Hampton Inn, Brian's Steak House and VFW Post 7166 in South Hill, Bethlehem Baptist Church in Chase City and Bluestone Middle School in Skipwith.

West End High School was once located where Bluestone Middle School is now and was a school for African-Americans during the segregation era. The West End High School Alumni Association recently had a historical marker placed at the site, which became Bluestone Middle School once segregation ended.

The last class of West End High School came through in 1969. John Royster, the national president for WEHS alumni and class of 1965 graduate, said West End High School Alumni Association consists of three chapters, Richmond, Metropolis and Mecklenburg. He said at this year's reunion the class of 1965 was being honored 50 years after it graduated.

Glanzy Spain, president of the Mecklenburg chapter and class of 1962, said people travel from all around to attend this event.

A 30-year veteran of the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office, Joe Keaton, who attended WEHS for three years and then graduated from Bluestone High School, said he enjoys attending the reunions and seeing old friends.

Gloria "Cookie" Crutchfield Townsend, class of 1966, was the mistress of ceremonies for the evening. She said it is so nice to see everyone, catch up and hear stories about others' lives and where they are now.

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