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KAPPA'S NAMED SCHOLARSHIP AUTOBIOGRAPHIES

H-NN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP- LUCIUS C. WYATT

Lucius Wyatt was born in Middlesex County, Virginia. He graduated from Middlesex High School and enrolled in Hampton Institute where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Accounting with a minor in Economics. He entered New York University to pursue a Master's degree in Business Management later completing the program at the College of William and Mary. He was drafted in the United States Army and served in World War II. He entered the workforce as a Federal Government statistician and held numerous other jobs and titles over the years. He retired from Hampton University as the Vice President for Business Affairs and Treasurer. He holds the distinction of being one of the founders of the Hampton Jazz Festival. He married the love of his life, the late Doris Binns Wyatt in which they were married for 74 years. Lucius was initiated in Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated in 1947 and is a Life Member. He continues to be a servant to his church, his community, the youth and his family.

H-NN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP- NORRIS E. LAMB

Norris Ellis Lamb lived a life dedicated to God, his family, and the community through his many acts of service.

Norris Ellis Lamb was born the tenth of eleven children in Chesapeake, Virginia. He attended the County Public Schools and graduated with honors from Providence High School where he was heralded for not only his academic achievements, but also his prowess on the football field. After high school Norris matriculated at both Norfolk State University and Virginia State University with an eye toward a degree in English and Journalism. While there he became a member of the Reserve Officers Training Corp (R.O. T.C.), the Concert Choir, and the English Club. In 1951 he became a member of the Alpha Phi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and in 1952 he was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the U. S. Army Reserve. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in January 1953.

In May 1953 Norris Lamb was called to active duty in the United States Army. He served five years on active duty and was stationed at Ft. Lee, Virginia; Korea; Ft. Devens, Massachusetts; Camp Kilmer, New Jersey; and Ft. Drum in Watertown, New York where he met his future wife, Barbara Moody. They married in 1959. To that union they were blessed with three girls. He ended his active duty in March 1958 and transferred to the Army Reserve where he was honorably discharged in 1968 as Captain in the Quartermaster Corp.

Norris Lamb was an active member of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Hampton, VA where he was a member for nearly 60 years and participated in numerous church ministries. The many capacities in which he served include: Sunday School teacher, Christian Education Director, Food Ministry, Heritage Committee, member of three choirs (President of the Chancel Choir) and Trustee Emeritus. Norris was honored many times over the years including being named Father of the Year and being recognized for his "Outstanding Commitment and Dedicated Service to Missions" by the Virginia Conference Branch of the Women's Missionary Society of the AME Church. The Word was etched in his heart, as it sometimes seemed as though he could recite the words of every scripture and all of the standard hymns without the use of the bible or the AME hymnal.

In the early 80s Norris retired from the United States Postal Service and subsequently served as a caterer and worked in the mail department at Hampton University. He was an active member of the Peninsula Chapter of the Virginia State Alumni Association for many years serving on several committees and as its President. In 2014 the Peninsula Chapter of Virginia State University Alumni Association awarded Norris the Distinguished Service to the Chapter Award at their Annual Gala honoring outstanding alumni. He was also active for over half a century in the Hampton-Newport News Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., where he took on many leadership roles including Advisor to the Beta Chi Chapter at Hampton University, Charter Member of the Chapter Chorale, Chair of the Member Services and Benefits Committee and was a Past Chapter Polemarch. It has been said that Brother Norris Lamb was "well known throughout the entire Eastern Region". As a testament to his service and leadership, in 2010 the chapter established a scholarship in his name based on his desired criteria. The Norris E. Lamb Scholarship is given annually through a competitive application process to a young man matriculating at an Historically Black College or University.

H-NN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP- ARTHUR M. PRICE, JR.

Arthur was born and reared in Newport News, VA. He is the oldest of seven children born to the late Lillian Gregory Price and Arthur M. Price, Sr. He is very proud of the education he received in

the Newport News Public School System. He attended Dunbar Elementary School and Huntington High School. After graduating from Huntington in 1965, he matriculated to the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical College; now University. He graduated from A & T in 1970 with a degree in Architectural Engineering.

Immediately following graduation, Arthur was hired as an entry level structural engineer in the Hull Technical Department at Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company. His tenure there ended with retirement from the Aircraft Carrier Engineering Department in August of 2006 with him having reached the position of Department Manager. He is very proud of the fact that he provided engineering support for the construction of every ship of the Nimitz Aircraft Carrier Class, and preliminary design and engineering support for the first ship of the new Gerald R. Ford Class.

Arthur's lifelong passion for working with young people is a by-product of the spiritual nurturing he received while growing up in the Macedonia Baptist Church. This nurturing, coupled with his love for sports that was developed and nourished through recreational activity as a member of the Hampton Roads Boys Club, provided the foundation for his current commitment to the betterment of youth within our community.

Arthur's foray into youth oriented community service began in 1972 when he became youth church director at Macedonia, and chairman of the Guide Right Committee of the Hampton Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Guide Right is the fraternity's national youth initiative. In 1974 Arthur led the local chartering of the fledgling Kappa Youth Leadership League; the social implementation of Guide Right. Hampton Alumni was one of the first five chapters in the country to do so. The 2018/19 school year marks the chapter's 44th consecutive year of sponsorship. Arthur currently serves as the chapter's Director of Guide Right, a position he has held for 37 of his 48-year membership in the chapter.

Arthur's first involvement as an administrator of organized recreational sports began in 1983 with his establishment and coaching of the Macedonia Baptist Church boys and girls' softball teams. Additionally, in 1987 he was instrumental in the establishment of the Doris Miller Coed Inter-Church Softball League. During most of his twelve-year tenure as a volunteer with the Newport News Department of Parks and Recreation, he served as coach for all three of the church's teams, and president of the Doris Miller Inter-Church Softball League. He left the Newport News Parks and Recreation's softball program in 1994 to become a member of the Hart-McAlister Community Center's Board of Directors.

Arthur became chairman of the Hart-McAlister Board in 1996. It was shortly thereafter that the board petitioned the Hampton Department of Parks and Recreation to enter teams in their recreation youth football program. The Hart-McAlister Seahawks football teams played their first games during the 1998 season. A partnership with the community center and the fraternity was forged shortly thereafter. As a result, the teams were adopted as an element of the Guide Right Program in 2000. The teams' name and colors were changed prior to the 2004 season to make them more readily identifiable as an element of the fraternity. This marked the beginning of the Kappa Cardinals Athletic Association. The basketball program was added in 2007.

The Peninsula United Way's funding for the Hart-McAlister Community Center was severely cut in 1998, resulting in insurmountable financial problems. At about the same time, the building on Kecoughtan road that housed the Citizens Unit of the Boys and Girls Club was condemned by the City of Hampton. As a means to insure the presence of a viable recreational facility in the Wythe community, Arthur led a collaboration of the two organizations and the City of Hampton's

Neighborhood Office that eventually resulted in the conveyance of the city owned Hart-McAlister property at 1815 Shell Road, to the Boys and Girls Club's Citizens Unit. Since then, the Boys and Girls Club has admirably served as a center for wholesome educational, social and recreational activity in Wythe. The Boys and Girls Club facility continues to serve as headquarters for the fraternity's mentoring, athletic, and educational programs.

Also in 1998, Arthur began his tenure as chairman of the Macedonia Baptist Church Building Committee. The committee had responsibility for the design and construction of the church's new sanctuary that would be located at 5500 Marshall Avenue in Newport News. The new edifice was dedicated for service in 2006. Arthur currently serves as chairman of the church's board of deacons.

In addition to serving as commissioner for the Kappa Cardinals athletic programs and Director of the fraternity's youth initiative, Arthur serves as vice-chairman of the Hampton City Board of Football Commissioners. He has also served as Eastern Province Coordinator for the Kappa Youth Leadership League and Chairman of the Huntington High School Class of 1965 Reunion Planning Committee. He held the latter position since the committee's inception in 1973.

Arthur is married to his high school sweetheart; the former Erma D. Wiggins. They have two adult children and seven grandchildren.

H-NN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP- WILLIAM R. REVELLS

William M. Revells was born in 1934 in Chowan County, North Carolina, where he attended High School in the City of Edenton. He graduated from high school with high honors.

He later met his wife, Hilda L. Revells, and they were married for sixty-one years. They had three children together. "Choote" known by his family and close friends, loved his family.

William served twenty-one years in the USAF, including Vietnam, before he retired in 1976. Shortly after military retirement he became an Electrician with Newport News Shipbuilding- Huntington Ingalls. He retired after twenty-three years in 1999. William later received his BA degree from Saint Leo University.

William's strong work ethics, positive character, family values, fun sense of humor and giving personality made him the man everyone loved and the perfect candidate for his fraternity. William was active with the Hampton-Newport News Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. He volunteered countless hours working ballot polls, mentoring, and fundraising events for college scholarships. He was also an active member of the Tide Mill Homeowners Association.

William was a dedicated and fun-loving grandfather to a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Being part of a large family, William had many nieces and nephews.

H-NN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP- CURTIS J. JOHNSON

Curtis J. Johnson graduated from Southern University and was commissioned as a second lieutenant, distinguishing himself while serving as a transportation officer in the Korean and Vietnam theatres. Following military retirement, he received a Master's degree from Old Dominion University. He subsequently established a management consulting company and assisted numerous

organizations in employee training and development. He was active with youth development initiatives, civic and civil rights cause and environmental concerns. He loved his family and wrote two memoirs on the history of his family and the bayou region. He was devoted to his church community, using his commanding reading presence and beautiful tenor voice. He could build and repair anything. He loved remodeling his Whitestone vacation home, gardening, music and singing, fishing and Louisiana cuisine. He befriended everyone, was unique in his ability to make everyone feel special, and loved a good joke. Curtis passed on May 9, 2015.

H-NN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP- WILLIAM R. WALKER

A Newport News native, William Walker served the community and the Virginia Peninsula in many ways. After graduating magna cum laude from Howard University, he returned to his alma mater of Huntington High School and taught mathematics and chemistry.

He later served as the community manager of Aberdeen Gardens, one of the first federal housing community projects in America. After World War II, he established real estate and insurance businesses in the area. He also served several terms as president of the Newport News Chapter of the NAACP.

In the early 1960s, the city of Newport News considered two possible sites for Christopher Newport College's location, ultimately settling on 32 parcels along Shoe Lane. Much of that land was also home to African Americans whose families had lived there for decades.

Walker organized and led the African American landowners along Shoe Lane to protest the city's plans to purchase their property, fearing it would displace their community.

The city ultimately was able to secure the property and deeded it to the College of William & Mary, which at the time governed Christopher Newport. The first building opened in 1964.

Walker came to see the value of Christopher Newport's contributions to the community, serving three terms on the Board of Visitors. Brother Walker was initiated at the XI Chapter, Howard University in 1930 and a chartered member of the Hampton-Newport News Alumni Chapter, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. He died in 2004 at the age of 94.

"There is an importance to institutional memory that I think can get lost given all the rapid transformations that have happened here," Hamilton said. "I think it's an important story for the entire community to reconcile with.

H-NN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP- ARCHIE C. FELTON

Atty. Archie Clarence Felton was born August 2, 1944 and raised was in Hertford, NC. He was the third of four children born to Clarence and Elsie Felton. Archie graduated from Perquimans High School. Atty. Felton continued his education earning both his Bachelor of Science and Juris Doctor Degree from North Carolina Central University. It was during the time he was matriculating as an undergraduate he pledged and was initiated into the Alpha Kappa Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

After passing the Virginia Bar Exam he moved to Newport News, Virginia and began practicing law. He was law partners with Attorneys Philip Walker, Al Smith and Congressman Bobby Scott in the firm, Walker, Smith, Felton & Scott. His office was in the heart of the city and he had the city in his heart. After many years the firm became Felton, Johnson & Redden and it remained on 25th Street. Atty. Felton was always willing to represent anyone who came into his office in need.

He was married to the former Janice Diggs of Newport News and they raised two daughters, Rhonda and Renita. He joined the Newport News Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi and was an active member until his untimely passing on July 4, 1990.

H-NN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP- ROBERT B. SUBER, SR.

Robert B. Suber, Sr. was born April 22, 1933 in Newport News, Virginia (Warwick County). Born into a dedicated Christian family and nurtured in Christian principles, he was a life long member of Abyssinia Baptist Church, Newport News, VA. Robert was educated in Newport News Public Schools (Warwick County), Huntington High School, Norfolk State College (University) and Virginia State College (University). He was also an Army 2nd Lieutenant, Fort Knox, Tennessee. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Dianne Boardley Suber. His affiliations included; The Crusaders Male Chorus, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Region II Vocational Administrators, BIG-Ed, Hampton Vocational Education Advisory Council, Virginia Association of Vocational Administrators, Peninsula Vocational Administrators Association, Tidewater Association of Supervision and Curriculum and Jack and Jill, Inc. Robert passed on August 29, 1995 in Hampton, Virginia.

H-NN ACHIEVEMENT SCHOLARSHIP- JAMES B. ABRAM, JR.

James Baker Abram, Jr. was born December 5, 1937 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was affectionately known as "ABE", "DOC", "PAPPA", "James", "Uncle James" and "James Baker" by those who identified him in their special relationships. He was a family man who enjoyed several families, his biological family, his church family, his Ardmore Oklahoma family, his College family and his Fraternity family to name a few. "DOC" earned his BA degree from Langston University 1959 and his MS 1963 and Ph.D. 1968 degrees from Oklahoma State University. He was outstanding scholar and a member of Sigma Xi, Kappa Delta Pi, Alpha Kappa Mu and Beta Kappa Chi honor societies.

In 1970, he moved to Hampton Institute where he served as Associate Professor of Biology and was promoted to Professor of Biology in 1973. However, his desire to return to his specialty-biology-prompted him to accept a position as professor of Biology and Chairman of the Biology Department at Norfolk State University in 1983. In 1988, he moved to Dillard as Professor of Biology and Chairman of the Natural Sciences Department. He left Dillard in 1991 to return to his alma mater- Langston University- as Professor of Biology.

James began his Kappa Journey at Langston University. As a 1956 initiate at Alpha Psi Chapter, he became a second generation Kappa man.

AUGUSTUS L. OWENS SCHOLARSHIP

Augustus L. Owens graduated from C. A. Johnson High School in Columbia, SC in 1959. He received a Bachelor's degree in Social Studies from South Carolina State College, Orangeburg, SC. During this time, he was a part time swimming instructor for the Physical Education Department.

He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the US Army and served as a Captain in various assignments as an Infantry and Transportation Corps Officer. His experience in the military included various assignments as Platoon Leader, Paratrooper, Instructor, Company Commander and Staff Officer in Germany, Vietnam and Thailand.

He attended Hampton University and received graduate degrees in School Administration and Counseling. He also received an Educational Specialist degree from George Washington University.

Mr. Owens was employed by Colonial Williamsburg Foundation as a Training Coordinator and later by the City of Newport News, VA as the Affirmative Action Officer for 24 years. Mr. Owens was also an adjunct professor for St. Leo University where he taught courses in Counseling and Psychology.

He is a member of First Baptist Church Denbigh. Augustus and his wife, June have two sons, Augustus L. Owens II, and Derek A. Owens and a grandson, Derek Owens II (all initiated at the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., South Carolina State University). He enjoys swimming (former lifeguard), moderate traveling, gardening and has a black belt in karate.

Mr. Owens served on a number of peninsula boards and commissions. These include;

1. Thomas Nelson Community College, Board of Director
2. The American Legion, member
3. The VA Peninsula Chapter of 100 Black Men of America, Parliamentarian
4. The Virginia Peninsula Alumni Chapter of South Carolina State University
5. Newport News Human Rights Commission, member
6. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Hampton-Newport News Alumni, Polemarch
7. National Association of Registered Parliamentarians, member
8. Newport News Election Official
9. The Thursday Morning Breakfast Club, "discussion facilitator"
10. Veterans of Foreign Wars, member
11. NAACP, life member
12. Industrial Cluster, Hampton University, member
13. Denbigh Kiwanis Club, member
14. National Association of Public Section, EEO, member
15. SCSU Alumni Association, Virginia Peninsula Chapter, Parliamentarian

ROBERT D. AYERS, JR. SCHOLARSHIP

Robert Douglas Ayers, Jr. who is affectionally known as "Bob" Ayers is a native of Chester, South Carolina. Mr. Ayers earned a bachelor's degree in Physical Education from South Carolina State University in 1958. He also holds a Master's Degree in Guidance and Counseling from Hampton Institute. Mr. Ayers is part of a long list of distinguished graduates of the SCSU Bulldog ROTC Battalion, earning a Commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in July 1958. He spent 20 years in the Army serving in the United States, Korea, France, Germany and Vietnam, serving in a variety of positions before retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1978. After his retirement, he embarked on a life of service to the Hampton Roads Community and his alma mater, working with disadvantage youth and their families in a number of capacities to include, Head Start Director for the S.T.O.P Organization in Norfolk, Virginia and Executive Director of the Office of Human Affairs in Newport News, Virginia.

Mr. Ayers has been involved with a number of Boards and Councils, some of which are National Head Start Board of Director, Virginia Council Against Poverty, President, Child Watch Coalition, Team Leader, Hampton Pre-School Initiative, Chairman, Downing-Gross Building Task Force, President, C. Waldo Scott Center for H.O.P.E, Board of Directors and President of the Peninsula Institute for Community Health (P.I.T.C.H.) and President of Project Discovery of Virginia Board of Directors.

Mr. Ayers is a life member of the SCSU National Alumni Chapter, Life Member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity Inc., life member of the NAACP of the Hampton Branch, 100 Blackmen of America and Les Hommes Civic and Social Club.

Mr. Ayers is married to the former Tonia Bailey and they live in Hampton.

GREGORY WILLIAMS SCHOLARSHIP

Greg Williams is a native of Cincinnati Ohio. He now lives with his wife Carithia of 55 years in Hampton Virginia. Greg retired from AT&T in 1998 as Global Services Vice President. He spent his early years as a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Military Police. He enjoys swimming and traveling. He spends most of his time with his wife, two daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Greg holds a BA in Sociology from Hampton Institute, a Master's degree in Education from Xavier University in Cincinnati, Ohio, and a Juris Doctorate degree from Northern Kentucky University. Greg is a member of the Fidi Amici Social Club and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, He is a former member of the Hampton Arts Commission, a former member of the Hampton Coliseum Board of Directors, and the former Chairman of the Hampton City Planning Commission.

FRANK J. SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

Frank J. Smith is President and Chief Executive Officer of Sphinx Financial Group. His vast experience in the financial services industry covers over 40 years of service. He has held senior

management positions in major firms in the industry and his expertise includes marketing, finance and investment management.

Mr. Smith is a registered investment advisor and a frequent speaker at trade meetings and professional conferences and has conducted numerous seminars throughout the United States. He has also provided management consulting services on an international basis in business strategic planning; business valuation, merger and acquisition; and money management.

Mr. Smith is a graduate of Hampton University, Hampton, Virginia and the American University, Washington, D.C., where he earned his B.S. and MBA respectively. He is also a graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute's Management Development Program, Ohio State University's Executive Management Program and Columbia University's Executive Management Program.

His professional affiliations include membership in the Association for Advanced Life Underwriters, Financial Planning Association, Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, The Metropolitan Business League, Greater Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce, Member Hampton University's School of Business Advisory Board, Member William & Mary School of Business Senior Executive Resource Group and Member Williamsburg Rotary Club.

Previous affiliations include member of the Board of Trustees of Manchester Memorial Hospital; incorporator of Savings Bank of Manchester, advisor to the President, Manchester Community Technical College; member of the Board of Trustees Hartford College for Women; an Elector Wadsworth Athenaeum; Chairman of the Corporate Advisory Board, National Bankers Association and member of the Board of Directors Hartford Stage Company.

He is listed in [Who's Who in the East](#) and [Who's Who in Black America](#), cited in both publications for his contributions and accomplishments in industrial engineering, management consulting and community service. He is a recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus Award Hampton University; and honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education. He is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi and Sigma Pi Phi Fraternities. He holds licenses in life, health and annuities and NASD series 7, 24, 63 and 65.

BRIAN GILLESPIE SCHOLARSHIP

Brian Gillespie was born in Richmond, VA on May 14, 1981. Educated in the Henrico County school system, Brian graduated from Highland Springs High School's Engineering, Design and Future Transportation program in 1999. He was also the recipient of the General J. Johnson Scholarship awarded by the Richmond Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. in 1999. After high school Brian attended Hampton University, where he earned a Bachelors of Science degree in Business Management and met his wife Brooke. Upon graduating, Brian began his career in the insurance industry as a licensed insurance agent in GEICO's call center where he learned the industry and managed several teams in multiple departments. In 2014, Brian left GEICO with aspirations of entrepreneurship and opening his own insurance agency. He opened the doors of Brian Gillespie's State Farm in the City Center section of Newport News in July 2015. In 2019, the first Brian Gillespie Scholarship for Future Business was awarded to a deserving student with entrepreneurial aspirations. In 2021 the first Brooke & Brian Gillespie Scholarship was awarded through the Newport News Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Brian currently

resides in Yorktown, VA with his college sweetheart Brooke and their two daughters. The couple hopes to one-day award an annual scholarship through each of the Divine 9 organizations.

LEE ARTHUR LEWIS, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

LTC Lee Arthur Lewis, Sr. (US Army Retired) was a native of Eunice, LA and a graduate of Lincoln High School in Port Arthur, TX. He attended Southern University, Baton Rouge. After four years at Southern University, studying Chemistry, he received an ROTC commission in the US Army. Lee entered the Army in 1957 as a 2nd LT and served as a US Army Transportation Officer. After serving in Vietnam, he applied to and was approved for the Army Bootstrap Program to complete his undergraduate degree. Lee attended The College of William and Mary where he received a Bachelor's degree in General Science in 1970 and a Master's degree in Guidance and Counseling in 1974. He later pursued doctoral studies in Higher Education at The George Washington University.

While in undergraduate school, Lee was a member of the Southern University Marching, Concert, and ROTC bands. He spent four years on the track team and served as co-captain of the track and field team. In the Spring of 1954, he became a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Alpha Sigma Chapter. Lee married his college sweetheart, and they reared three sons and six daughters. As a father, he participated in school PTAs, Boy Scouts of America, and coached youth soccer and basketball teams.

Lee was active with the Hampton - Newport News Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., Les Hommes Social and Civic Club, Southern University Alumni Association Hampton Roads, Old Point Comfort Exchange Club, Toastmasters International, The Rocks, Disabled American Veterans, and Hampton Military Affairs Committee.

ROGER R. WATSON, SR. MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Brother Roger Watson, Sr. also known as "Coach Watson", was a native of Newport News, VA. He graduated from Huntington High school in Newport News, VA. during segregation and he received a BS degree from Virginia State College (now Virginia State University) and Master's degree in School Counseling from Hampton University. While in high school he was the captain of the basketball team and he received an athletic scholarship to play basketball at Virginia State University. Roger was also commissioned as a 1st Lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served during the Korean War.

As an educator for 35 years, he taught Health and Physical Education. During his tenure as a teacher, he also coached football, basketball and track and field at Kecoughtan High School in Hampton and Phenix High School which closed in 1968 due to integration. He had the distinction of coaching the Phenix High School 4 x 100-meter relay team to a first-place finish at the Penn Relays.

Roger was a loving father and husband and his son Rick Watson followed his footsteps by becoming a member of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, Inc., and working as school counselor. During the summer and after his retirement from teaching, Coach loved to mentor young men and young ladies while serving as a recreation supervisor for the Department of Parks and Recreation in Newport News and also serving as a field supervisor for the little league football organization.

Coach Watson was a Life and Fifty-Year member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and an active member of the Hampton-Newport News Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi. He passed away on December 2013 and will always be remembered for his contributions to society. His wife of over 50 years Ms. Doris H. Watson, also passed away in March of 2022.