

Correcting the Record, Acknowledgement of the Role of Samuel Dove

In my statement to Adkin alumni on activities of the Washington DC Chapter for the 2015-2016 year in *The Adkin High Mirror*, September 2, 2016 edition, I made an egregious error in omitting the name of Samuel Dove as being one of the active members of the Washington D C Chapter involved in significant activities of the Chapter. This commentary is to correct the record caused by the omission of his name. Samuel Dove has been among our national leaders in the struggles for the recognition of African Americans in the American society and not to recognize his contribution to bring recognition to his own alma mater is inexcusable. He spearheaded the local initiative that led to the involvement of members of the District of Columbia Chapter in the Smithsonian Institution's Black Cultural and History Project. In particular, the historical significance of the Adkin High School walkout in 1951 received national attention as a result of the direct participation of the six members of the Alumni Association of the District of Columbia Chapter who appeared in the taped interviews concerning the walkout, which are now a part of the national holdings of historical and cultural events of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture.

This statement, published now on our National Adkin Alumni website, will be republished in *The Adkin High Mirror* scheduled for *the* next alumni reunion. The role of Samuel Dove, as one our unsung Pirates, warrants our recognition.