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Welcome to the great Philander Smith College!

Excitement abounds on the campus of Philander Smith College. There is a buzz of activity ranging from the finishing touches on the new Residential Life Center, to increased foot traffic from our incoming freshmen class, to the rush of students inquiring about \$250,000 in scholarship funds donated by the Tom Joyner Foundation. Energy is spreading across the campus – the Spirit of Philander is in the air!

We celebrated a great commencement with the graduation of our 2003 Senior Class. Many thanks to those who helped make this event a success, including guest speakers Rev. Tyrone Gordon and commencement speaker, Philanderian and former Little Rock Mayor, Lottie Shackelford. Also, hats off to our three Honorary Doctor of Humane Letter recipients, Dr. Coleman H. Peterson, Vice President of the People Division, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.; Dr. Kathryn F. Worthen, President of the National Alumni Association; and Dr. Sherman Hemsley, world renown actor and entertainer, and star of television's, "The Jeffersons."

We have all anticipated the opening of the new Residential Life Center. The wait is over, and students are now calling the three-story facility their new home. The freshman class experienced what may become a new ritual on campus, a "rite of passage," by beginning their college life as thousands of other Philanderians have in the past: by spending a few nights in the old dorms. When I was growing up, my elders expressed that you couldn't appreciate where you are in life unless you know from where you have come. The transition was a "life-altering experience and one that made us truly appreciate the new facility," as told by incoming freshman Felix Cameron, of Memphis, Tenn. "We will definitely

maintain our new White House-like residence," he added.

The 2003 Freshman Class attracted quality students from across the nation. They were welcomed with a variety of events during freshman orientation week, ranging from a dinner with their family and friends, overviews of student offerings at PSC, movie nights, dances, and a day at a local water park. Most of all, they became acclimated to the rigorous life ahead as a college student.

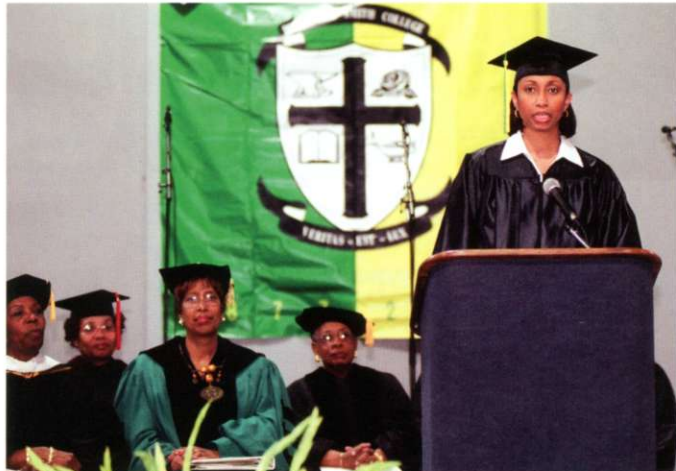
A windfall of blessings came our way in the form of \$250,000 for scholarships, thanks to the Tom Joyner Foundation. PSC will now have an opportunity to serve the needs of additional deserving students. Tom Joyner, nationally syndicated radio talk show host and philanthropist, presented this contribution during his Southwest Airlines Sky Show, which was held at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock and broadcast nationally. The college is forever indebted for all of the great deeds shown by the Tom Joyner Foundation to, benefit PSC and other historically black colleges.

Finally, we had another successful Elijah Pitts Memorial Golf Tournament. This is due in part to our returning to the original site of the event, Stone Links Golf Course. We were glad to be back at Stone Links, and the response of our participants seemed to echo that sentiment. It was great to host the 8th annual tournament, and we are "teed up" for the next fund-raiser.



At Philander Smith College, we are "Building Traditions of Excellence."

Trudie Kibbe Reed, Ed.D.



President of the Senior Class Eileen Henderson addresses the audience of more than 2000 during Commencement 2003

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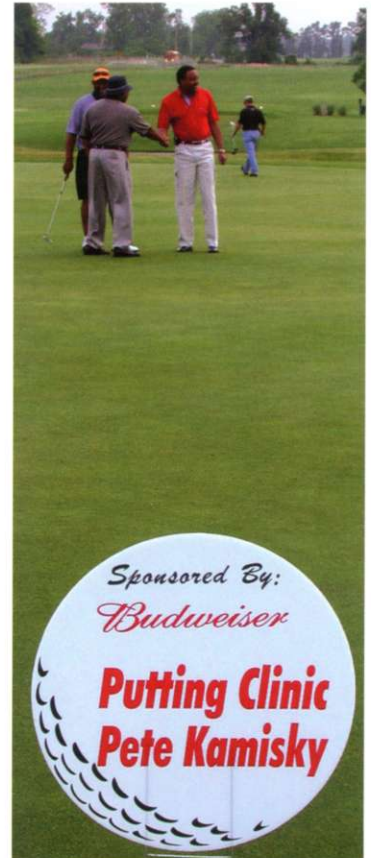
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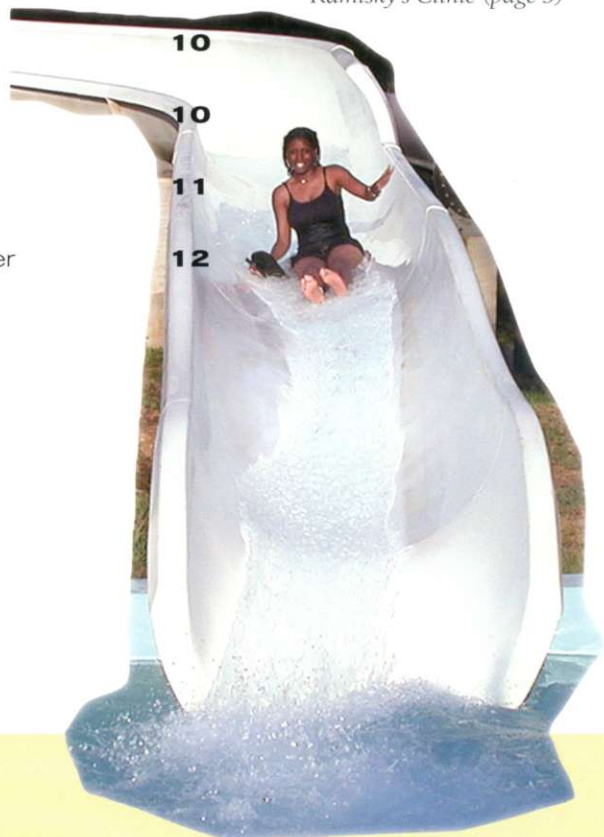
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Players at the Elijah Pitts Golf Tourney get putting lessons at Pete Kamisky's Clinic (page 5)



On The Cover:
Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed celebrates with students upon receiving news of the \$250,000 donation from The Tom Joyner Foundation

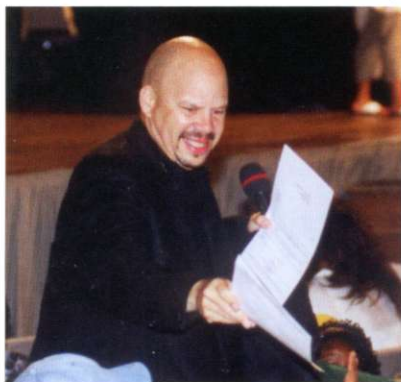
Echoes of Excellence is published quarterly with news from the Office of The President of Philander Smith College.

As part of PSC Freshmen Week, a student takes the plunge on the slide at the Wild River Country, the state's largest water park.

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Tom Joyner Foundation gives \$250,00 for PSC Scholarships

Philander Smith College recently received \$250,000 from the Tom Joyner Foundation. Tom Joyner, Sr., radio personality and philanthropist, presented the check to Executive Dean Beverly



Richardson during his Southwest Airlines Sky Show, held at the Statehouse Convention Center.

Joyner hosts the nationally syndicated Tom Joyner Morning Show and is considered one of the most influential, inspirational, and dynamic personalities in the country. The Foundation's mission is to provide scholarships for deserving students completing their education at historically Black colleges or universities.

"This is another affirmation of the great things happening at PSC," said Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed, President. "We cannot thank Tom

Joyner enough for all of the support he provides to students of HBCUs through his foundation. Our students are especially grateful for this blessing."



City Officials Receive Honors From PSC

Freshman members of the President's Ambassadors hosted a recent Chapel Service in the M.L. Harris Auditorium. The theme of the service was "Past, Present and Future...A Burning Desire to Lead."

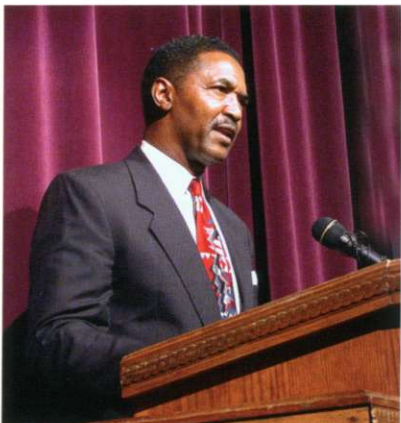
President Trudie Kibbe Reed presented awards to City Officials, Little Rock Mayor, Jim Dailey, and Chief of Police, Lawrence

Johnson, for their outstanding leadership of the Little Rock community and their combined support of Philander Smith College.

Otis Tyler, Asst. Dean for Diversity at the University of Arkansas Medical Sciences, College of Pharmacy delivered an inspiring keynote address on leadership. Members of the

Ambassadors highlighted the accomplishments of past and present Philanderians, along with the future goals of some current Freshmen leaders.

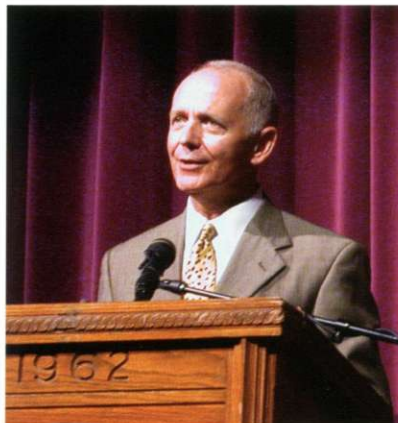
The President's Ambassadors is a group of scholarship recipients who strive for academic excellence and serve as an extension of the President's office.



Otis Tyler, Asst. Dean for Diversity at UAMS, College of Pharmacy.



Lawrence Johnson, Chief of Police of Little Rock and Dr. Trudie Reed.



Jim Dailey, Little Rock Mayor.

The Elijah Pitts Memorial Golf Tournament

The Elijah Pitts Memorial Golf Tournament Planning Committee wishes to thank PSC staff and students who helped make the 8th Annual Elijah Pitts Memorial Golf Tournament a success on Friday, May 9th, at Stone Links Golf Course! The event truly was a team effort. Special thanks also to Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed and Dr. Stephen Schafer, as well as our former board of trustees chairman, Dr. Sherman E. Tate, our National Alumni Association President, Dr. Kathryn F. Worthen, and Dean Anthony Henderson.

We also would like to thank our outstanding sponsors and 23 golf teams that supported the tournament. We had tremendous participation and media attention this year!

Golf Teams

Alltel, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, Comcast, Cortinez Law Firm, Davis/Galbreath Families, Davis Petroleum, Educators Book Depository, Entergy, Golden Eagle of Arkansas, James Goodwin, Erle Hammans, KARK-TV, KATV-Channel 7, Laidlaw Educational Services (2), Pepsi Americas, Elijah Pitts Family, Regions Bank, Renny's Bail Bond, Charles Robinson, Rose Law Firm, Spencer Law Firm, and Summit.

Hole Sponsors

The Elijah Pitts Family, Alltel, Bale Chevrolet, Cortinez Law Firm, Entergy, Golden Eagle of Arkansas, Landers, Regions Bank, Sherwood Buick Pontiac GMC

Tee Sponsors

Comcast, Laidlaw Educational Services, Rose Law Firm, Philander Smith College Little Rock Alumni.

In-Kind Sponsors

Golden Eagle of Arkansas, Lindsey's Barbecue, Roddy McCaskill Realty, Pepsi Americas, Spencer Law Firm, Golf USA, Entergy, Regions Bank, Dillard's, Wal-Mart.

Putting Clinic/Long Drive Exhibition

Pete Kamisky, Stone Links Golf Pro, Sean Fister, Long Drive Champion.

Elijah Pitts Golf Tournament Planning Committee

Sherman E. Tate, Chairman, Wyn Norwood, Gary Adams, Ruth Pitts, Harold Banks, Charles Robinson, Danny Burleson, Frank Thomas, Erle Hammans, Delia Moore, Pete Kamisky, Dr. Stephen Schafer, and Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed.



PSC employees Pat Proctor and Pam Griffin work the registration table.



Sean Fister, Long Drive Champion demonstrates using an umbrella as a tee.



Dr. Sherman Tate heads out onto the course.



Elijah Pitts Tournament participants enjoy the wide-open spaces at Stone Links Golf Course.

20 Baccalaureate &

Philander Smith College held its 126th Commencement Ceremony at the Statehouse Convention Center on Saturday, May 10, 2003. A total of 109 graduates received their degrees. Of those graduates, 44 were awarded Honors or were designated with Distinction in Field.

The honorary "Doctor of Humane Letters" was bestowed upon actor Sherman Hemsley, Wal-Mart executive Coleman Hollis Peterson, and PSC Alumna Kathryn F. Worthen, in recognition of their exemplary service to humanity.

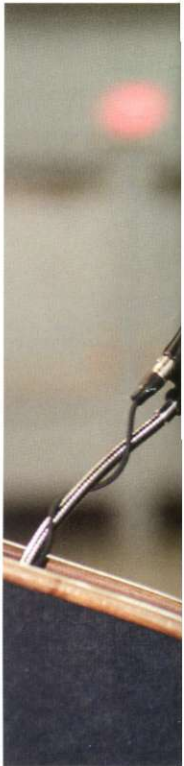
Dr. Lottie Shackelford, alumna, former member of the PSC Board of Trustees, and former Little Rock Mayor, delivered the keynote address to an audience of more than 2,000. Prior to Commencement, the annual Baccalaureate Service took place at 10 a.m. with the Reverend Tyrone Gordon, Senior Pastor, St. Luke Community Church, Dallas, TX as the speaker.

"We are very proud of our 2003 graduates," said Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed, PSC President. "I would like to thank these deserving honorary doctoral recipients who have given so much to the community," said Reed.

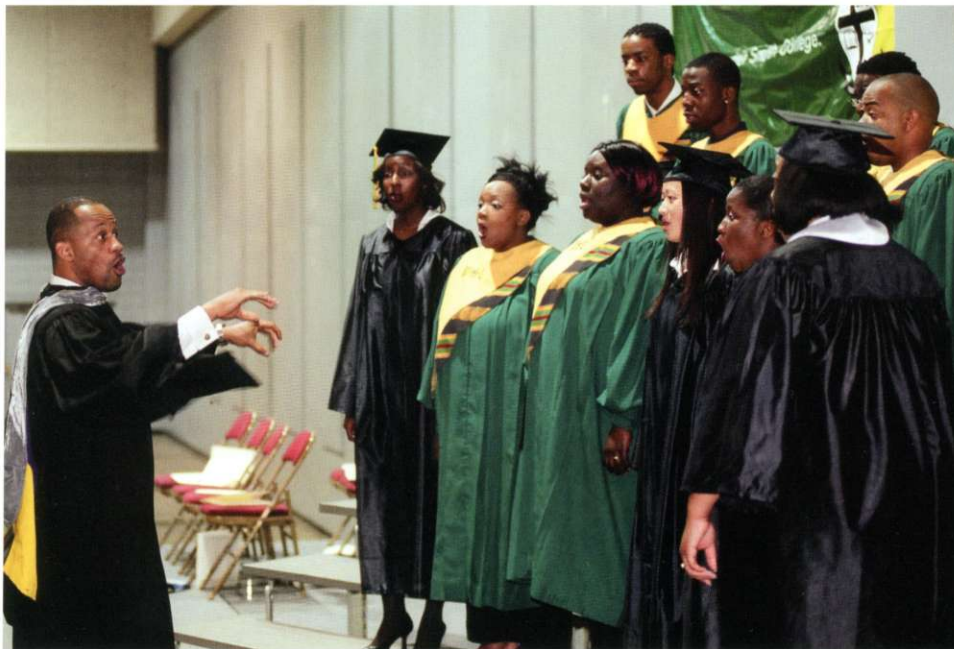
The world-renowned Philander Smith Collegiate Choir performed at both services.



Dr. Reed awards Kathryn F. Worthen the Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters



Dr. Lottie Shackelford delivered the keynote address to the more than 2,000 attendees.



Mr. Lawrence Hamilton, Director of Choral Music, leads the renowned Philander Smith Collegiate Choir.

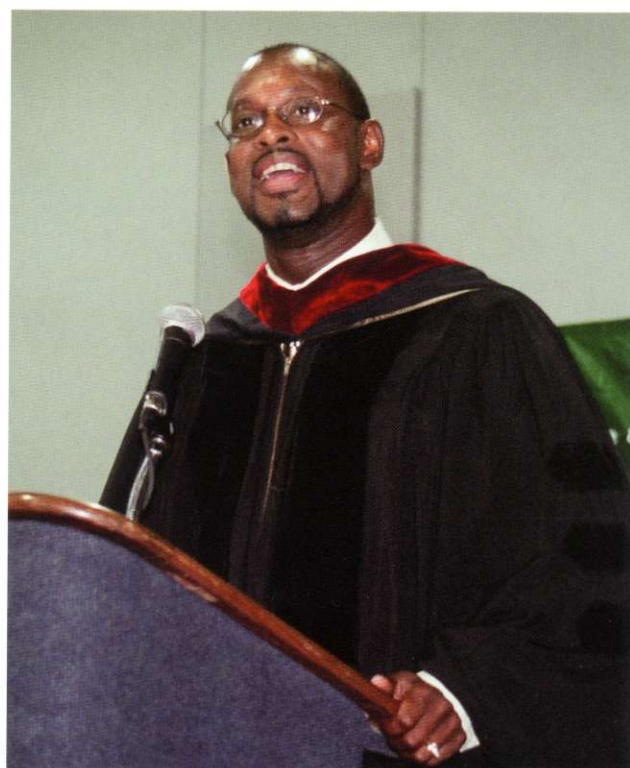


The Class of 2003 celebrates at the annual Senior Luncheon.

03 Commencement



Dr. Reed gives the Commencement address to 109 graduates of the Class of 2003 and friends and relatives in the audience.



The Reverend Tyrone Gordon, Senior Pastor, St. Luke Community Church, Dallas, TX speaks during the Baccalaureate Service.



Reception with staff, faculty, family and friends.



Dr. Reed and Dr. Sherman Tate present Coleman H. Peterson the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Students Stay Busy During

Photos by Michael Hutchinson



Freshmen Orientation Week

Newcomers Are Welcomed As PSC Family Members



The National Alumni Convention 2003

The Los Angeles Alumni Chapter hosted the 47th Annual National Alumni Convention in July. More than 100 alumni attended various events and meetings held during the three-day convention, presided by Dr. Kathryn E. Worthen, National Alumni President. Highlights of the convention included a keynote address by PSC President Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed, the selection of Erma Williams as the "Distinguished Alumnus" of the Year, and musical performances by Petrella, an alumnus who is nationally known as "the first lady of country-soul." Alumni who attended the convention presented monetary gifts to the College, totaling \$15,000, for the capital campaign and student scholarships.



Dr. Kathryn E. Worthen (left) and Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed (right) present Mrs. Cleon Dozell with a golden alumnus medallion. Mrs. Dozell and other alumni who graduated from the college 50 years ago or more, were honored during the National Alumni Convention in Los Angeles.

Student Resident Facility Opens

With the opening of the new residence facility, students have a new place to live and learn at the great Philander Smith College. The three-story co-ed residence hall has 264 rooms with private baths in every room, cable access, and high-speed Internet connections. The complex offers such luxury amenities as a community meeting room, recreation room, study rooms, laundry rooms on every floor, and a workout facility.



Excellence In Action



← President's Ambassadors

Members of the President's Ambassadors, Natasha Stevenson, (right), Odell Douglas and Savannah Chachere, highlight the accomplishments of past, present, and future Philanderians during the September 4 Chapel Service. The mission of the Ambassadors is to represent Philander Smith College as a student extension of the President's office before prospective students, donors, alumni and other special guests. They also act in a leadership role to facilitate effective communication between the President's office and the student body.

Facilitated Entry Program →

The Facilitated Entry Program is a 12-week, Saturday only summer program sponsored by the National Pharmacists Association of Arkansas and is held on the campus of Philander Smith College in Little Rock. The program is under the direction of Otis Tyler, Assistant Dean for Diversity, UAMS, College of Pharmacy. The program provides students with an opportunity to prepare to successfully take the Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT), develop interviewing skills and strengthen their academic science background.



← Honors Academy

Students in the Dr. McKinley Newton Honors Academy, Christin Ervin, Quincy Watson, and Carla Johnson, work on a video project.

The Honors Academy provides students with:

- Excellent learning opportunities
- Exposure to cultural and field experiences
- Conference participation
- Priority in course selection
- Individualized advising
- Special graduation regalia

Rev. Maxine Allen to Head New International Mission Center

The new Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center, an \$8 million facility on the campus of Philander Smith College, will not only provide educational opportunities for international students who will return to their homelands to enhance health-care systems, but also be a training ground for others in the field of community- and congregational-based health care ministries.

This will be one of only two unique international mission centers in the United Methodist Church, and Rev. Maxine Allen, former Dean of the Chapel, has accepted the charge to head the facility.

Allen's responsibilities will include forging new relationships with congregations, communities and agencies to bring about significant programs related to health-care ministries. The only other campus to house such a center is Emory University in Atlanta, GA.

Allen received a Master of Divinity degree from the Interdenominational Theological

Center in Atlanta. She was ordained an elder in full connection in the United Methodist Church's Little Rock Conference in 1999.

The center will also be the new home of the Office of the Bishop, as well as other programming ministries of the Arkansas Annual

Conference. The center was made possible through a grant from the Harry R. Kendall Fund of the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries. The grant was the largest gift ever awarded by the agency's health and welfare unit, which oversees the fund.



LEFT PHOTO: The new Dean of the Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center, Rev. Maxine Allen (right) and (from left) international students Paul Mancilla, Berlin Charles and Executive Assistant to the President Dr. Joe van den Heuvel, (who has served as construction supervisor) look over key features in the building plans. RIGHT PHOTO: After a rain shower the nearly complete facility is reflected in a puddle.



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