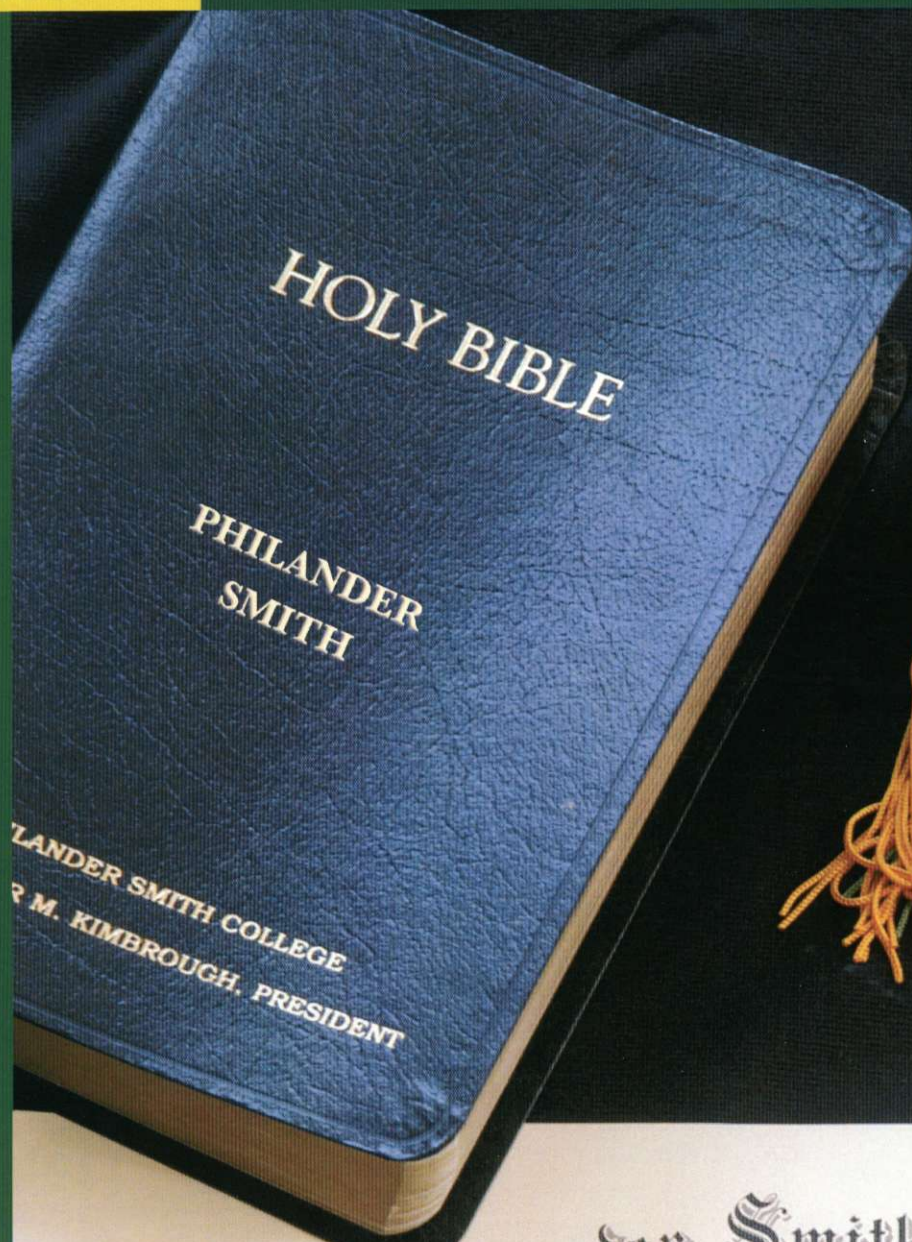


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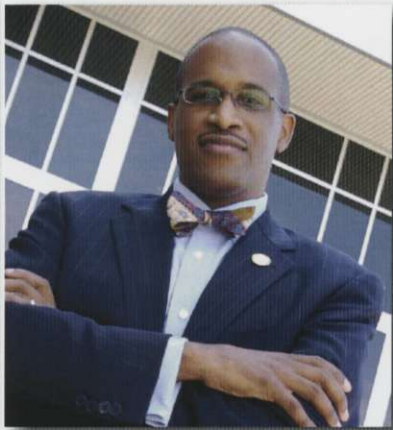


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Message From The President



Yes We Did!

The past year was truly an exciting year in this country, and the historic presidential election, one which fielded the most diverse pool of outstanding candidates ever, ended victoriously for the candidate first considered most unlikely to become the next president of the United States. People from all walks of life came together to elect Barack Obama, and on the night of November 4, 2008, people around the world rejoiced when he was announced as the president-elect. On Facebook, our students posted a video of their celebration while watching the returns in the Kendall Center.

(I, of course, was at home with Lydia, while my wife Adria was in the hospital with Benjamin Barack Kimbrough, our newborn son, who arrived in the world about seven hours before Obama was declared the winner. This was truly a special night for the Kimbrough family as well.)

During the campaign, candidate Obama successfully employed the mantra, "Yes we can." At rallies across the country, literally tens of thousands of people chanted this phrase of affirmation and motivation. In the end, the people did succeed in electing him. And now, the hard work begins.

At Philander Smith College, we really didn't have that kind of catchy mantra over the past four years; we simply started making it happen. There was not a lot of hoopla or media attention, but the substantive changes made by this community of students, staff, faculty, administrators, board members and alumni is truly one of the most inspiring stories in all of higher education—especially in this era where HBCUs continue to struggle to survive.

Here at Philander, our campus GPA has increased every semester. The freshman GPA is up 18 percent, and average ACT up 17 percent, making our freshman class comparable to Black students enrolled at the top public universities in this state. Our number of honors students has increased 164 percent and applications to the college are up 160 percent in the past two years alone. Additionally, our retention rate has increased 33 percent, and our graduation rate 75 percent—making us one of the top tier schools in all of Arkansas for retaining and graduating African American students.

What's more, despite the recession, our endowment is up 43 percent and we have broken alumni giving records twice in three full years. We have gone from ten audit findings down to one. We introduced a social justice initiative with a new logo and tagline, "Think Justice." Finally, Bless the Mic remains the best college or university lecture series in the nation.

Simply stated, yes we did.

Now, watch us do even more.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Walter M. Kimbrough".

Walter M. Kimbrough, Ph. D.



HISTORIC NEW ADDITION
Benjamin Barack Kimbrough
Nov. 4, 2008

Message From The National Alumni Association President

Greetings Alumni!

We truly have many reasons to celebrate and rejoice. One that fills our hearts with joy, of course, is the historic election of our president, Barack Obama, and his inspiring and moving inauguration in January.

As alumni, we have our own reasons to celebrate. Among them are the many changes taking place at Philander as they relate to communications and fundraising. The increased use of technology, the personal Web page, and the personalized, eye-catching materials alumni have recently received from the Office of Institutional Advancement are all truly exciting!

In early December, I had the pleasure—along with the vice president for institutional advancement, Dr. Shannon Fleming, and four staff members from his office—of representing Philander Smith at the UNCF Institute for Capacity Building. Held in Atlanta, the annual institute was sponsored by the Kresge Foundation and attended by 42 other Black colleges and universities. The theme of the institute was “Transforming Fundraising at HBCUs,” and the word that continued to surface in many of the workshops I attended was “change.”

There seems to be a need for alumni associations everywhere to look at what we are doing and possibly benchmark with other HBCUs to see if there may be opportunities to modify or change some of our current practices. How we get more alumni engaged in alumni activities and how to get alumni—especially the younger group—to make contributions to their alma mater were the topics of many discussions. I look forward to sharing more information from this institute at our alumni convention in Memphis scheduled for July 30– August 2, 2009.

Lastly, while we rejoice and celebrate last year’s many achievements, we must accept the fact that 2009 will probably present us with many new economic challenges such as reductions in contributions from institutions that normally give to our College. Therefore, it is critical that alumni continue to make giving to our alma mater a priority. It is the only way to ensure that Philander has the resources needed for strong academic programs and for the provision of scholarships to attract academically talented students.

Blessings and peace to each of you,

Erma P. Williams

Erma Williams ‘63
NAA President



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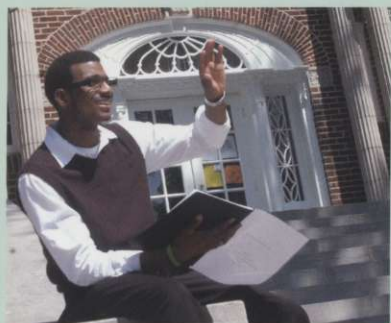
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FIRST EVER Class Reunion Weekend

Philanderians, you and your family are invited to the inaugural "Class Reunion Weekend", May 1-3, 2009. In conjunction with honoring the classes of '59, '69, '79, '89, and '99, our Golden Alumni (50 years or more) will be given very special recognition at the Celebration Banquet on Saturday, May 2. Just because your class may not be listed does not mean you should miss this exciting event. Your time is coming. Join us as we celebrate together and merge past memories with newly-created ones that will forever be a special part of our heritage.

As the beauty of the campus reconnects you with cherished moments from your college days, take a moment to reflect: *The little tree in front of the Cox Building*

is all grown up now. The spot where you stood in the choir is still there. The spot where you scored the winning basket echoes the cheers from the past. Even "The Wall" still stands as strong as our tradition. Most importantly, the classrooms that provided your foundation are still educating eager young minds. Your path through the campus of Philander Smith College is

why we stand proudly today as our journey continues.

During this momentous weekend, you will experience a meet-and-greet gathering, campus tours, baccalaureate service, commencement, and a star-studded banquet honoring you. The weekend will culminate with an awesome Sunday morning service at Wesley Chapel.

While the Reynolds Library, the Kendall Health & Science Center, and the refurbished Sherman R. Tate gymnasium are visible signs of a bright future, what

you hold in your hearts for "Dear PSC" will shine brightest. It's time to come home. We can't wait to see you.



Notice how quickly time passes?

Be sure to put the
**First Ever
Alumni Reunion Weekend**
on your calendar!

Commencement Weekend
May 1-3, 2009

Classes 1999, 1989, 1979, 1969 and 1959
All Alumni are welcome to attend!

Honored classes will receive additional information via mail soon. In the meantime, please visit the alumni section of our website, www.philander.edu, for more information.

To register for this exciting weekend, contact Lupita Rasheed at 501-370-5242.

'Key Cities' to Success



In keeping with the strategies outlined in the UNCF Capacity Building grant, the Office of Institutional Advancement has kicked off a tour of "Key Cities" to help strengthen relationships and participation in areas where there are large concentrations of Philander Smith alumni, including cities such as Memphis, Little Rock, Chicago, Dallas and Kansas City.

The Crescent Club in Memphis was the setting for the very first Key Cities connection on Nov. 6, providing an opportunity to exchange ideas and to mingle with alums who are serious about reaching a new level of support. The Crittenden County/Memphis group was so receptive that we look forward to additional stops on the Key Cities tour. **Next up: Little Rock, Southeast Arkansas and Chicago.**

Committed

Tennessee alumni make \$50,000 gift to their alma mater

Take a look at their photograph: Erma and Bennie Williams are serious. Serious about their alma mater, that is.

Knowing just how critical alumni support is to Philander Smith College, the couple has stepped up to the plate and made a \$50,000 major gift to the College, and in doing so, is trying to galvanize other alums to increase their financial support.

Following in the footsteps of four older siblings, the former Erma Power came to Philander Smith from her hometown of Plumerville, Ark. Her experiences as a student yielded fond memories and lifelong friends to go along with the elementary education degree she earned in 1963. Plus, the College provided the setting where she would meet a West Memphis, Ark., native, Benny Williams, who would later become her husband.

Recently retired from his executive position with FedEx, Bennie Williams truly believes the education he received from Philander Smith—he was awarded his degree in 1962—paved the way for him and Erma, a retired educator, to be able to give back to the school that not only brought them together, but made their professional goals possible. To call the two active alumni would be an understatement; even in retirement, they are highly visible and more supportive than ever.



***“Erma and Bennie Williams’s generosity will impact the lives of Philander students for generations to come with this endowed scholarship. They have supported the college for many, many years and we appreciate that they care enough to give back,”** said **Shannon Fleming**, Ed.D., vice president for advancement.*

“Since Bennie and I have similar thoughts about our level of support to Philander, we work together, and knowing the history of what alumni have done over the years, you get a feeling that, at some point, it is your time to give back,” said Erma, “and in recent years we have made a sincere effort to give of our time, talent and resources.”

As Erma serves as president of the National Alumni Association, a role that gives her a seat on the College’s board of trustee, the

Germantown, Tenn., residents are getting an education in how competitive the higher education arena has become, not to mention the havoc the troubling economy is wrecking on historically Black institutions like Philander Smith. This kind of birds-eye view is partly why the couple is not content to simply reminisce about the good old days; rather they are stepping up now to ensure that future generations can get just what they each got: *a chance to make a life.* —Sericia Cole

Calling all Philanderians!

Annual Phonathon Rings Successful

When the annual Phonathon was conducted Nov. 2-6, twenty-one current PSC students were able to give back in a way differently—but no less impactful—from the alumni they were charged with calling and soliciting.

Over the course of the five days, the students gave their time and used their exceptional skills to reach out

to Philanderians all over the nation, placing more than 2,000 calls and recording \$40,000 in pledges. With an average gift of \$86, and with 466 total pledges, the bar was raised for a successful event; however, this good news was dampened by the fact that only about one-third of the calls were completed.

Several factors, such as wrong numbers and addresses, impacted

the final results. So we need our alumni and friends to help us correct the information we have on file by reaching out to other alumni who may have moved or changed numbers. Your assistance with this endeavor is critical because potential funders, such as foundations and corporations, often want to know the percentage of our alumni giving. With our current economic climate, the answer to that question has never been more important.

In 2008, we learned a historic lesson about how even the smallest donations—given regularly—can make life-changing ripples. Remember, it is not how much you give, **but it is important that you give.** —R.L.H.

Giving is now easier than ever!

To donate online please visit www.philander.edu/alumni-giving/donations/default.aspx.



Photo by Morgan Wilson

With the support of current PSC students, the three-day phonathon was a terrific success. Pictured here working the phones (left to right) are students **Arica Avery, Lauren Allen, Nicole Beattie** and **Tari Ransom**.



Linking Up: Officers and members of the Little Rock chapter of the Links, Incorporated, the international community service organization, recently presented PSC President Dr. Kimbrough a \$10,000 check to show the chapter's commitment to academically ambitious students at HBCUs. Pictured with Dr. Kimbrough are (left to right) **Links Marion E. Woods '70, Lillian Ross '68, Gloria Love, chapter president Sylvia Carmelita Smith and Mable N. Donaldson '68.**



Shining Bright: PSC Board of Trustees member Arthur Montgomery, '68, of Batesville, is pictured (fourth from the left) with members of The United Supreme Council, A.A.S.R., S.J. Charitable Foundation, Inc. presenting the group's annual scholarship check to President Kimbrough. Each December the Masonic Lodge and members of the Golden Circle, Order of Eastern Star, travel to Little Rock to make their donation. Fred Johnson Jr. is Deputy of the Orient of the Arkansas Council of Deliberation.

Family Establishes 'Renaissance 100 Scholarship' to Honor a Beloved Aunt

Emily Pitts of St. Louis, Mo., believes the aunt who raised her is so special that she set out to establish the **Clara Smartt Rivers Renaissance 100 Scholarship** in her cherished aunt's honor.

Working with the Office of Institutional Advancement, Emily and her husband **Richard Pitts** hosted an elegant Nov. 22 dinner to celebrate **Clara Smartt Rivers**, a 1951 alumna of Philander Smith College, and to make the formal scholarship presentation with family, friends and the PSC scholarship recipient in attendance.

Emily's devotion to her aunt is clear once she begins explaining how Smartt Rivers raised three nieces and a nephew as her own. But she can't take full credit for the scholarship idea. Earl Graves, publisher of *Black Enterprise* magazine and the College's 2008 commencement speaker, is a friend of hers, and at his invitation she visited campus the day before graduation ceremonies in May to speak about career opportunities in corporate America and, specifically, her company Edward Jones. When she mentioned to Graves how she had "come full circle" by speaking to students at the alma mater of the aunt who had raised her he said, "You have a very special opportunity; you should create a scholarship in her honor."

Once home, she took Graves' advice to heart and visited with her husband, sisters and brother who all thought it was a wonderful idea. Casually mentioning it to a friend, however, proved fateful. John Beuerlein's wife Crystal had recently lost her brother who had left them a portion of his estate with instructions to "find a worthy cause." Listening to Emily talk about her aunt and the family's desire to celebrate her, John and Crystal decided they had found their worthy cause.

Seeded with the Beuerleins' gift of \$25,000 from the estate of Robert Tinlin, the Clara Smartt Rivers Renaissance 100 Scholarship—a commitment of \$60,000 over four years—was presented to freshman **Heather Turner** of Little Rock. Joining the Beuerleins, who traveled from St. Louis, at the dinner were Emily's sisters, **Beverly Rowe** and **Rosaland Marshall**, and brother **Donnie Roberts**, along with several other members of the clan.

A stellar rendition of *Winds Beneath My Wings*, selected by the family as a tribute to Smartt Rivers, sung by Senior **Dinah Mande**, was a highlight of an emotional evening that will be remembered for years to come; not only for the thoughtfulness of a devoted niece, but also for the benevolence and generosity of good friends.



Family members traveled from Chattanooga, Tenn., (Kevin Crutcher, Lysa Rowe, Larry Rowe Sr., Beverly Rowe, Leanna Roberts and Donnie Roberts) and Atlanta, Ga., (Larry "Mort" Rowe Jr., Rev. Florence Weaver Pitts, Rosalind Marshall, Willie B. Marshall and Willie B. Marshall Jr.) for the scholarship unveiling. Emily Pitts is pictured above (bottom row, first from the left) and Ren 100 student Heather Turner (bottom row, third from the left) is seated beside alumna Clara Smartt Rivers (at center).

Planned Giving

Good News! You can now make a tax-free gift from your IRA!

The Office of Institutional Advancement wants you to know about some unique financial tools available to plan your gift to the College so that it may also return benefits to you.

Did you know that:

You don't have to use cash to make your gift? Donate appreciated securities instead. The deduction is the same as for a cash gift, and you pay no capital gains tax on the transfer.

Give an asset that may help us more than it is helping you — such as a life insurance policy with coverage your family no longer needs or real estate like a second home or parcel of undeveloped land or even a collection of books or artwork that you no longer have room to display.

You can make a gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime. Name Philander Smith College as a beneficiary of your will or revocable trust or retirement plan.

You can make Philander Smith College a partner in your giving. You can deed us your home but continue to live there or sell us your property at a charitable discount.

How do I start?

Philander Smith College will soon offer a planned giving seminar conducted by **Rodney O. Parks**, director of development at Philander who was formerly with Merrill Lynch. Additionally, the College has secured the wealth management services of local banks as well as tax attorneys that can help. We look forward to helping you fulfill your charitable goals that will create a legacy for you, your family and Philander Smith College.



College Receives \$416,000 Estate Gift

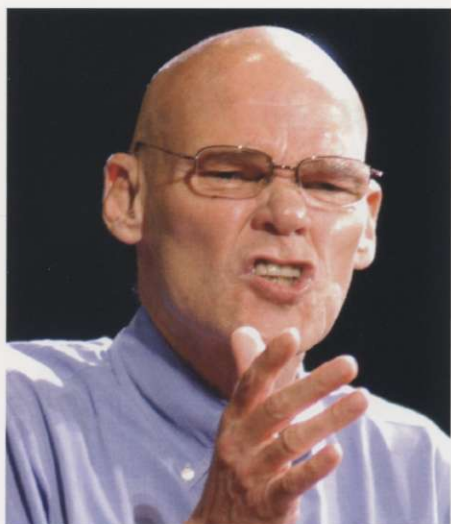
Two of Philander Smith College's devoted alumni, **Alma and Clifford Minton**, who passed away in a tragic April 2007 accident, continue to have an impact on their alma mater with the announcement this fall of a bequest from their estate totaling \$416,000.

Clifford Minton graduated Philander Smith in 1935 and his wife Alma a year later with the class of 1936. The Merrillville, Ind., couple, who met as students at Philander Smith, remained dedicated to the College even after their careers took them from Arkansas to Indiana.

In 1999, under former president Trudie Kibbe Reed, the Mintons contributed \$50,000 to start the Black Family Studies program. Two years later they made a \$50,000 contribution toward the school's capital campaign.

In total, the more than \$500,000 contributed by the Mintons puts them among the largest donors in the college's history.

"Philander Smith College is grateful for this significant gift from the Mintons' estate. They were both people of greater character, love and integrity, and as a result of their planned giving, we are able to continue our pursuit of the best and brightest students from across the country," said President Walter M. Kimbrough.



James Carville



William Jelani Cobb, Ph.D.



Roland Martin



BlessTheMic

A Hip-Hop President's Lecture Series
PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

Fall 2008

Sept. 16

James Carville, one of the country's best known political consultants, got the 2008-09 *Bless The Mic: A Hip-Hop President's Lecture Series* off to a fantastic start with a standing room only lecture. A veteran of many political campaigns, Carville's insightful commentary on the presidential election cycle elicited several of his trademark zingers and barbs ("Philander Smith College was founded in 1877—only 10 years before John McCain was born").

Before a packed M.L. Harris Auditorium, Carville told a few war stories before changing gears to speak on the importance of education, saying bluntly, "Stupidity is not a virtue." The best-selling author and CNN contributor also told students, "We feel like this country is in perilous times; we hope you all will grab the torch and lead the way. We're all here to get you involved so you'll feel like you can make a contribution."

Oct. 15

William Jelani Cobb, Ph.D., an associate professor of history at Spelman College (and frequent *Essence* magazine contributor), discussed his upcoming book on Barack Obama's run for the presidency, examining how the junior senator from Illinois was initially opposed by the Black establishment, but pointing out that his model of winning the Black vote versus being seen as the "Black protestor," may be a new model for Black politics. Cobb's book *The Devil & Dave Chappelle* was required reading for all incoming freshmen.

Nov. 10

No one can forget how Barack Obama made history Nov. 4 as the first man of color to win the White House. Just days later, award-winning journalist **Roland Martin** opened his lecture this way: *"I don't think people fully understand what has happened."* Martin's dynamic delivery was only matched by his insider's perspective as a CNN political analyst. "The word improbable is what you hear when you think about this campaign; it was stunning and amazing, the perfect campaign of a community organizer," he said. The capacity audience also heard Martin admonish HBCU alumni to step up and give to their schools, asking them to consider, " 'Am I in this thing for the moment or am I going to help enact life lasting change that will impact some 20-30 years from today?'" he continued, "That will only happen if you put the work in now; everybody has a role in that."

"I have a problem with HBCUs when many of their alumni only give five-dollars to the college." —Roland Martin



Chuck D



Fonzworth Bentley

Sept. 25

'PUBLIC ENEMY' NUMBER ONE: Chuck D, co-founder of the legendary rap group Public Enemy, talked "Race, Rap and Reality" at a "Chopped & Screwed" lecture co-hosted by the Clinton School of Public Service and held on the PSC campus. As one of its earliest talents, Chuck D helped define rap and hip hop culture with the release of Public Enemy's explosive debut album, "Yo Bum Rush The Show," in 1987. He is also founder of rapstation.com, a site dedicated to empowering rap artists with the knowledge to turn their craft into a viable living.

Oct. 29

STYLE STAR: The impeccably dressed former personal assistant to Sean "P. Diddy" Combs is now a star in his own right, if the cheers when Fonzworth Bentley entered Harris Auditorium are any evidence. The Morehouse College grad and star of his MTV reality show talked manners, confidence and style—attributing his success to those three things. Candid and revealing, Bentley said his intentions are to "redefine cool" in this "golden age of disrespect." He later signed copies of his book, *Advance Your Swagger*, posed for pictures and signed autographs.

Renaissance

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Donors Sought to Attract Exceptional Students

by Jennifer Oglesby Holman

Two things attracted Chicago native David Wells to Philander Smith College: a full-ride scholarship and an accessible staff.

"The relationship that Dr. Kimbrough has with the students was a big draw for me," said Wells. "I had been to other colleges and the president was someone you could never meet. Dr. Kimbrough came to my tour when I was considering colleges, and that was real big for me as a student."

Even with Dr. Kimbrough as a major selling point, Wells may have never found his way to Philander if not for the generous offer of a full-ride provided through the Renaissance 100 scholarship program.

A new initiative announced in November of 2007, the Renaissance 100 scholarship program offers

educational assistance to students identified to embody the qualities of Philanderians of old, students who will, through ambitious pursuits in academics,

help Philander Smith College reach new educational heights.

The scholarship program is expected to have a defining and immediate impact on Philander Smith, enabling the College to continue to make valuable contributions to Arkansas and

the nation in the form of better graduates, more valuable employees, more successful entrepreneurs and stronger families. With this type of return on an investment, everyone stands to win. Already the



Creating a 'Renaissance': PSC President Dr. Kimbrough and Ren 100 donor C.J. Duvall (right) flank Ren 100 scholars Carnesha Hughes, Amber January, David Wells, D'Andrea McGee and Ja'Qualane Scales.

College has seen how an influx of more academically ambitious students has created ripples in the campus culture.

"The students are out there," said Shannon Fleming, Ed.D., the College's vice president for institutional advancement. "What we need to continue this vision are more donors. Students who have worked hard to maintain a high academic record have many options. This program allows Philander Smith the opportunity to attract those students to our campus."

To date, Philander Smith has attracted 14 above average high school students through the program, and they have proven to be campus leaders, excelling in and out of the classroom. The goal for 2009 is to have 50 students enrolled in the Renaissance 100 program.

Donors to the Renaissance 100 Scholarship program are paired with a student and are encouraged to get to know each other far beyond the typical donor/recipient relationship. One of the current program participants is C.J. Duvall, executive vice president for human resources for Alltel Inc. Duvall was paired with student David Wells.

"When someone wants you to succeed it drives you, and it has really pushed me to further my education," David said, adding that having a sponsor has given him a boost of confidence and encouragement coming into college. Wells regularly visits Duvall's home for a meal when he is hungry or if the weekend or time of day limits his on-campus options.

"The relationship I have formed with Mr. Duvall, and just the knowledge of his investment in me, has made me work harder. I don't want to let him down."

Duvall was taught the valuable practice of philanthropy by his parents. "They believed that giving is an act of worship and recognition of God. No matter what our economic circumstances were, my parents insisted that we set aside something for church and community," he reflected.

In fact, it was the generosity of church members that opened doors to his education and life experience. "They did not have a lot of wealth, but their gifts

were always meaningful," continued Duvall. "Their sacrifice was selfless. I later discovered that their giving was based upon a legacy handed down from former slaves that found ways to put something aside for the next generation."

If not for the sacrifice of his parents, friends and community, Duvall would likely not have had the opportunities to travel the world, to excel at a Fortune 500 company, or to make a difference in the life of David Wells. "This scholarship program is what made me come to Philander Smith," asserted Wells. "Given my financial situation, without a full-ride I wouldn't have been able to go to college."

"Giving is easier when there is a vision to support the gift," concluded Duvall. "Philander Smith definitely has a vision of supporting and encouraging excellent scholarship. The Renaissance 100 program sends a message that scholarship and relationships are important in the Philander community."

Jennifer Oglesby Holman is a freelance writer based in Little Rock.

The Renaissance 100 Needs You.

There are four levels of commitment for Renaissance 100 Scholarship program donors ranging from full tuition plus fees, room and board, full tuition alone; half tuition and smaller grants. If you or your company would like to invest in a student at Philander Smith College through the Renaissance 100 Scholarship program, please contact Dr. Shannon Fleming at sfleming@philander.edu or (501) 370-5378.

2008 President's Convocation

Each fall the President's Convocation sets the tone for the new academic year. The 2007 convocation, with civil rights icon Rev. Joseph Lowery, was the first to carry a social justice tone. This year there was a similar bent but focused more narrowly on the issue of Black-on-Black crime with the **Rev. Eugene F. Rivers III** of Boston, Mass., as the guest speaker. In the 1990s, Rivers led a group of ministers to help solve Boston's notorious gang problem. A reformed gang member ("I was a thug, hustler and a thief"), Rivers continues to devote himself to inner-city work with youth.

At Philander, the 58-year-old pastor admonished students that "God is raising you up to be leaders," as he went on to explain how we are living in the "next chapter of the new movement" in which the chief engine of politics is religion. Rivers preached that "faith is the ideological lens through which political ideas are meditated," peppering his sermon with talk about social justice ("it's not just about institutional racism"), misogyny in hip hop, and Black-on-Black violence.

Following the convocation, a reception in the atrium of the Kendall Center gave Rivers a chance to visit more intimately with students, particularly the male students who deluged him with questions and sought his insights.

Rivers' visit was in partnership with the United Negro College Fund Special Programs Corporation and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services; as such, members of the Little Rock Police Department were in attendance.



Fall Faculty/Staff Institute

Marybeth Gasman, Ph.D., a professor in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, was the guest speaker at the 2008 Fall Faculty/Staff Institute. Gasman spoke on "Fundraising and Academic Excellence," a timely topic given the dire economic conditions that have caused many HBCUs to struggle to the point of near extinction. Gasman's talk underscored why fundraising is necessary ("keeps our institution afloat; cements a legacy, allows us to accomplish our goals") and outlined how each faculty and staff member can play a role in raising funds. Following Gasman, Dr. Kimbrough presented an overview of the College citing our above average retention rate, from 54 percent to 67 percent, our record alumni giving of more than \$215,000 and other "wins" including the lifting of our AAU sanction, clean audits and the implementation of the UNCF Capacity Building grant.



Examining Black Male Student Success

Shaun Harper, Ph.D., of the University of Pennsylvania visited Philander Smith College on Sept. 18 for a day-long forum exploring "A Better Case Scenario for Black Male Student Success." Sponsored by the Black Male Initiative program, Harper's visit was open to the public, a free session designed for all colleges and universities from across the state to dialogue about the challenges facing Black males on college campuses, why they occur, and strategies to improve their success. Black men in Arkansas attending public and private colleges have only about a 25 percent graduation rate.





Senior Sharon Sanders gives her part of the "Renaissance Story."



The Presidential Luncheon is a popular fundraiser that engages the community in the work taking place at Philander Smith.

Presidential Luncheon tells the 'Renaissance Story'

The 2008 Presidential Luncheon took place Sept. 24 on campus in the Kendall Center. **Jay Chessir**, president and CEO of the Little Rock Regional Chamber of Commerce, served as honorary chairman and gave special remarks. Following the performance of the Philander Smith Collegiate Chorale, Dr. Kimbrough narrated the "Renaissance Story" and introduced alumna **Carla Johnson '05**, senior **Sharon Sanders** of Fresno, Calif., and freshman **Vincent Higgins** of Sherwood, Ark., who each spoke of their respective journey and the success they are enjoying because of their matriculation at Philander Smith. The annual Presidential Luncheon is one of the college's largest fundraising events, providing funding for scholarships and helping to meet the annual UNCF goal.

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BET Women's Health Symposium comes to Philander Smith

On Saturday, Sept. 13, hundreds of women from the surrounding community swarmed the campus to participate in the **BET Women's Health Symposium** sponsored by the **BET Foundation**. The Women's Health Symposium was designed to provide African American women with information about how to live a healthier lifestyle combined with practical approaches for addressing various health concerns through a multi-faceted health promotion event including a master fitness class, plenary sessions, concurrent workshops, complimentary lunch and breakfast. Participants were also treated to the special entertainment of R&B/gospel recording artist Kelly Price who performed in the M.L. Harris Auditorium for the closing plenary session. Honey Nut Cheerios and General Mills are the title sponsors of BET's Women's Health Symposiums which are held in various locales across the nation.



Baskets of blessings

The **Office of Religious Life** collaborated with the **Office of Student Involvement and Leadership** in November to coordinate a drive for food baskets to fight hunger in Little Rock, particularly during the holiday season. Thanks to their efforts, more than 100 baskets of non-perishable items and grocery store gift cards were assembled for families in need to enjoy wholesome meals over Thanksgiving. Before they were donated, the baskets were displayed and blessed at the annual Thanksgiving Chapel on Nov. 20.

Senior Jeremy Carter:

Chosen Generation

by Reginald Hameth

We have all heard the words to the song challenging us to 'lift every voice and sing'—lyrics that remind us of the stony road traveled by our ancestors as outside forces tried to stifle their powerful voices. In the midst of challenges that nearly derailed them, their powerful determination planted seeds for a chosen generation of voices that is now clamoring to be heard.

The newest choir making all the noise at Philander Smith is a student-led gospel group with over 60 members and counting. Called **Chosen Generation**, these student performers had to overcome some early struggles in the midst of shaping a few testimonies: "The choir once motivated me the night before my botany exam. It gave me strength to wake up at five o'clock in the morning and I made the highest grade," boasted Sharon Sanders, a senior from Fresno, Calif.

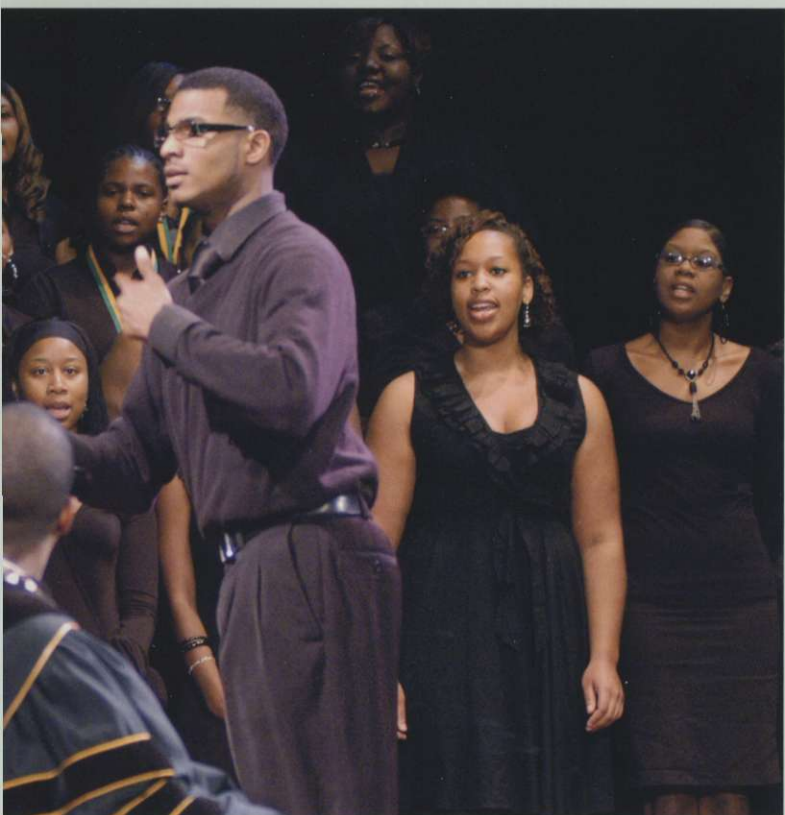
Yet testimonies like Sharon's may not have been possible had these determined students given up on the vision of Philander's promising student ambassador: **Jeremy Cortrell Carter**.

After a few campus visits, nurturing from alumni, and a few emails from the President Kimbrough, the Memphis native decided to attend Philander. When Jeremy set foot on campus in the fall of 2005, it was unlikely that he could have carried much of anything on his slight frame. Although he took steps to become a leader his freshman year, he still lacked confidence. According to Jeremy, this self-doubt was partly the reason he declined a scholarship to become part of the renowned Philander Smith Collegiate Choir. (Believe it or not, the *Chosen Generation* visionary did not think he was equipped to sing alongside other talented voices that represent the institution.)



Jeremy Carter & Chosen





Quarter Generation

Instead, Jeremy opted for the comfort zone that reconnected him with his childhood roots of singing gospel.

Wanting to prove himself to members of his family who had a gospel group, Jeremy opted to join an established campus group, *Voices of Praise*. Of course, having two choirs on campus was not without a few problems. With some students splitting time between the Collegiate Choir and the gospel group, the fall semester proved to be less than promising. After only seven *Voices of Praise* members showed up for a major event in El Dorado, a last ditch effort to salvage the struggling choir was unsuccessful. *Voices of Praise* dismantled in the spring of 2006.

Fall 2006, however, brought about change and a new opportunity as rejuvenated students returned to campus ready to sing. The birth of *Chosen Generation* gave them that chance. With students from both choirs once again participating, the excitement was overwhelming but only for awhile. After students' expectations rose Jeremy raised his own, unofficially taking leadership of the choir for the rest of the semester. He has not let go since.

Taking reigns of *Chosen Generation* proved to be a catalyst for Jeremy's confidence. From serving on the *Bless the Mic* Street Team, to his presidency of the Religious Life Council, to his election as student government association president, the once unsure freshman has blossomed into a wonderfully engaged student who is poised to graduate soon with a degree in middle childhood education.

As *Chosen Generation* has expanded and the accolades have gotten louder, make no mistake, Jeremy has never lost sight of his mission to reach students through the ministry of music. He seems to be having some success. "The choir influences my spiritual walk," said junior Whitney Hendrix of Chicago. She is just one of many choir members whose eyes light up at the mention of Jeremy's leadership and dedication.

Somehow the kid from Memphis who calls his mother his hero has broadened his reach and solidified a respectful working relationship with his peers. During the Civil Rights movement, a rebirth of the song "Lift Every Voice and Sing" inspired millions to fight for victory. Getting there was no easy task, but ultimately strong leadership prevailed.

Jeremy has taken a page from history. Each time he stands to direct the voices of *Chosen Generation*, he is doing his part to lift every voice. The group even awed gospel legend and BET personality Dr. Bobby Jones with its soul-stirring talent as they energized his TV audience with their angelic harmony. So while Jeremy may not yet claim to have inspired millions, he is certainly off to a great start.

Reginald Hameth serves as development officer at Philander Smith College.



Senior Jeremy Carter of Memphis, Tenn., poses with Miss PSC Lauren Allen, a sophomore from Kansas City, Mo., in a horse-drawn carriage as they wait to be transported to the Tate Recreation Center for the coronation ceremony.



Dr. and Mrs. Walter M. Kimbrough take a moment to smile for the camera with the newly crowned Miss PSC.

Miss PSC Lauren Allen 2008-09 of Kansas City, Mo., is the daughter of Kelly King and the granddaughter of Leorn and Carol King. She is a sophomore with a double major in English and political science. A Presidential Ambassador, she is a member of the Panther Programming Union, the Pre-Law Society, Dancers with a Praise, and the 'A' Club.

Miss PSC



Leorn King escorts his granddaughter as she makes her way to the throne.

Coronation 2008



Crown Bearer William Page and Miss Little PSC Karrington Chapple anxiously await the campus queen's grand entrance. (William is the son of David Page, director of financial aid, and Karrington is the daughter of Karliss Chapple, '01, director of choral activities.)



The president's wife, Attorney Adria Kimbrough, smooths out the ruffles for Lauren Allen before her first dance as Miss PSC.

Coming to America

In Eddie Murphy's 1988 hit movie *Coming to America*, an African prince began a journey to make his dream a reality. His path led him to New York City and more specifically, Queens. After discovering that life in Queens was not quite the same as in his fictional country of Zamunda, he quickly adjusted to the American way and never gave up on his dream.



Dinah Mande '09

For **Dinah Mande**, the adjustment to life in America could not have been more real. Although the size and pace of Little Rock pale in comparison to the bustling city of New York, the language and cultural barriers still proved challenging for the unassuming scholar. Leaving behind her parents and five siblings in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Dinah left her country without a crown; however, thanks to her drive and determination, she will return with several. After being crowned PSC's Miss UNCF, Miss USA-DRC, and Miss Black and Gold-Arkansas, it is hard to argue that Dinah is not royalty.

While her poise and elegance are wonderful traits, Dinah's impressive 3.8 grade point average is proof that she can do more than just wear a crown: The senior business administration major is a talented singer who lends her voice to the Collegiate Choir as well as the prestigious HBCU National Choir. A presidential scholar who also leads the Pre-Alumni Council, Dinah will graduate in May with aspirations of graduate school.

Like Prince Akeem of *Coming to America*, Dinah has relentlessly pursued her goals. While life imitating art is not always the best thing, in this case, the *princess*, like the prince, made the right choice to chase her dreams in America.

—R.L.H.

SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ACTION

Philander Smith College hosted **Yasmin Gabriel**, a Howard University Law student, for the **Social Justice Chapel** in October. Gabriel, a graduate of Spelman College, produced a documentary about Hurricane Katrina's impact on college students, and now works with empowering students to address social issues. Her visit to Philander coincided with her *Pick It Up Tour* of college campuses.

Instead of a formal chapel presentation, the 24-year-old opted for a more interactive connection by having the students to think of issues they face and then challenging them to think through how they could improve those conditions. (The ideas ranged from the rate of HIV in Black women, to creating a hotline for students to call when they have problems.)

Gabriel, a New Orleans native, produced the *Picking Up The Pieces: College Life After Katrina* documentary in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina to tell the truth about what happened in New Orleans. For the project she interviewed thousands of people about Katrina's political, social, and economic impact on New Orleans and the entire Gulf Coast. In addition to founding Upgrade New Orleans, a forum to educate youth about community activism, Gabriel is planning for national distribution of the documentary and releasing a book with the same title.



PPU DONATION

In January, members of the **Panther Programming Union** presented a check to **Bishop Charles Crutchfield** of the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church to benefit the United Methodist Committee on Relief efforts in the Darfur region of Sudan. The monies were raised from a student organized "Party with a Purpose, the Black and White Pnosh," sponsored last winter by the PPU. Pictured (l to r) with Bishop Crutchfield are students **Jamal Williams**, PPU vice president; **Edward D. Wiley**, PPU president; **Sharon Sanders**, SGA vice president; and **Chasidy Taylor**, PPU secretary.

BMI 'SWAGGER'

Higher education has been plagued by the reports of low levels of engagement and poor academic performance among African American male students, and Philander Smith College is no exception. In 2007, however, President Kimbrough decided to combat these challenges by appointing a committee charged with exploring ways to engage the male students. Through this effort the **Black Male Initiative (BMI)** was formed to provide opportunities for men to connect to one another, as well as members of the faculty and staff.



Michael Hutchinson, executive assistant to the president, chairs the BMI and is responsible for the program's engagement and retention strategies. Recently, Hutchinson coordinated a "Swagger Like Us" activity, a fun and creative way to encourage the men to dress with their own sense of purpose and style. Three celebrity judges were enlisted--a bank vice president and two college campus queens--to determine a winner and critique participants on how well they pulled off their looks. The 'Swagger' contest is just one example of the innovative tactics BMI is employing to ensure that we keep our male students enrolled and in good standing from freshman orientation all the way to commencement day.



"Tie Game" photos by Morgan Wilson

Tying One On: Learning the proper way to tie a necktie was the subject of a recent BMI session—"Tie Game." Ties were donated to the students by members of the community, faculty and staff.



The **Black Male Initiative** brought author and activist **Kevin Powell** back to Philander Smith on Feb. 3, the first stop of his 30-city *Black and Male in America* tour to support his most recent book, *The Black Male Handbook: A Blueprint for Life*. In his talk inside the M.L. Harris Auditorium, Powell urged the students, young men especially, to raise the bar of excellence and to take education seriously. Prior to the lecture, Powell was photographed with senior **Michael Wilson** and his Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity brother sophomore **Alex Brown** (right).

MUSIC TO OUR EARS

Director of choral activities is taking the choral program to new heights

The past year has seen many changes to the choral program at Philander Smith College.

Under the leadership of Professor **Karliss D. Chapple '01**, who was appointed assistant professor of music and director of choral activities in August of 2007, the choral department is branching out to expose students to different genres and performance styles.

"I have been presented with an opportunity to not only train the students for performance purposes, but to expose and educate them in various genres," said Chapple. "While spirituals and gospel music will always be the choir's cornerstone, for the past year, the students have come to learn, embrace, appreciate and perform contemporary and world music, as well as music of Western influences [Russian, Latin and German]."

Other changes recently implemented include a bachelor's program with conducting as a major, and the addition of three ensemble groups (which includes the Chamber Chorale, World Music Ensemble, Men's Ensemble); plus Chapple is currently organizing a Choral Arts Society consisting of PSC students, faculty and staff, alumni and members from greater Little Rock and surrounding areas. Chapple and the students are also excited about their featured performance of *Don't Sleep On Your Dreams*, arranged by 2004 PSC graduate Christopher Watkins, that will debut in the "Share Your Care, Black-on-Black, Stop the Violence" documentary when it premieres nationally this spring.

One thing that remains unchanged in the program is how the world-renowned Collegiate Choir continues to inspire and delight its audiences. The choir has maintained its visibility with featured performances at high-profile campus events

including the President's Convocation and the President's Luncheon. The talented singers have also rendered stellar performances at external events such as the International Reading Association Conference, as well as the national 10-day spring tour that brought performances in Ohio, Michigan, Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia.

Chapple expects to continue building upon this momentum into the spring semester as appearances are scheduled to help celebrate Black History Month, and school tours are planned for central

Little Rock and in eastern Arkansas. Before the semester concludes, the choir will host a Spring Concert on campus that will be open to the public. Plans are also underway for the choir to participate in its annual nine-day Spring Tour in Missouri, Illinois, Ohio and Michigan.

With so much going on, Chapple is optimistic about the future. "Though the choral program has made significant strides, we will be

in a learning process for a while," he reflected and continued, "My conducting style and rehearsal techniques are unique and different, so I'm using more gestures than terminology in order to convey what I want. It is imperative that I continue my philosophical commitment to musical diversity at Philander Smith College."

Sweet music to our ears.

This summer, in July, Professor Chapple and several choir students look forward to traveling internationally to participate in the Haydn International Choral Festival in Vienna, Austria.





PSC Lady Panthers 2008-09



PSC Panthers 2008-09

A new conference home for the Panthers

The Panther athletic program at Philander Smith College has joined the **National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics** (NAIA) in a move that was announced by the NAIA Council of Presidents at its annual meeting Sept. 28 in Kansas City, Mo.

Philander teams previously played in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA). Under the direction of Athletic Director James E. Johnson, Philander Smith College will sponsor men's and women's NAIA basketball and volleyball and be eligible for postseason play beginning in 2009-2010.

Beloved Former Coach Honored for his Contributions Mike Summerville, '49

The Philander Smith College Athletic Department and the Panther Athletic Booster Club teamed up on Sept. 20 to roast and toast one of their own—former football player, coach and athletic director **Matthew “Mike” Summerville ‘49**.

Held in the Kendall Center on campus, the banquet had a dual purpose: to fete Coach Summerville for his leadership of PSC's football, track and basketball athletic programs from 1956-1960, and to raise funds benefiting Panther athletics and the establishment of the Matthew Summerville Scholarship Fund.

Tributes and accolades were heaped on by former football and basketball players including **Harrison Johnson ‘60**, **Ed Coleman ‘61**, **Dr. Wilbert Gaines ‘60**, **Coach Eddie Boone ‘61**, **Robert Nelson ‘58**, **Coach Johnny Greenwood ‘60**, **Dr. Raphael Lewis ‘62** and former Harlem Globetrotter **Hubert “Geese” Ausbie ‘60**.

Dr. Frank James ‘61, vice president for academic affairs, presided as master of ceremonies as Coach was presented with a State of Arkansas citation by State Sen. Erma Hunter Brown. **Lawrence Hamilton**, PSC director of cultural affairs, and alumnus **Darius Nelson ‘95** provided the evening's musical entertainment.

Coach Summerville's college sweetheart, wife **Betty Summerville ‘51**, and their three sons, Matthew Jr., Gregory and Mark, attended the celebration along with a host of other relatives and friends.



ALUMS SPONSOR 'WELCOME BACK LUAU'



Members of The Greater Little Rock Alumni chapter didn't let the threat of a summer shower or the hot August sun deter them from a great time as they celebrated their 1st annual Hawaiian Luau complete with leis and grass table decorations. (**Editor's Note:** According to Alumni Affairs Director **Yvonne C. Alexander '73**, dancing under the limbo stick was not for the acrobatically-challenged!)

Participating students attending the welcome back to campus activity were amazed by the feats of agility demonstrated by alums. The alumni chapter's activities committee, chaired by **Mary Ragston '73**, was responsible for putting the event together. Next summer, an even larger turnout is expected as the competitive heat is turned up a notch.



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Greater Little Rock Alumni Chapter 2008 Christmas Fellowship Breakfast

The Greater Little Rock Alumni chapter of Philander Smith College hosted its 41st annual Christmas Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, December 13 in the Nugent Center of the Harry R. Kendall Science & Health Mission Center. **Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough** served as keynote speaker.

Always a terrific success, the yuletide fellowship—which this year drew more than 150 people—gives alumni and friends a chance to reminisce, rekindle and renew their support to the College against a holiday backdrop complete with a scrumptious breakfast spread and the melodious music of The Danny Fletcher Combo and pianist Jason Bivens.

President Kimbrough used his talk to deliver an abbreviated *State of the College* address in which he emphasized the need for greater alumni support if Philander Smith is to be a competitive and premier place of learning and scholarship.

Roderick Dunn '03 and **Johnnie M. Branch '70** were co-chairs of the breakfast committee. **Rev. Cleo Smith '71** is president of the Greater Little Rock Alumni chapter.

**A special thanks to 2008 breakfast sponsor Bank of the Ozarks and AmeriServe Food Service.*



ALUMNI BRIEFS

1940S

Theresa Hoover '46, of Fayetteville, Ark., the retired head of staff of the Women's Division of the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church, has been honored with a scholarship in her name for graduates of Fayetteville High School. The "Friends of Theresa Hoover" spearheaded an event that celebrated Hoover—the mayor of Fayetteville proclaimed May 30, 2008 as Theresa Hoover Day— and benefited the scholarship fund.

1950S

M. Joycelyn Elders, M.D., '52, was the subject of a Feb. 5, 2009, cover story in the *Arkansas Times* weekly publication in honor of its annual Black History Month issue.

1960S

Marva C. Watts '62, earned a master's degree in Christian formation with honors from Chicago's North Park Theological Seminary as well as a field award in ministry, one of the highest recognitions given. She is expected to be ordained a minister by North Park in June of 2009.



Kathryn Worthen and Marva C. Watts

Kathryn Worthen '64, of South Holland, Ill., was awarded the 2008 Northern District Woman of The Year Award for outstanding service

to the Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary, the community and to the Village Catholic Church where she is a member.

1970S

Herman L. Davis '73, has been named president and chief operating officer of Chicago's Covenant Bank. This appointment makes him the first African American president of a bank in the Lawndale, Ill., community in nearly five years. Davis, who has worked more than 35 years in the banking industry, previously served as senior vice president and chief financial officer of Covenant Bancshares Inc.

1980S

Gena Lovett '86, a partner and chief operating officer of the Alexandra Investment Management firm in New York, has been announced as Philander Smith College's 2009 commencement speaker. Lovett is the first Black woman to serve as president of the New York Junior League.

1990S

Shauntesse Cross '98, was featured in a December *Memphis Commercial-Appeal* article for her efforts to implement a college career closet for students at the Mid-South Community College in West Memphis, Ark., where she serves as coordinator of career services.

2000S

Tionna Hughes Jenkins '01, of Little Rock was accepted into the

inaugural class of Emerging Leaders, a nine-month pilot program sponsored by the Women's Foundation of Arkansas designed to "cultivate skilled, astute women to affect positive social change." The former Miss PSC holds a master's of public health from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and is pursuing a Ph.D. in public policy from the University of Arkansas.

Karen Hunter '04, has joined the staff of Lane College in Jackson, Tenn., as director of student support services. She received her master's degree in college student personnel from the University of Central Arkansas.

William Young II '05, has been working on the executive planning committee of the first annual Arkansas Cradle to the Prison Pipeline Summit to be held April 31-May 2 in Little Rock. Young, who is employed as the male coordinator of the youth intervention project at the Step Up Support Center in Little Rock, recently completed a 12-week institute sponsored by the UALR Small Business Development Center. He is currently pursuing his MBA from the University of Phoenix.



William Young II

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Refund Policy: Full refund less administration fee of \$50 will be made upon receipt of written cancellation postmarked no later than June 30, 2009.

Please make checks payable to "PSC Convention 2009". Send your payment and this form to:
Mattie L. Anderson, PSC National Alumni Convention 2009, 3807 Maulden Dr., Memphis, TN 38116

For additional information, please contact: Jovis WilliamsonTuggle, 901-398-3528, E-Mail jovis58@yahoo.com or Mattie L. Anderson, 901-332-4634, E-Mail mattieanderson@bellsouth.net

Check here if interested in Golf Outing on Saturday afternoon _____. (not included in registration fee)

Check here if interested in a tour of the Memphis area on Saturday afternoon _____. (not included in registration fee)

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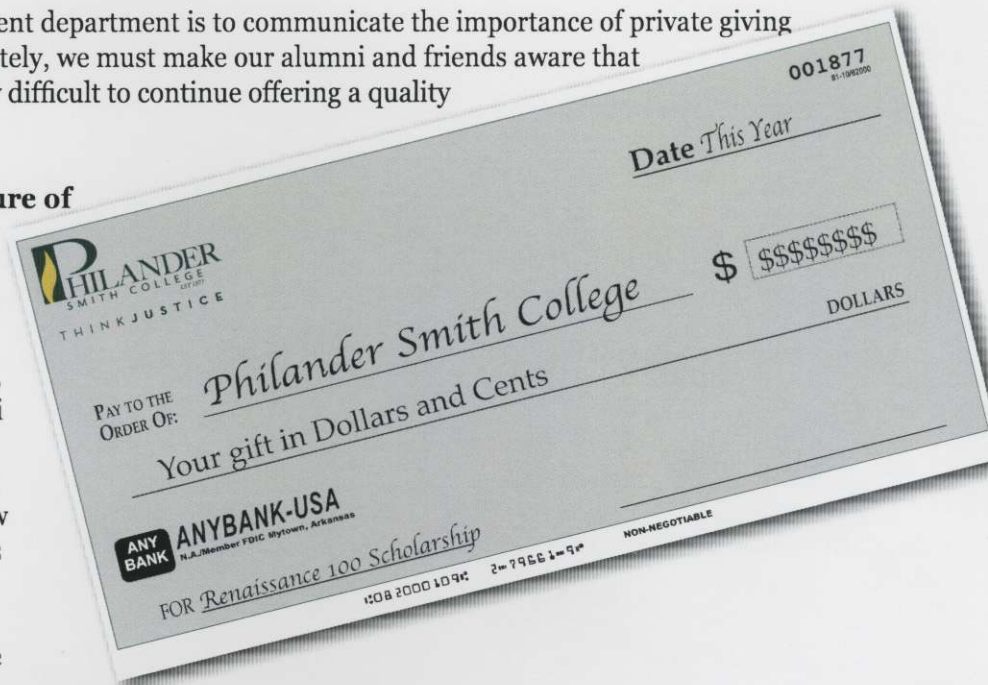


THE FUTURE DEPENDS ON YOU The Renaissance 100 Opportunity

A goal of the Institutional Advancement department is to communicate the importance of private giving to Philander Smith College. Ultimately, we must make our alumni and friends aware that without your support it will be very difficult to continue offering a quality education to our students.

The one area that can secure the future of the college is through support for our scholarship program.

Many of you already designate an annual gift for our scholarship program and those gifts are greatly needed and appreciated. However, there is a significant number of our alumni who have been blessed enough to make an even greater commitment. In this issue of *The Philanderian* you have read about how important the Renaissance 100 program is to our ability to attract students who not only have the potential to obtain their degrees, but to go out and change the world for the better.



By supporting the Renaissance 100 Scholars Program, you give the college the resources to recruit academically ambitious students who will systematically increase the quality of the student body. What's unique about the Renaissance 100 Scholarship is that it is a four-year award with the funds being provided by a donor. Your gift will be awarded to the same student each year as incentive for that student to work hard and obtain their degree in four years. As a donor you will also have the opportunity to meet your recipient and establish a relationship with him or her. Current Renaissance 100 donors include individuals (alumni and friends), corporations, and foundations.

Simply put, this is an annual gift of \$2,500 or more, pledged each year for four years and designated to the scholarship program. The recommended levels are \$2,500/year for four years, \$5,000/year for four years, \$10,000/year for four years, and \$15,000/year for four years. However, any gift of \$2,500/year or more for four years can be a part of the Renaissance 100 program.

Please know that all gifts, no matter what amount, are important to Philander Smith College. But if your current situation allows, please consider being a part of the Renaissance 100 Scholars Program. If we can reach our goal of 100 commitments, the impact will be felt for generations to come.

Please contact me directly at sfleming@philander.edu or call me directly at (501) 370-5378 to be a part of this very special opportunity.

Thank you,

Shannon Fleming, Ed.D.
Vice President for Institutional Advancement



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You and your family are invited to our inaugural **"Class Reunion Weekend", May 1-3, 2009.**

In conjunction with honoring the classes of '59, '69, '79, '89, and '99, our Golden Alumni (50 years or more) will be given very special recognition at the **Celebration Banquet on Saturday, May 2.** Just because your class may not be listed does not mean you should miss this exciting event. Your time is coming. Join us as we celebrate together and merge past memories with newly-created ones that will forever be a special part of our heritage.

During this momentous weekend you will experience a meet-and-greet gathering, campus tours, baccalaureate service, commencement, and a star-studded banquet honoring you. The weekend will culminate with an awesome Sunday morning service at Wesley Chapel.

Honored classes will receive additional information via mail soon. In the meantime, please visit the alumni section of our website, www.philander.edu, for more information.

To register for this exciting weekend, contact **Lupita Rasheed** at **501-370-5242.**



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