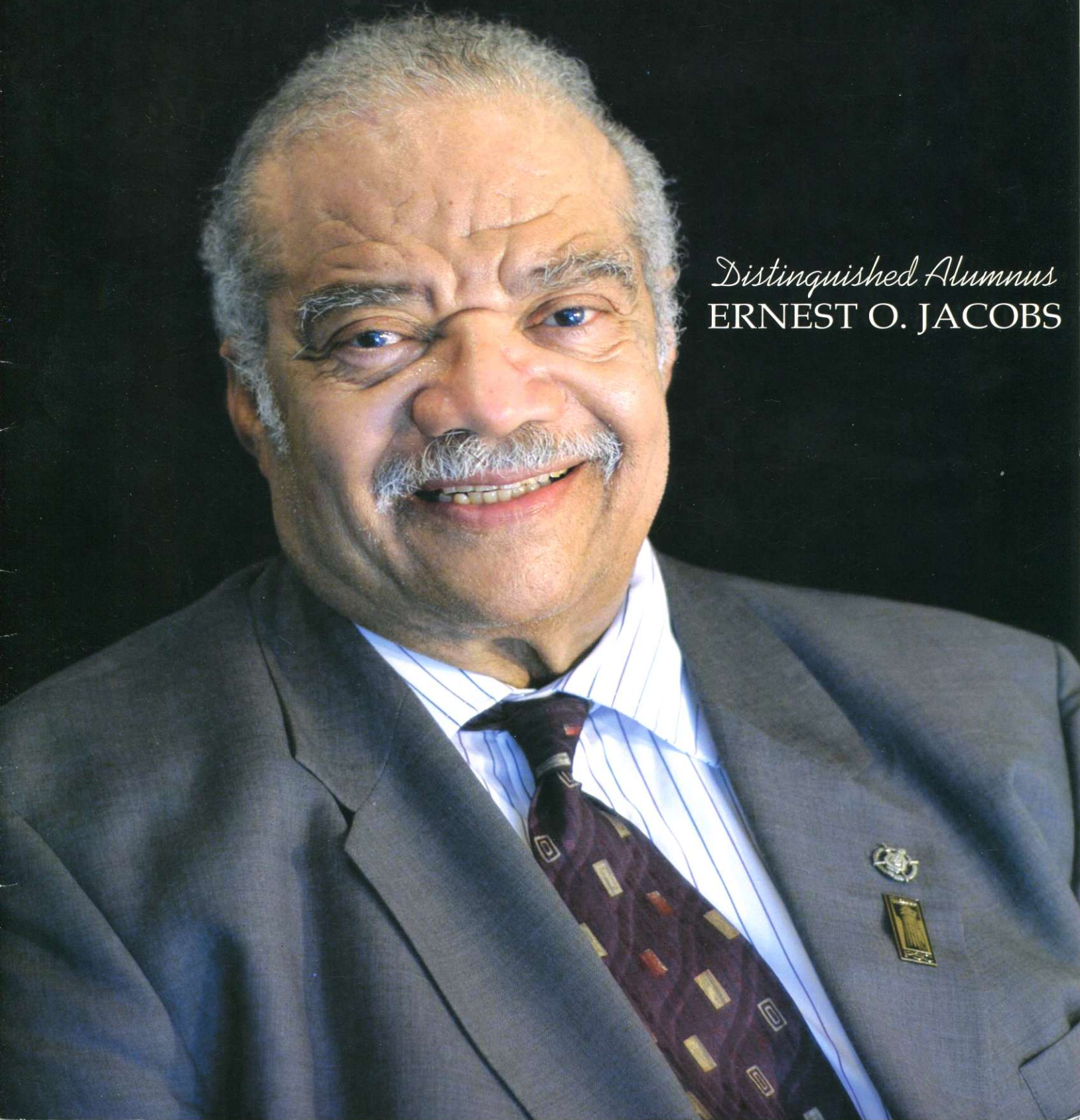


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Message From The President



“We have presented the broadest spectrum of ideas and backgrounds of any institution of higher education in the country.”



U. S. Senator John McCain (center) and Arkansas gubernatorial hopeful Asa Hutchinson (far left) visit with the audience in the Kendall Center following a Town Hall Meeting on April 10, 2006.

PSC: The Place To Be

When I arrived here in December of 2004, I knew that Philander Smith College had to be more visible. There were too many people in Arkansas with limited knowledge about us—except for those well grounded in the United Negro College Fund (UNCF)—and we enjoy very little national presence or name recognition.

So locally, I have tried to attend some of every event imaginable to connect with people. I really have enjoyed the speaking engagements because they are great opportunities to talk about substantive issues and to have my face associated with Philander Smith College. I always try to write speeches that, at the very least, entertain me. If I am having a good time, the audience generally does as well. A great tactic I use is to create catchy titles: “A Flat World, 50 Cent, and HBCUs,” “New and Improved,” and “Attack of the Killer B’s.” My neighbors recently came by the house and were talking about those killer B’s. (Admit it: You want to know about them too!)

The other way I figured the college could connect with people was to make sure national figures grace our campus on a regular basis. This is what “Bless the Mic: A Hip-Hop President’s Lecture Series” does fantastically well. This inaugural season averaged over 300 persons per lecture. I am confident that no other college or university in the state can boast a series of seven or more lectures with this kind of attendance.

Additionally, we have been open to hosting other speakers and events that have been presented to us, to expose our campus to additional movers and shakers. In all, we have presented the broadest spectrum of ideas and backgrounds of any institution of higher education in the country — ANY!

Just in case you have doubts, consider these persons who came to PSC this year:

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, the ‘hip-hop intellectual’ who has written 13 books in the past 13 years and who graced the cover of the April 21, 2006 issue of *Chronicle of Higher Education*, the most widely read publication in higher education;

Willie Jolly, named “One of the Outstanding Five Speakers in the World” by Toastmasters in 1999;

Attorney Kim Crenshaw, Columbia and UCLA law professor who was a panelist on the 2006 State of the Black Union teleconference hosted by Tavis Smiley;

U.S. Sen. John McCain, recognized by *Time* magazine (4/14/06) as one of “America’s Best Senators”;

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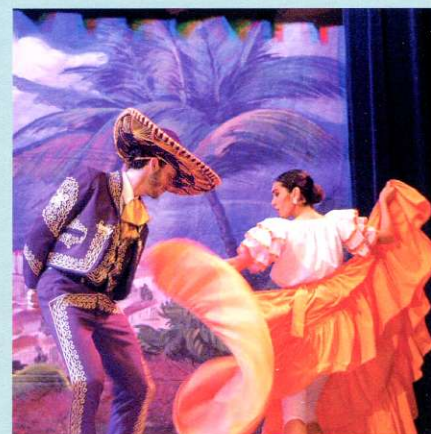
Mr. Ernest O. Jacobs, a 1953 graduate of Philander Smith College and a Past President of the National Alumni Association, received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the National Alumni Association Philander Smith College, Inc. during the 50th Alumni Reunion.

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Message From The National Alumni Association President

To: Philander Smith College Alumni and Friends

Re: The Renaissance of the National Alumni Association (NAA)

Now history, the 2006 50th Annual Alumni Convention was a rousing success! We are thoroughly refreshed, energized, inspired and motivated as a result of the many activities and speeches at the convention. We also renewed old acquaintances, reactivated old alumni chapters, and even issued a charter for a new chapter in Minnesota. As a result, we have been prompted to begin a renaissance of the NAA.

During the convention our Vice President, Mrs. Erma Williams, proposed a Class Agent Program similar to that used by the Alumni Association in 2005 to raise over \$100,000.00. The Class Agent Program is further expanded, however, to reach the younger alumni and to meet our 2006 goal of \$400,000.00 in donations to the college's Unrestricted Fund.

To meet our goals, we have established a strategy which includes three phases. The first is our Leadership Phase. All leaders, from the Board of Trustees to the Alumni Association Committee Chairpersons, are asked to demonstrate their commitment to the college just as Dr. Kimbrough does with his \$500.00 monthly gift. The 1877 Society is still alive, but those of you who cannot meet that level are urged to give your best gift. We anticipate that this phase will be completed by the 2006 Commencement on May 13.

Phase Two will involve each committed ambassador recruiting our present 300 financial members of the NAA to join with their best gift. This will include Life Members, Chapter Members, and all At Large Members of the 2006 active membership. This phase may continue throughout the year and pick up again in 2007.

Phase Three will be our Class Agent Program kick-off on July 15, 2006. We plan to reach out to alumni who are not financial members, especially the graduates of the 1980s, 1990s and the 2000s. Details of the program will be provided to us by the Vice President and her committee prior to July 15.

We urge you not to wait to be asked multiple times before deciding to contribute to the NAA's 2006 Unrestricted Fund Drive. Give now. Gifts should be made payable to Philander Smith College, c/o Vice President Institutional Advancement, Philander Smith College, One Trudie Kibbe Reed Drive, Little Rock, AR 72202.

Remember, the renaissance of the NAA begins with YOU.

Thanks for your support.



Isaac J. Starks



“We have been prompted to begin a renaissance of the NAA.”

Golden Moments: The 2006 National Alumni Convention

By Yvonne Alexander, Director of Alumni Affairs

With a theme of "Celebrating the Legacy: Bringing Home the Gold," alumni from across the nation converged on Little Rock the weekend of March 26-28 in celebration of the 50th Annual National Alumni Convention.

The three-day conference experienced a glorious start with the 129th Founders' Day Chapel service in the M. L. Harris Auditorium on the campus of Philander Smith College. Alumni, friends, faculty and students alike were inspired by a soul-stirring message by Rev. Cleo S. Smith, a 1971 graduate and chaplain for the Greater Little Rock Alumni chapter, entitled "*Choosing a Legacy Worth Leaving*" taken from Joshua 1:1-8. Additionally, Mrs. Molice Wilkins '49 delivered an eloquent tribute to Founders' Day honoree, Mrs. Hazel Sutton Bullock, a 1941 graduate and 50-year alumnus of PSC, who received a commemorative plaque in tribute to her many years of outstanding service to the college.

During the NAA President's Luncheon, keynote speaker Rev. B. Herbert Martin Sr. '67, senior pastor of Progressive Community Center Peoples' Church in Chicago, Ill., delivered a memorable address to an audience that included Past National Alumni Presidents who were honored along with faculty and staff who have rendered twenty plus years of service to the college. Luncheon attendees were entertained by two musical selections from the renowned Collegiate

Choir of Philander Smith College under the direction of Mr. Lawrence Hamilton.

The general session on Saturday included the installation of NAA officers for the years 2006-2008 (see sidebar). After the conclusion of the general session, alumni attended the Annual Memorial Service which was presided by Dr. Sokoto Fulani (nee Charles E. Nesbitt). In addition to giving the message Dr. Fulani, with the assistance of Rev. Cleo Smith, recognized the 22 alumni who passed in 2005.

Saturday was a full day of activities, as later that evening convention goers attended the highly anticipated Convention Banquet that was presided by Connie M. Cogshell, Convention Co-Chair. At the banquet, the originators of the Articles of Incorporation for the National Alumni Association—Mrs. Levada Mason, Mr. Robert Nelson and Dr. Willie Mae Shockley—were recognized and presented with a gift of a beautiful wood-grain clock for their vision and foresight. Other awards presented to individuals and chapters include: Host Chapter Recognition Awards; PSC Legacy Awards; Golden and Silver Awards; Membership and Fund Raising Awards; Graduating Class Fundraising Award; and the coveted *Distinguished Alumnus Award* presented by Dr. Jill Trice to Mr. Ernest O. Jacobs of University City, Mo. This prestigious honor is awarded to an outstanding alumnus who has exhibited remarkable leadership in the areas of financial giving, personal service and commitment

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Reverend Cleo S. Smith delivers a thought-provoking message at Founders' Day Chapel

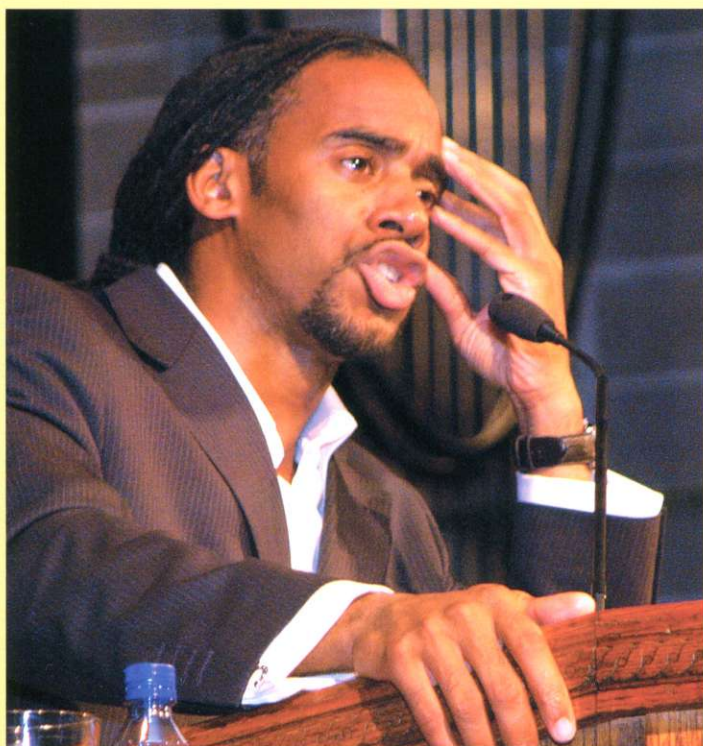


2006 Founders' Day Honoree, Mrs. Hazel Sutton Bullock with NAA President, Atty. Isaac J. Starks and Mrs. Molice Wilkins.

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Ann Coulter



Jeff Johnson

Roslyn McCallister Brock, at the age of 35 was unanimously elected vice chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors, the youngest person and the first woman to hold this post in the organization's history;

J. L. King, *New York Times* best selling author of *On the Down Low* who appeared on *Oprah* in April of 2004;

Ann Coulter, the controversial conservative pundit regarded as the top woman in conservatism;

Jeff Johnson, host of the BET documentaries, *The Cousin Jeff Chronicles*; and

Karrine Steffans, author of *Confessions of a Video Vixen*, who visited our campus the day after her national TV appearance on *Oprah*.

Pound for pound, no school in the country has provided this kind of exposure to its students. Not one. We do this because when we say our graduates can compete with anyone, it means that they have a broader perspective than just their own backgrounds, but at the same time they leave knowing who they are. This defines education for me.

And yet, we realize that we have a duty to provide these events for the greater community as well, which is why we never charge for these lectures. I've read recently where better-funded schools host big name speakers and charge as much as \$50 to attend. Even with our limited resources, we recognize our obligation to the community. Furthermore, we have been able to bring many to campus who have never been here before. Hopefully, by doing so, we have made new friends.

I was asked recently whether "Bless the Mic" was just for this year: Absolutely... not! Season Two is already lined up and will once again bring a diverse range of ideas to campus. From the brilliant mind of Princeton professor Dr. Cornel West to former BET *106 and Park* host AJ Calloway, from the champion of school funding equality Jonathan Kozol, to my favorite female rapper MC Lyte, we're going to continue exposing our students, and this community, to leading figures in the country.

So if you didn't make it to the campus this school year, come out next year. This is where things are happening!

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

Walter M. Kimbrough, Ph.D.
President



BlessTheMic

A Hip-Hop President's Lecture Series

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

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Roslyn Brock



Karrine Steffans

Kendall Science and Health Mission Center

Dr. William H. Woods Honored at Dinner



Dr. William H. Woods

More than 130 people turned out for the first annual "Vital Signs of Health Symposium: Uniting Body and Spirit" at the Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center on April 27.

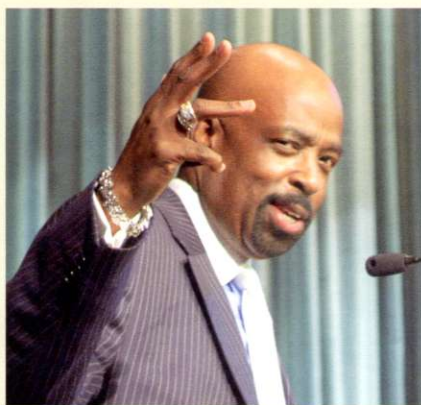
Area health professionals and health practitioners were on hand for the symposium which honored Philander Smith College distinguished professor Dr. William H. Woods and was the venue for the announcement of the newly established William H. Woods Scholarship.

"Dr. Woods graciously accepted the honor which undergirded his more than 40 years of concern for providing adequate financial support for students at Philander Smith College," remarked Bishop Felton E. May, dean of the Kendall Center.

PSC Alum and former U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Joycelyn Elders and Dr. Gary Gunderson of Methodist LeBonheur Healthcare and Emory University were among the distinguished guests in attendance. Harold Betton, M.D., president of the Arkansas Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association, was the keynote speaker.

Dr. Steven Strode of UAMS, chair of the Kendall Center Advisory Committee which will manage the William H. Woods Scholarship, announced that the symposium would become an annual event.

Author J. L. King is Featured Speaker During Black History Month Celebration



J. L. King

Best-selling author and activist J.L. King spoke at PSC on February 16 in the M. L. Harris Auditorium as part of an AIDS Awareness Seminar sponsored by the Arkansas Minority Health Commission, Philander Smith College and Jefferson Comprehensive Care System.

In recognition of both Black History Month and AIDS Awareness Month, the Arkansas Minority Health Commission, hoped King's visit would help educate the community and spur discussion about the dangers of HIV and AIDS.

King is a nationally-known HIV/STD prevention activist, educator and author of the best-seller *On the Down Low*.



A panel discussion with special guest J. L. King followed his address.



Speaker Dr. Harold Betton addresses the audience

PSC Teams With Community to Sponsor Health Fair

Through the Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center, Philander Smith College is committed to addressing health issues—particularly disparities among low-income and minority populations—in the community, state and world. To achieve its goals the Kendall Center conducts outreach initiatives and activities such as the recent Family Fun Festival, a community-wide health fair, held April 29 on the campus of PSC and sponsored in part by the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and several community organizations.

More than 300 people attended the free event which featured prostate cancer screenings coordinated by PSC, mammograms offered by the UAMS Arkansas Cancer Research Center, physicals for student athletes, and health screenings of glucose, blood pressure, cholesterol, HIV and ear and throat conditions.

Thirty-three vendors participated by staffing informational booths and providing health-related programs including Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the YES (Youth Extinguishing Smoking) Team from Arkansans for a Drug Free Youth.

In addition to a day filled with health programming and screenings, a number of fun and interactive activities were available for adult and children participants, including inflatable games, face painting, a cupcake walk, a Peer-2-Peer media contest and more entertainment.

Along with the ACRC Cancer Control Outreach Center at UAMS and the Philander Smith College Harry R. Kendall Science and Mission Center, other festival sponsors included the Omicron Lambda Lambda chapter of Omega Psi Phi

Fraternity, Little Rock Alumni, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, St. Mark Baptist Church, Watershed Inc., Arkansas Minority Health Commission and Memphis Health Systems.

Funding for the festival was provided by the United Negro College Fund Special Programs Community Impact Program and Royal Bank of Canada Liberty Life Insurance.



National Alumni

to the college. A Past President of the National Alumni Association, Jacobs is president of the Metro St. Louis Alumni Chapter and was instrumental in the reclamation of the chapter

The banquet's keynote address was delivered by none other than the 12th president of Philander Smith College, Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough. Introduced by Delia Anderson, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Dr. Kimbrough challenged the group to make commitments and to live up to the challenges; to assist with recruitment; to raise the standards of PSC in order to gain more respectability; to be visible and vocal about the college; to develop a positive attitude and to be outright braggadocious about our accomplishments. Another banquet highlight occurred when Dr. Carl G. Harris, Choral Director Emeritus—who was also celebrating his 50th class reunion—joined with the PSC Reunion Choir for four musical selections to the delight of attendees.

To close out a jam-packed, inspirational and powerful convention, alumni attended Sunday worship service at Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, pastored by Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow, in which Rev. D. A. Lam delivered the morning message.

While the 50th Annual Alumni Convention was a tremendous success, plans are already underway for next year's convention. It was announced that the NAA has accepted the invitation of Mr. Ronald Newsome, president of the Columbus, Ohio, Alumni Chapter to host the 2007 convention next July. In the meantime, alumni are poised to continue contributions to the 1877 Society in order to reach the \$400,000 goal set before them by PSC President Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough.



Awards are presented to PSC employees with 20 or more years of service to the College by JoAnn Benjamin (at podium) and Connie Cogshell (far right)



Past Presidents of the National Alumni Association

Convention Planners

Responsible for the Convention's Success

Convention activities were coordinated by the National Alumni Association (NAA) and the Greater Little Rock Alumni Chapter. Connie M. Cogshell and Sybil Bunn were Convention Co-Chairs under the leadership of Chapter President JoAnn Benjamin and Isaac J. Starks, National Alumni Association President. The registration committee was co-chaired by Dr. Tommie L. Taylor '55 and Mrs. Wilma Toombs '77. The committee also included Mrs. Alberta Kilgore, Mrs. Johnnie Branch (Chapter Treasurer), Mrs. Myrthene R. Wroten, Ms. Carla Johnson '05 and Ms. Nyree Williams '05.

Convention 2006



Sherman E. Tate (right) accepts award from NAA President Isaac J. Starks



Convention 2006 Committee Members from the Greater Little Rock Alumni Chapter.



Convention Luncheon speaker Rev. B. Herbert Martin, Chicago, Ill.



Luncheon Fashion Show coordinated by Sybil Bunn. Fashions were provided by Millennium Fashions of Little Rock.



Mrs. Hazel S. Bullock, presiding officer NAA Convention Luncheon

2006-2008 NAA Officers Installed

During the convention's general session, new officers for the years 2006-2008 were installed. These officers include: Atty. Isaac J. Starks, Chicago, Ill., President; Mrs. Erma P. Williams, Memphis, Tenn., Vice President; Ms. Barbara Brock Jordan, Alexandria, Va., Financial Secretary; Ms. Mattie L. Anderson, Memphis TN, Recording Secretary; and Mr. Herman L. Davis, Glenwood, Ill., Treasurer.

National Alumni



PSC President Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough delivers the keynote address at the Convention Banquet.



Dr. Jill Trice congratulates the Distinguished Alumnus, Ernest O. Jacobs.



Mr. Bennie Williams (holding plaque) and Dr. Jill Trice showcase the new NAA Distinguished Alumni wall plaque.



NAA President Issac J. Starks presents awards to Mrs. Levada Mason (left photo) and Mr. Robert Nelson (right photo), two of the Originators of the Articles of Incorporation.



Midwest Regional President Veronica Nesbitt accepts the Sadye J. Worthen Membership Award.



The Class of 1962 received the distinction of having raised the most funds for the 1877 Society.

Convention 2006



Dr. Carl Harris doing what he does best — playing the PSC alma mater.



The PSC Alumni Choir performs at the Convention Banquet.



Golden Alumni celebrate their 50-year reunion.



The PSC Collegiate Choir, with director Lawrence Hamilton, performs at the Alumni Convention

Lawrence Hamilton and the Philander Smith Collegiate Choir On the Move

Lawrence Hamilton, PSC director of choral activities, and the award-winning Philander Smith Collegiate Choir were stellar college representatives during the spring semester at a host of high-profile community and business events in the greater Little Rock area.

During the month of February, Hamilton and the choir were called upon to perform at the City of Little Rock's citywide celebration of Black History Month and for the Daisy L. Bates Celebration held on campus in the M.L. Harris Auditorium. Their melodious voices were also on display at Shorter College in North Little Rock and at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in support of PSC President Walter M. Kimbrough, Ph.D., who was the guest speaker.

In March, the choir performed at an awards ceremony sponsored by Alltel—and featuring poet extraordinaire Maya Angelou—in which ten high school essayists were awarded \$4000 scholarships. And for the sheer pleasure of the PSC Alumni, the choir performed nobly at the 50th National Alumni Convention Founder's Day celebration and later at the convention luncheon at the Hilton Little Rock Metro Center.

PSC Alum Hubert "Geese" Ausbie Recognized During Convention



An Honor Fit for a 'Prince'

As part of Alumni Convention activities on Friday, March 26—in a ceremony held in the newly renovated Sherman E. Tate Student Recreation Center—basketball great and PSC alum Hubert "Geese" Ausbie '60 saw his No. 35 jersey retired and returned home to a place of honor in the Crawford J. Mims Gymnasium. Ausbie enjoyed the ceremony along with a crowd composed of alumni, family, friends, administrators and students. Ausbie rose to popularity during his years as "Clown Prince" of the Globetrotter organization from 1961 to 1985.



Joseph L. Jones, PSC Class of 2000, Speaker at Chapel

Joseph L. Jones, a PSC alum who earned a bachelor of arts degree in political science in 2000, returned to campus recently as a Chapel service special guest speaker to discuss PSC's "Bless the Mic" lecture series.

Currently an adjunct instructor at Clark Atlanta University, Jones teaches courses in First Year Seminar (political science majors), Politics and Global Issues, and The Politics of Hip Hop. He is also working toward his Ph.D. in political science at Clark Atlanta University, where he earned his master of arts degree in political science.

PSC Students Inducted Into Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society

More than 250 people gathered in the M. L. Harris Fine Arts Auditorium on April 6 for the 2006 Honors Convocation. This year's theme was "Choosing a Scholarly Walk."



Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society Inductees during Lighting of Candles Ceremony.

President Walter M. Kimbrough, Ph.D., was the featured speaker for this celebration commemorating academic excellence. With the assistance of Dr. Jesse Hargrove and Dr. Annie Williams, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. John Simpson presented certificates to scholars in three categories: The Dean's List, the President's List and 4.0 Scholars.

Awards were also given to students who achieved high scores on the Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency examination. Dr. Frank James conducted the induction ceremony for students invited to join the Pi Sigma Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu, a national honor society.

The PSC Men's Quartet, under the direction of Mr. Timothy Tucker and accompanied by Dr. Rachel Chung, performed "Soon and Very Soon." Miss PSC 2005-2006, Moya Edwards, provided the scriptural reading and invocation. Graduating Senior Jonathan Dunkley, Student Government Association, spoke on "Becoming a Role Model" and Senior Stanley Abiri presented the 2006 Student Salute to academic excellence.

Homecoming Court

Members of the 2005-2006 Homecoming Court are (left to right) Britnee Netters, Shawanda Noland, LaKenya Brown, Whitney Givens and April Lewis. Several of the Homecoming events were either postponed or cancelled due to weather. With snow falling and several inches on the ground, the Homecoming games were moved to the following weekend when the court was crowned.



Moya Edwards, SGA Miss PSC; Gemessia Ford, SGA vice president; Edward Amos, SGA asst. press secretary; and Thomas Stone, a member of the Panther basketball team

SGA Office Opens

The opening of the new PSC Student Government Association Office was feted with an open house on February 10. Located in the newly remodeled Sherman E. Tate Student Recreation Center, the office is open for students to visit with SGA officers and to voice their concerns regarding changes in the institution and various areas of service and academic departments. The office also houses requisite forms needed for registration, along with others.

With an organized, designated area for SGA officers and members to meet and conduct business, the SGA is better positioned to work on behalf of students to make PSC the best institution possible. Additionally, the SGA plans to set operational hours each weekday to better accommodate its student constituents.

CAMPUS NOTABLES: Recognizing Student and Faculty Achievement

Sophomore **Damien Powell** was awarded a scholarship and stipend to attend the Summer 2006 Undergraduate Scholars (Plus) Program at the UALR Bowen School of Law.

Graduating Senior **Toni McCastle** presented a workshop entitled "The Mis-Education of Women" at the 2006 Women of Color & Allies (WOCA) Mid-south Regional Conference May 19-20 held on the PSC campus in the Titus Academic Center.

Senior **Caree Coleman III** has been accepted into the Summer 2006 Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program. As a McNair Scholar, Coleman will receive a stipend as he performs research with a faculty mentor in preparation for the Ph.D. degree.

Dr. James Rush, chair of the Philosophy and Religion Department, has been accepted with full support to attend the Mekong River Cultures Summer Seminar 2006 for Minority Programs Seminar Series in Hawaii and South East Asia.



Ms. Gladys Swift and **Dr. Marinelle Ringer** are included in the 2005-2006 listing of Who's Who Among America's Teachers.



Bishop Felton E. May (left) and Dr. John Hope Franklin.

John Hope Franklin Lecture Moderated by Bishop May

Bishop Felton E. May, Dean of the Kendall Science and Health Mission Center, had the honor of introducing and moderating the lecture of noted author and historian Dr. John Hope Franklin. The lecture was part of the Arkansas Literacy Councils' 2006 Literary Festival held in downtown Little Rock.

At age 90, the pioneering American historian John Hope Franklin recalls his amazing life in *Mirror to America: The Autobiography of John Hope Franklin*. Born in Oklahoma in 1915, Franklin studied at Fisk University and Harvard, taught at some of the nation's most prestigious universities, served on committees for Bill Clinton, published seminal histories of blacks in America, and received the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his work in Civil Rights. *Mirror to America*, said President Bill Clinton, "calls upon all Americans to look at our nation's past so that we may destroy the color line that continues to divide our country, and progress together into the future."

Franklin spoke for an hour and fielded questions from the audience and media.



Panthers Bring Home Second Place Trophy in USCAA Tournament



The Philander Smith College men's basketball team finished the season as the runner-up to the Rhema Bible College in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) Tournament in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Panthers took the second place trophy as one of eight qualifying teams out of more than 70 in the USCAA.

"The Athletic Department thanks President Kimbrough, administrators, faculty, staff, students, community and Mr. Robert Nelson, executive director of the Panther Athletic Booster Club, for continuous support during this season," said head basketball coach Tyrone McGraw.

PSC President Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough responded with appreciation to both the men's and women's basketball teams. "Thanks to the men and the women for spirited seasons, congratulations to the guys for being runners-up in the tournament and thanks to the coaching staffs for their hard work."



SGA President Jonathan Dunkley, Dr. Juliana Mosley-Anderson and Coach Tyrone McGraw with the Tournament Trophy.



Sign Goes Up on Sherman E. Tate Student Recreation Center



The "old gym" was officially christened the Sherman E. Tate Student Recreation Center when the sign went up on the recently remodeled facility.

Named in honor of Dr. Sherman E. Tate, an alumnus and past chairman of the Philander Smith College Board of Trustees, the recreation center was dedicated during a ceremony last fall as part of the festivities marking the inauguration of President Walter M. Kimbrough, Ph.D.

At the dedication ceremony, Tate presented a check for \$10,000 to help equip the center. Restoration of the "old gym" was made possible by private support and a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior National Park Service.

ALUMNI NEWS



PSC Alum Bennie Williams '62, representing Philander Smith College at LA Black College Expo

Black College Expo

The historically black colleges and universities hosted the Black College Expo in Los Angeles, Calif., on February 11. The expo provided information to educate youth on college preparation, financial aid assistance and career opportunities.

Thousands of expo attendees were generously treated to free giveaway items and novelties courtesy of FedEx which also gave several scholarships during the expo. FedEx representatives participating from its Western region Los Angeles recruitment staff included Bennie Williams, managing director; Thelma Person, human resources staff manager; Leslie Coleman, senior human resources representative; and Angela Townsend, program management specialist, all from Memphis, Tenn.

PSC Alum Claybron O. Wisham Pens Memoir

Claybron O. Wisham has penned *From the Hollow to the Heights: A Memoir of Ordinary Success*, a complete account of his life and experiences growing up in Arkansas as the son of a single mother who supported five children through her work as a maid. Wisham earned a bachelor of arts degree from Philander Smith College in 1954.

Wisham's memoir gleans from lessons taught and learned from a colorful career that included stints as a teacher, basketball and football coach, vocational guidance counselor, parole officer and twenty years as a corporate executive, in addition to his forty years of marriage and years spent rearing his two daughters.

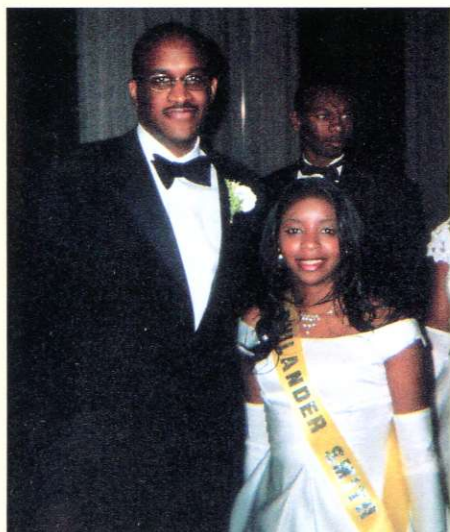
From the Hollow to the Heights imparts advice in an easy to read style and offers practical solutions to real problems and should be of particular interest to parents, married couples, high school and college students, and black professionals. "It provides guidance to other ordinary people on how to showcase their life experiences regardless of what they did for a living," said Wisham.

A life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and the NAACP, Wisham holds an M.Ed. Degree in vocational counseling from the University of Arkansas. He and his wife, Mary Evelyn, reside in Cleveland, Ohio. Information on how to purchase a copy of *From the Hollow to the Heights* can be obtained by contacting the author at cwisham44@sbcglobal.net.

From the Hollow
to the Heights



A Memoir of Ordinary Success
by
Claybron O. Wisham



Dr. Kimbrough and PSC Pre-Alumni Miss UNCF Representative Shante Becknell, Graduating senior.

Shante Becknell Attends Miss UNCF Coronation

The Pre-Alumni Council at Philander Smith College attended the 49th Annual UNCF National Alumni Council (NAC/PAC) Conference in Dallas, Texas, the week of February 1-5.

The eight Pre-Alumni students who represented PSC were Seniors Bianca Broussard, president; Shannon Buggs, vice president; La Kenya Brown, treasurer; and Alexis Jones-Singletary, parliamentarian. Also attending were Junior Shawanda Martin; Sophomore Joell Etienne; Sophomore LaTaia Burroughs; and Senior Shante Becknell, secretary and Miss UNCF representative for Philander Smith College.

A memorable highlight of the trip occurred when Dallas-Fort Worth alumni and members of the National Alumni Association surprised the group with a special all-expense paid dinner. The purpose of the Pre-Alumni Council is to raise funds for UNCF and PSC, to encourage young people to attend UNCF member institutions and to preserve their loyalty and fellowship after graduation.

The Pre-Alumni representatives were accompanied to Dallas by Co-Advisor and Director of Student Activities Pat Proctor and Ed Anderson of Student Activities, along with Co-Advisor and Director of Alumni Affairs Yvonne C. Alexander.



Hispanic Flamenco Ballet Visits PSC

In March the students, faculty and staff at Philander Smith College, along with 500 students from several area high schools, were treated to two spectacular performances by the world renowned Hispanic Flamenco Ballet.

The Hispanic Flamenco Ballet is directed under the auspices of Jorge Ceron, a cultural exchange expert who began his career 13 years ago with the Boston Flamenco Ballet. Recognizing the need to maintain the Hispanic root, Ceron cultivated the genre through artistic dances; many of these dances depict their origin and historical background.

For more information about the Hispanic Flamenco Ballet visit www.hispanicfe.com.

PSC Celebrates The Vigil: 2006

An ecumenical memorial service in honor of the 77th birthday of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was held January 15 at the "I Have A Dream" King Memorial in the courtyard of the M.L. Harris Fine Arts Center. Participants in the annual vigil included representatives from the Arkansas state legislature, the state Supreme Court, the office of Governor Mike Huckabee, as well as several churches and organizations across the state. Program Coordinator Dr. Carey Wynn II led the procession from the memorial site into the auditorium for presentations, guest speakers and a performance by the Philander Smith Collegiate Choir.



PSC Choral Director Honored by Cast of 'Crowns'

At Chapel service on March 16, the Philander Smith College family bestowed honors on the esteemed PSC Director of Choral Activities, Lawrence Hamilton.

Cast members of the musical *Crowns*, which enjoyed a three-week run at the Arkansas Repertory Theatre in downtown Little Rock, provided special entertainment while taking a break from their nightly performances. Hamilton returned to The Rep for the musical adapted from the best-selling book of the same title—this time in the director's chair rather than on stage.

Featuring a heavy dose of gospel music, *Crowns* received rave reviews for its compelling stories told through the celebration of black women and their church hats.



Alumni: Keep in touch!

Life is full of changes and new directions. Share your latest personal or professional achievements, honors or other life-changing news with your PSC family.

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