



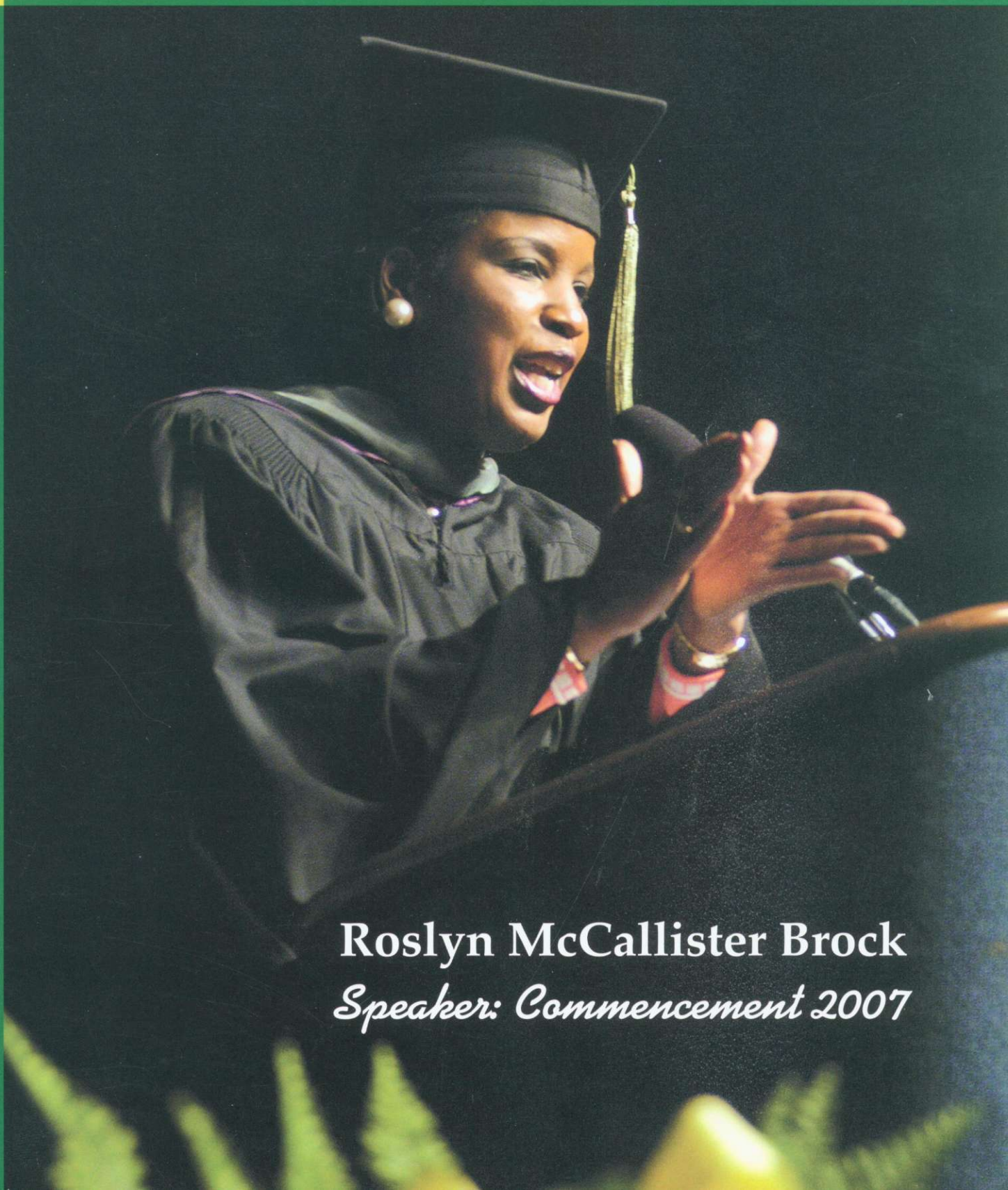
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Roslyn McCallister Brock
Speaker: Commencement 2007

Setting A New Course



“Today we realize a need to change again, this time incorporating elements from both periods, but looking toward a broader mission.”

Over the past few years, I have led the College community in a critical self analysis to better define where we are realistically and where we want to be. This was not an easy process. While Plato indicated, “The unexamined life is not worth living,” Malcolm X made it plain by saying, “The examined life is painful.” Since PSC is worth living we painfully conducted this examination.

Still being relatively new, the process helped me to dispel myths about the College, its mission and its purpose. I always chuckle when people say that we have always done something a certain way because our institutional memory is often colored by our viewpoint. So being a shade tree historian, I go to the archives for the facts.

After Philander Smith eliminated the primary and secondary programs by 1936, it established itself as an institution of the highest standards. The 1939 catalog stated the first principles of the College: “The College does not propose to see that every person who wishes may enroll. A well planned program of selectivity aims to preserve excellence in scholarship.”

Our present mission statement, however, speaks of granting “access to higher education to individuals who are, or who have the potential to be, academically talented, regardless of their social, economic, or educational background.” This statement evolved following a faculty committee’s work in the early 1970s to evaluate the mission of the College. That committee changed the mission realizing that, after *Brown v. Board*, colleges and universities that had previously prohibited Black students now sought them, suddenly creating competition for the best and brightest Black students.

The College realized that the times had changed after *Brown v. Board*. Today we realize a need to change again, this time incorporating elements from both periods, but looking toward a broader mission. The emphasis for so many colleges and universities is to prepare young people to earn a good living. That’s great, but when our communities are rapidly crumbling, someone needs to be developed so that they use their education not simply for personal gain, but to impact the lives of many.

So through our discussions we decided that we will become an institution for social justice, where we bring in academically ambitious students who want to change the world for the better. Hurricane Katrina is still a painful reminder that there are gross disparities that exist nationally and in our local communities we are impotent when trying to close the educational achievement gap by race.

A new generation of leaders is needed to passionately attack these issues. Philander Smith College will serve as the cradle of this new movement. This fall we will officially launch our social justice initiative which coincides with the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Central High School desegregation. Our opening convocation will feature the Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery, president emeritus of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and dean of the civil rights movement. He will not only tell us what social justice is, but why it is needed now more than ever.

I hope that you will consider joining us at 10 a.m. Thursday, August 30, to hear Dr. Lowery give us our marching orders. Yes, this is a new mission—one that is important not simply for the benefit of the College, but to literally save lives.

Walter M. Kimbwire



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On The Cover:

The speaker for Commencement 2007 was **Ms. Roslyn McCallister Brock**, the Vice Chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). Over the past 20 years, Brock has served the NAACP in several leadership roles. She made history in February 2001 when she was unanimously elected Vice Chairman at the age of 35.

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The Philander Smith College Class of 2007.

Message From The National Alumni Association President



Isaac J. Starks, J.D., President

July 1, 2007

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,

While Philander Smith College will soon receive its Social Justice marching orders in August, the Bible tells us at Luke 6:38: "Give, and it shall be Given unto You; Good Measure, Pressed Down and Shaken Together, and Running Over, Shall men give unto Your Bosom."

However, where is the justice when the United Methodist Church and the United Negro College Fund give to Philander and we, the Alumni, have not done so?

PSC President Walter Kimbrough asked the Alumni to give \$200,000 in 2007—specifically for scholarships to quality, incoming students who are in need of financial support. Many of you are already 1877 Society members and we ask that you continue that level of giving for this scholarship campaign.

The clarion call is for Philanderians who are leaders of the National Alumni Association, Philanderians who are on the faculty and staff, Philanderians who are members of the Board of Trustees, and all Philanderians across the country to pave the way and give to this campaign. Please look back and remember how there was probably a "ram in the bush" for you during your college years. Remember also, "Give and it shall be given unto you..."

Let's work together to make our \$200,000 goal to provide scholarship support to students that need help. **Give One** (\$1,000) and **Get One to Give One** (\$1,000). Make your checks payable to Philander Smith College, noted for **Alumni Scholarship Appeal**, and mail to:

Office of Institutional Advancement
Philander Smith College
One Trudie Kibbe Reed Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Isaac J. Starks".

Isaac J. Starks

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In Memoriam: Dr. Clifford Minton and Mrs. Alma Minton

The Philander Smith College family suffered a tremendous loss on April 3 when two treasured alumni and staunch supporters died in a tragic accident in Indiana.

Alma and Clifford Minton (Class of '36 and '35) of Merrillville, Ind., will be remembered long after their deaths for their contributions to their alma mater—The couple donated generously to the college. In 1999, they gave an initial \$50,000 to establish the Minton Foundation Scholarship Trust Fund and form a scholarship and lecture series for the Black Family Studies program; they were also members of the PSC Legacy Society—and for their work and investments into the larger society.

Alma Minton was an educator for 43 years in Arkansas, Ohio and Indiana and her beloved husband Clifford—they met while attending Philander Smith—worked tirelessly for civil rights, dating back to as early as 1939, when he joined forces with Thurgood Marshall to file lawsuits to gain equality in salaries for Black teachers in Little Rock. Alma was equally involved in the community and received special recognition for a leadership role in her local chapter's National March of Dimes Foundation.

Before moving to Cleveland and later Gary, Ind., to serve as executive director of the Gary Urban League, Clifford's efforts in Little Rock included opening job opportunities for Blacks at Camp Robinson and the Arkan-



sas Ordnance Plant. While with the Gary Urban League, Clifford broadened community participation and support, and developed programs to provide better socio-economic conditions. He went on to serve in a variety of positions with the federal government in the U.S. Office of Education, Office of Equal Healthy Opportunity, U.S. Public Health Service and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. As a consultant he contributed to the President's Committee on Manpower and the U.S. Regional Office of Economic Opportunity.

"Philander Smith College has lost two giants. Not only were the Mintons people of great character, love and integrity, but they were committed to their alma mater. They never simply talked about how much they loved this college, they showed it in their deeds," remarked PSC President Dr. Walter Kimbrough.

The Mintons, both in their mid-90s, drowned when their car plunged into Lake Louise near Valparaiso, Ind. They are survived by sisters **Bernice Hawkins Allen**, **Mattie Hawkins Beard**; sister-in-law **Artha M. Minton**; nieces **Ann Minton Ramsey**, **Pauline Minton Roberts (Alvin)**, **Alma E. Minton Williams**, **Kimberly Minton Keating (William)**, **Dedra F. Allen**; nephews **Paul L. Minton Jr. (Tracey)**, **Wayne Douglas**; and a host of grand nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

They will be sorely missed.

14th Annual Frederick D.

The United Negro College Fund Advisory Board at Philander Smith College presented the *Frederick D. Patterson Awards Banquet* on March 16 to honor those who have demonstrated support to the UNCF. The black-tie affair, held at the Embassy Suites hotel in Little Rock, also raised funds to benefit the college's annual fund campaign.

Former White House correspondent and Little Rock native **Deborah Mathis** was the keynote speaker. The syndicated columnist and author challenged the audience to continue their support of Philander Smith College, emphasizing the importance of the nation's historically Black colleges and universities. Mathis is currently vice president of media and communications at The Whitaker Group in Washington, D.C.



UNCF Banquet Keynote Speaker Deborah Mathis

Evangeline Parker, public affairs coordinator for Comcast, was the mistress of ceremony for the evening; music was provided by the Sounds So Good band featuring Curtis "JJ" Adams and soloist Karen Campbell.



Evangeline Parker



Pamela Smith, Weekend Anchor, KATV 7 introduced the speaker

Charles "Dwayne" Stuart of Little Rock, customer service manager at Entergy Arkansas, received the *Dr. Frederick D. Patterson Award*, the UNCF's highest honor. Others receiving recognition for their 2006-2007 support to the United Negro College Fund were "**Broadway Joe**" **Booker** of Citadel Broadcasting (*Gordon W. Clowney Memorial Award for Volunteerism*) and **Judy Green '77**, UNCF Statewide Chair (*UNCF Award for Contributions to Community*).



Charles Dwayne Stuart, Entergy



UNCF Advisory Board Chair Judy Green



Sandy Joshua Givens, J.M. Products

Banquet committee members included **Charles King**, **Yvonne Alexander**, **C. Diane Charles**, **Sandra Joshua Givens**, **Judy Green**, **Kennie Hicks**, **Andrea Simpson Marshall**, **Charolett Martin**, **Rev. James McCarther**, **Rev. Larry Staggers**, **Dena Washington**, **Lt. Tanya Washington** and **Marion Woods**.

Patterson UNCF Banquet



PSC's Miss UNCF and Dr. Kimbrough present UNCF Award to Rev. Cleo Smith, President of the Greater Little Rock Alumni Chapter



Banquet Chair Charles King and Charles Dwayne Stuart, Entergy Corporation



Kay Roberts Clowney and "Broadway" Joe Booker

UNCF BOARD RAISES FUNDS

The 2006-2007 UNCF Advisory Board hosted several activities throughout the year to raise funds toward the annual campaign.

In January the board celebrated the 2007 UNCF *An Evening of Stars* telecast with a viewing party held at The Regina House, a quaint downtown Little Rock bed and breakfast. In be-

tween watching Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin be honored on the taped UNCF broadcast, guests were kept entertained by live music; catered food and drinks; and a fur fashion show courtesy of Fletcher & Bensky Furs of Little Rock.

On February 13 the board partnered with Alltel to host an "Out on the

Town" fundraiser, a showing of the *Fences* production at the Arkansas Repertory Theatre. Alltel got the evening started with scrumptious heavy hors d'oeuvres and drinks at a pre-performance reception. Guests enjoyed the performance, which featured Lawrence Hamilton among the cast, and best of all, one hundred percent of the proceeds benefited the UNCF drive at Philander Smith.



Dr. Kimbrough addresses the participants in the 1st Annual UNCF 2K Walk-a-Thon..

Following the Patterson Awards Banquet, on Saturday, April 21, the group put on a 2K Walk-a-Thon for area high schools students around the campus of Philander Smith College. High school students met on campus bright and early for the 9 a.m. start time, all in the name of raising funds for the UNCF campaign. The board also touted the outing as an opportunity to promote the educational opportunities available at the college. Students walked the grounds of the campus and toured the Cox Administration building, Donald W. Reynolds Library and Technology Center, the Residential Life Center and talked with college administrators and staff.

The Elijah Pitts Memorial Golf Tournament

Little Rock's Rebsamen Golf Course was the site of the 12th Annual Elijah Pitts Memorial Golf Tournament on Wednesday, May 2. The day's rainy weather did not hinder the 2007 tournament from net-

ting over \$15,000 as part of the UNCF campaign that will award the Elijah Pitts Scholarship to deserving students.

The annual golf benefit, named in honor of the late PSC alumnus and former Green Bay Packers great **Elijah**

Pitts, was sponsored this year by **Alltel**, **Dillard's** and **Danny Burleson** and the **City of Little Rock**. Thirteen teams took the course and the team from Webster University took home top honors.

"This is an outstanding turnout based on the weather and the Pitts family appreciates the support from all the sponsors and participants," said Ron Pitts, son of the tournament's namesake. He added, "We look forward to a bigger and better tournament next year."

The 2007 Golf Tournament Committee included Dr. Sherman E. Tate (chairman), Harold Banks, Charles Robinson, Danny Burleson and Gary Garrett.

Mayflower, Ark., native Elijah Pitts was selected by the Green Bay Packers in the 13th round of the 1961 draft. Following a successful NFL career, Pitts gained a reputation as an assis-



PSC President Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough, Sherman E. Tate and Ron Pitts address the golfers at the start of the tournament.



Golfers watch teammate preparing to putt.

tant coach in the NFL and CFL. He conceived the idea for the golf tournament in 1996 to generate support for Philander, and he was actively involved up until his death in 1998 at the age of 60.

For more information about sponsorship or participating in next year's tournament, please contact Dr. Shannon Fleming, vice president for institutional advancement, at (501) 370-5378.



Dr. Shannon Fleming, VP for Institutional Advancement, and Dr. Frank James, VP for Academic Affairs, visit with other golfers after the tournament.



Sherman Tate shouts encouragement to his teammates.



Institutional Advancement Staff members serve lunch following the tournament.

UNCF Planning Grant to Aid Development Operation

Philander Smith College has been awarded a \$20,000 planning grant from the HBCU Institutional Advancement Program of the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) Institute for Capacity Building to assess resources needed to strengthen private fundraising and development activities at Philander.

In addition to the grant award, the institutional advancement department will undergo a full evaluation in an effort to strengthen the college's development operation. As a recipient of this planning grant, Philander is now eligible for a larger implementation grant that could provide up to \$1.5 million in support over five years.

Michael Hutchinson Joins Institutional Advancement Staff

The Office of Institutional Advancement announced the addition of Michael Hutchinson to the staff as director of annual fund and special events. Hutchinson, a graduate of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, comes to the advancement team from the nonprofit New Futures for Youth in his second stint at Philander; he previously served in the Integrated Counseling Center.

In his newly created role Hutchinson will focus on events such as the President's Luncheon, as well as UNCF and other events related to fund development. He will also direct annual fund activities to include the 1877 Giving Society.

PSC National Alumni Association, Inc. Donor Honor Roll

Gifts received from January 1, 2006 – December 30, 2006. We appreciate all gifts, regardless of amount that friends and alumni make to Philander Smith College. To date, these are our known contributors by Class Year:

The 1877 Society

Established by President Walter M. Kimbrough and named in honor of the founding of our Beloved institution, and designated as unrestricted funding. A (+) sign indicates a donor who has given above and beyond the \$1,877.00 amount. An asterisk indicates someone who is deceased.

'35/'36 Dr. Clifford* & Alma Minton+*
'49 Huey V. Dredd
'50 Harry Roberson +
'52 Theresa H. Franklin
'52 Evelyn Harrington
'52 Marjorie Moore
'53 Elsie M. Black
'53 Dr. Freddy T. Davy
'53 Earnestine Clayton Doss
'53 Ernest O. Jacobs
'54 Claybron O. Wisham
'55 Marian M. Morrison
'57 Lula F. Carter +
'62 Cleodis Howell
'62 Dr. Sterling King
'62 Marva Watts
'62 Bennie R. Williams +
'63 Erma L. Williams
'63 Isaac J. Starks +
'64 Minnie Glover
'64 Lillie B. Paddio
'64 Kathryn F. Worthen +
'69 Eulah L. Peterson
'69 Rev. & Mrs. Larry Ross+
'70 Shirley J. Brown
'77 Alice Richardson
'81 Lawrence E. Deloach
'97 Timon W. Edwards
PSC Chicago, IL Alumni Chapter
Greater Kansas City Alumni Chapter
Greater Little Rock Alumni Chapter
Memphis, TN Alumni Chapter

The President's & Millionaire's Club

Established by NAA President and honors donors who've given at least \$1000.00 up to \$1876.00.

'41 Hazel S. Bullock
'42 Dorothy Exum *
'42 Dorothy Greene
'52 Evelyn Harrington
'53 Cleola Boles
'61 Ozaree Twillie
'63 Frances Starks
'63 Carolyn Thomas
'64 Veronica Nesbitt
'66 Vivian Hines
'67 Harvey P. Wiley
'71 Dr. Margaret Martin-Hall
'73 Jearlene Miller

The "Best Gift" Contributors

Established by NAA President and honors donors who've given at the Golden Alumnus level of \$500.00; Centurion Club level of \$100.00 and other dollar amounts.

'38 Electa A. White *
'42 Jennie Hewitt Williams
'42 Paulleatha V. White
'44 Rev. Cornelius J. Gray, Sr.
'45 Judge L. Clifford Davis
'51 Calvin (C.J.) Jones
'52 Florine Owens
'52 Willie L. Boone
'52 Charlene W. Trotter
'53 Magdalene L. Miles
'53 Freddie Jean Cooper
'56 Robert C. Carlross
'56 Carl G. Harris
'59 Legora M. Norwood
'59 Clarence Wilson
'59 Samuel J. Pitts
'60 Rev. Albert Reed
'60 Roylene Reed
'62 Hettie Butler
'64 Dr. Howard D. Hill
'65 Walter Pace
'70 Marion Butler
'70 Pauline Piggee
'77 Terry C. Harper

'88 Vincent C. Liddell
'97 Amber Tweh
N/A Joseph A. Dammons
N/A Dr. Sharon Parker
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The 1877 Society

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'48 Ruth King Finn
'49 Theodore R. & Adah M. Hull
'50 Harry Roberson+
'53 Dr. Freddy T. Davy
'53 Rosie A. Holloway+
'57 Lula F. Carter +
'61 Dr. William Rush
'62 Dr. Sterling King, Jr.
'62 Marva C. Watts
'63 Erma P. Williams
'64 Mattie L. Anderson
'64 Minnie Glover
'64 Lillie B. Paddio
'66 Earlene Gantt-Marcus
'66 Etta Williams
'69 Dr. Eulah Peterson

The President's & Millionaire's Club

'42 Dorothy Green
'66 Vivian Hines
'68 Lutitia Papailler
'77 Alice Richardson

The "Best Gift" Contributors

'50 Ozell Sutton
'53 Alberta Kilgore
'56 H. O. Gray
'61 Paula T. Herron
'62 H. Oneida Butler
'62 Joyce A. K. Marvel
'63 Jewel F. Canady
'64 Kathryn F. Worthen
'67 Rev. B. Herbert Martin
'86 Earl Hardaway
--- Nathaniel Edwards
--- Dr. James E. Shannon
--- Dorothy M. Samples

Every effort was made to ensure that each donor was accurately recognized. The Office of Institutional Advancement apologizes for any error or omissions in the Donor Roll, and in order to assure complete and accurate listings requests that such errors be brought to the attention of Andrea Marshall, UNCF/Fund Coordinator, at (501) 370-5392 or Yvonne Alexander, Director of Alumni Affairs at (501) 370-5271

2007 61ST National Alumni Council/49th National Pre-Alumni Council UNCF Conference

"Empowerment through Education, Information and Motivation"

A contingent of Pre-Alumni students and staff of Philander Smith College attended the 61st National Alumni Council/49th National Pre-Alumni Council UNCF Conference held in Nashville, Tenn., Jan. 31-Feb. 4.

PSC President Dr. Walter Kimbrough was a highly visible participant with several roles over the course of the conference activities including sitting on a panel at the Partnership Luncheon and escorting Miss PSC-UNCF Crystal Thomas, a junior business administration major, at the Miss UNCF Coronation. (Ed. Note *The campus queen from Jarvis Christian College was crowned Miss UNCF, but in a close contest, Crystal placed as first runner-up.*)

Other alumni in attendance at the conference included the 2006 PSC Outstanding Alumnus **Ernest Jacobs** '53, who attended the entire conference with his wife **Mrs. Billie Rose Jacobs**; Midwest Regional President **Veronica Nesbitt** '64, who ably performed her duties as chair of the National Hospitality Committee; **Herman Davis** '73, chair of the Budget and Audit Committee for NAC; and **Kathryn Worthen** '64, who has been an active and fully engaged NAC member for over 25 years.

Philander students were supported and chaperoned on the Nashville trip by **Yvonne C. Alexander** '73, director of alumni affairs; **Almeta Ellis**, coordinator of student involvement; and **Dr. Shannon Fleming**, vice-president for institutional advancement. Former State UNCF Chair **Judy Green** '77 also attended the convention participating in sessions and workshops.

For additional information about the National Alumni Council, visit the UNCF Web site at www.uncf.org/alumni/NAC.asp.



PSC's Ms. Crystal Thomas, 1st Runner Up Miss UNCF Coronation.



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Jacobs



The Philander Smith College Family gather at the Miss UNCF Coronation.

By Sericia Rouse

It would have been wholly appropriate had singer Whitney Houston appeared at the 130th commencement ceremony of Philander Smith College to belt out these lyrics from her popular song "One Moment in Time": *I've lived to be/The very best/I want it all/No time for less/I've laid the plans/Now lay the chance/Here in my hands...! One moment in time...*

Nonetheless, the 112 graduates receiving degrees earned this one moment in their lifetime and family, friends, faculty staff and supporters packed Little Rock's Statehouse Convention Center on Saturday, May 5 to witness the auspicious occasion.

The commencement speaker, who was introduced by **Senior Savannah Chachere**, delivered a dynamite and inspiring message. **Attorney Roslyn McCallister Brock**, vice chairwoman of the NAACP Board of Directors, did not disappoint with her words that were meant to challenge, encourage and provoke thought.

After Brock's stirring message, **Senior Class President Jacquelyn Ratliff** gave remarks to her fellow graduates reflecting on their collegiate journey. As is customary, before departing from the Statehouse Convention Center, the graduates were inducted into the National Alumni Association by **Isaac "Jack" Starks**, NAA president.

Philander Smith College conferred 34 Bachelor of Arts, 16 Bachelor of



Rev. Telley Lynnette Gadson



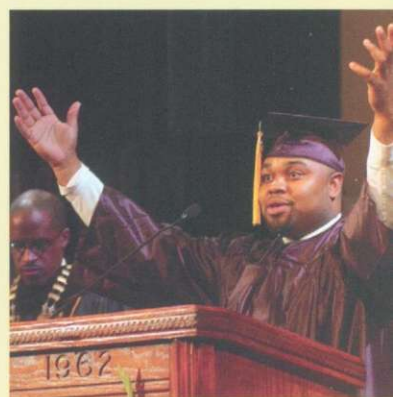
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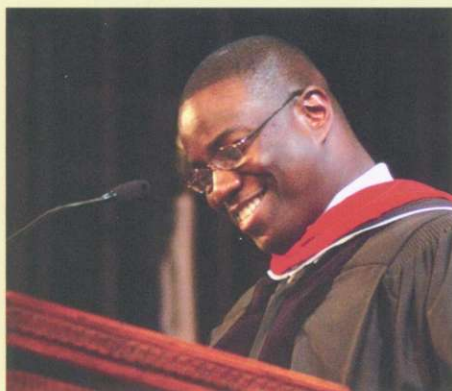
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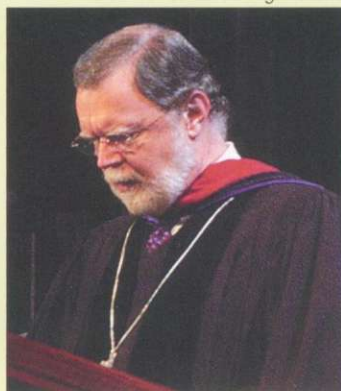
PSC President Walter M. Kimbrough addresses the Senior Class during the Baccalaureate Service



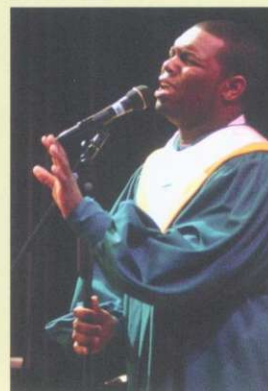
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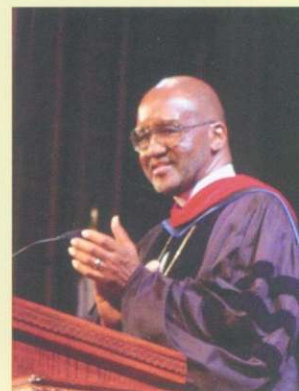
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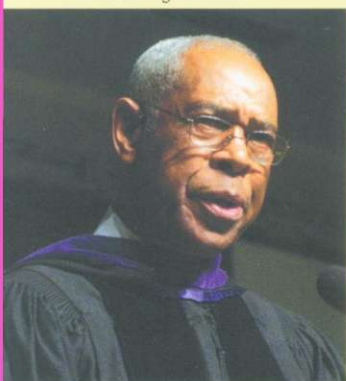


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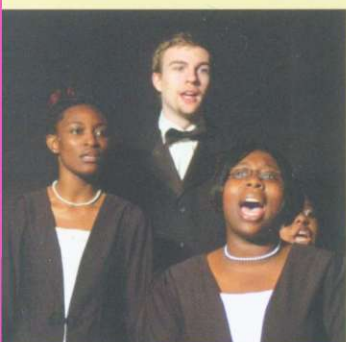
One Moment In Time



Color Guard, Little Rock Jr. ROTC, Central High School



Isaac Jack Starks, NAA President



PSC Collegiate Choir members



Jacquelyn Ratliff, Senior Class President

Science, and 8 Bachelor of Social Work. The most popular major with the Class of 2007 was business administration, with 48 graduates receiving degrees.

Prior to the commencement ceremony, on Friday, May 4, the baccalaureate service was held in the M.L. Harris Auditorium of Philander Smith College. Giving a fiery and memorable sermon was the **Rev. Telley Lynnette Gadson**, pastor of the Saint Mark United Methodist Church (Sumter, South Carolina). An anointed preacher, Rev. Gadson will long be remembered for the invigorating message she imparted to the graduating seniors.

Following the Grads...

Many graduates go on to augment the education they received at Philander Smith College. Here is a sampling of plans for a handful of Class of 2007 graduates:

LaSheatra Henderson will attend the University of Colorado at Denver this fall to

complete a degree in pharmacy.

Johnetta Lewis will attend Tiffin University in Ohio to complete a master's degree in criminal justice, majoring in forensic psychology.

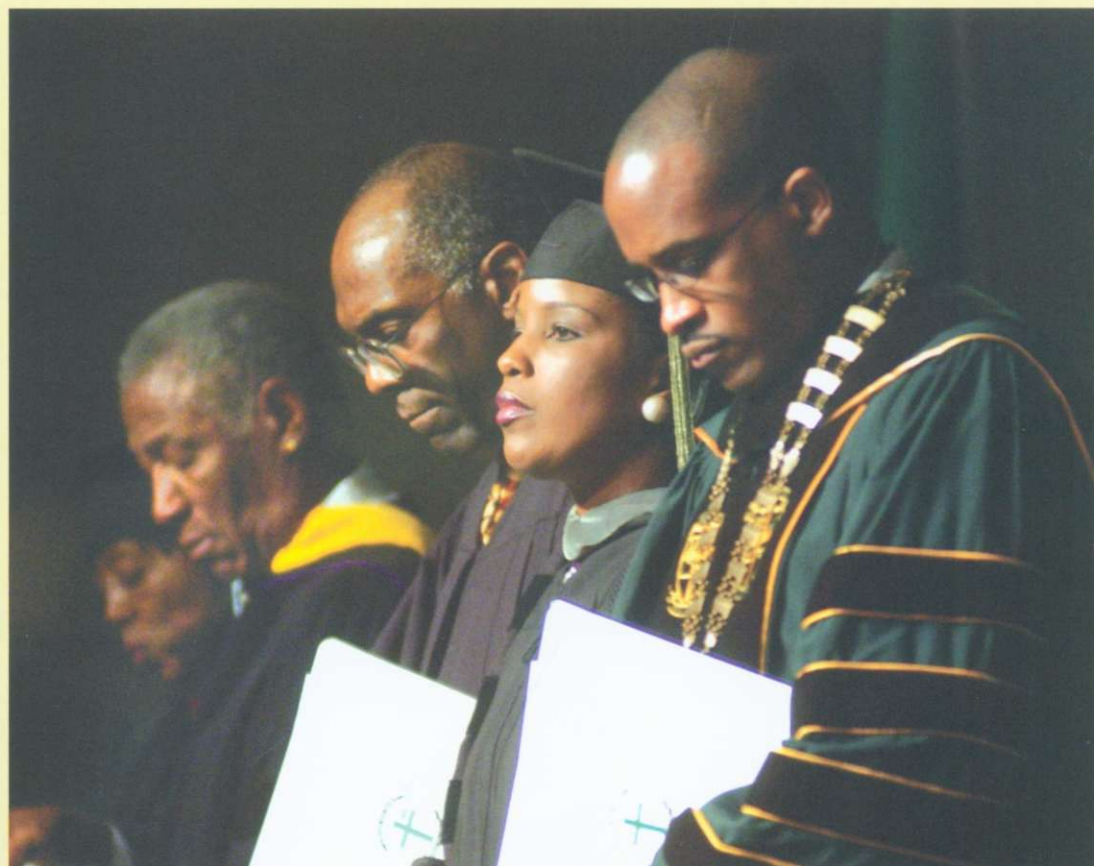
Sedric Mayfield will attend the Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark. to pursue a master's degree in sports administration.

Kirsten Proctor will attend the University of Missouri- Kansas City to complete a master's of social work degree.

Cordnesha Mosby plans to attend medical school.

Latarsha Stanley will enter the UAMS Medical Technology program this fall.

Immelda Obidike, Carmen Thomas and Leslie Tullos will enroll in UALR this fall to receive MBS, MBA and MSW degrees, respectively.



Dr. Annie Winkler Williams, Dr. Frank James, Rev. Larry Ross, Ms. Roslyn McCallister Brock and Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough

Harry R. The Kendall Center Science and Health Mission

EXHIBIT RAISES AWARENESS OF WAR'S IMPACT ON PUBLIC HEALTH

The Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center partnered with the University of Arkansas for Medical Science (UAMS) to host a traveling photo exhibit whose mission was to raise awareness of the Iraq war's impact on public health. The "Unembedded" exhibit featured 60 photographs taken by four photojournalists with rare access to everyday Iraqis—access that allowed them to capture provocative images without having to accompany the U.S. military. Following the Feb. 20 opening reception held in the Donald W. Reynolds Library & Technology Center, Kael Alford, one of the four photojournalist whose work was exhibited, made a slide presentation about her "Unembedded" experiences. The exhibit was on display in the library from Feb. 20 through March 9.



TOWN HALL MEETING ON HEALTH DISPARITIES

The Kendall Center recently collaborated with Arkansas Baptist College, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and the UAMS College of Public Health, to hold a special student town hall meeting on racial and ethnic health disparities. The April 11 town hall meeting provided an opportunity for students to learn about the experiences and insights of **Thomas LaVeist, Ph.D.**, professor of health policy management and director of the Center for Health Disparities

Solutions at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, who has studied the major healthcare gaps in America, their trends and the problems they create. LaVeist has authored numerous articles in scientific public health and medical journals, including his latest work, *Minority Populations and Health: An Introduction to Health Disparities in the United States*, which was released in 2005. Students participating in the town hall discussion were encouraged to engage in honest dialogue about career opportunities in the fields of public health, health disparities and research and the requirements needed to pursue careers in these areas.



BISHOP WELCOMES AFRICA UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL

Bishop Felton E. May, dean of the Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center, welcomed faculty, staff and students to spend the evening of May 16 with **Dr. James Salley**, associate vice chancellor of institutional advancement at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe. Dr. Salley shared information about Africa University and possible cultural exchange programs for those interested in travels to Zimbabwe and South Africa.



Bishop May Receives Gubernatorial Appointment

Bishop Felton E. May has been appointed to the Arkansas Minority Health Commission by Gov. Mike Beebe. As a member of the 15-member panel, Bishop May will help the Minority Health Commission achieve its goal of assuring all minority Arkansans equal access to health care as it provides education, treats and prevents diseases and conditions that are prevalent among minority populations. His term will expire in 2009.

THE HARRY R. KENDALL SCIENCE AND HEALTH MISSION CENTER WILL IMPACT ON HEALTH DISPARITIES BY:

- securing resources to increase the number of Philander Smith college students aiming for health and health related careers by scholarship support;
- securing faculty members to train and support these students pursuing health and health-related careers; and
- advocating and supporting good health practices, especially among economically disadvantaged populations in Arkansas.

It's a wrap.

The 2006-07 season of Bless The Mic: A Hip-Hop President's Lecture Series came to a close April 11 with a hot-button topic delivered by one of the country's leading opponents of affirmative action, **Ward Connerly**. The author's visit—he penned *Creating Equal: My Fight Against Race Preferences*—provided a chance for the community to better understand those who, like the controversial Connerly, feel the country has no further need for affirmative action or “race based preferences.”

Now going into its third year, Bless The Mic is an important vehicle through which the community comes together for thought-provoking and stimulating lectures that make us more aware of the broader issues facing us all. Last year, the series averaged more than 400 persons that came to the Philander Smith campus to enjoy the variety of speakers, thoughts and perspectives—proving the ever-increasing interest and vitality of this popular lecture series.

The spring lineup of speakers also included **Jonathan Kozol**, Ph.D., noted education and social justice advocate. Presented Jan. 16 by the Darragh Foundation, Kozol, the author of numerous acclaimed books, enthralled a capacity crowd with his cautionary tales and wisdom gleaned from his experience as a public school educator and from research into some of most challenging, impoverished areas of the country. Kozol's visit was particularly timely given the upcoming 50th anniversary of the desegregation of Little Rock Central High School.

On Feb. 7, one of the world's preeminent psychologists and a pioneer in the development of an African-centered approach in modern psychology, **Dr. Na'im Akbar** ‘blessed the mic’. Akbar is known nationally as a distinguished and impressive orator and his Little Rock lecture held true to that reputation.

And in honor of Women's History Month, a true music pioneer graced the podium at the M.L. Harris Auditorium on March 27. Lana Moorer—better known by her hip-hop moniker **MC Lyte**—held her audience's rapt attention as she talked about the state of the art form and acknowledged women's place in the evolution of rap and the culture of hip-hop.

The third installment of Bless The Mic begins this fall. Make plans now to attend one of the most intelligent, passionate displays of discourse to be offered on a college campus anywhere.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

The Coca-Cola Lecture

Ambassador Andrew Young, Civil Rights Icon

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11

The Darragh Foundation Lecture

Juan Williams, award-winning journalist and author

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Free, former Co-host, BET's *106 & Park*

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

Rev. Al Sharpton, Civil Rights Activist

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Judge Glenda Hatchett, best-selling author and star of TV's *Judge Hatchett*

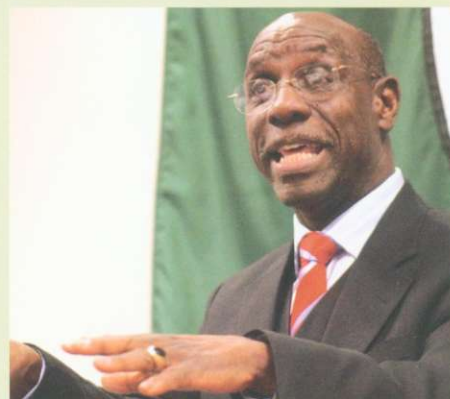
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

Tracy Sharpley-Whiting, author of *Pimps Up, Ho's Down: Hip-Hop's Hold on Young Black Women*

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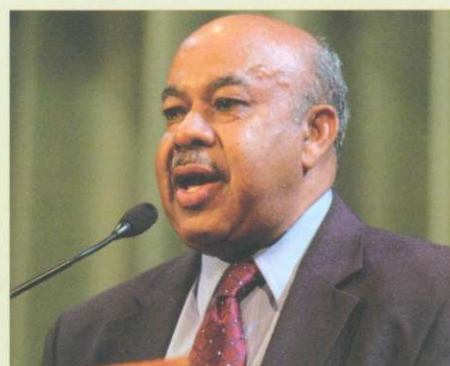
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BlessTheMic
A Hip-Hop President's Lecture Series
PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE



PRESIDENTS FORGE ALLIANCE

The presidents of Philander Smith College and Arkansas Baptist College, **Walter M. Kimbrough, Ph.D.**, and **Fitz Hill, Ph.D.**, recently pledged that their institutions will work more closely together to create opportunities for partnership, collaboration and fellowship between the two historically Black campuses.

To start, in January President Hill served as the guest speaker at Philander's biannual institute for faculty and staff. Through his message he urged Philander's faculty and staff to become an "irresistible college" by, in part, focusing on "P.U.R.P.O.S.E." which Dr. Hill explained stood for Passion, Unity, Responsibility, Perseverance, Opportunity, Service and an Enlarged Territory. The following month Dr. Hill returned to campus to participate on the program for the February *Bless The Mic* lecture featuring prominent Black psychologist Na'im Akbar.

SINGING FOR THE GOVERNOR

The Philander Smith Collegiate Choir, along with Director of Choral Activities **Lawrence Hamilton**, took part in a historic occasion on Jan. 9 as Arkansas' 45th elected governor, Mike Beebe, gave his official inaugural address on the steps of the Arkansas State Capitol. In addition to Philander's renowned choir, the Searcy High School Concert Choir and Four Church Fellowship Choir also performed at the ceremony.



HOLDING VIGIL 2007

The 2007 Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday was marked by the annual vigil ceremony held on Monday, Jan. 15, in the M.L. Harris Auditorium. Coordinated each year by **Dr. Cary Wynn II** of Pine Bluff, the vigil honors the life and legacy of Dr. King and this year featured the Philander Smith Collegiate Choir and special guests **Gov. Mike Beebe** and **Secretary of State Charlie Daniels**.



BETHUNE-COOKMAN CHOIR ROCKS

Philander Smith College hosted the Bethune-Cookman University Inspirational Gospel Choir on March 8 at the M. L. Harris Auditorium. Under the direction of Vertellis Kendrick, the choir performed a wide range of foot-stomping music including rock and jazzy gospel, contemporary and blues gospel, Negro spirituals and a cappella selections. Following the performance Lawrence Hamilton, director of choral activities, and the staff of the Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center hosted the choir in a post-performance reception.

VISITED BY A LEGEND

The Arkansas Literary Festival teamed with Philander Smith College to host the legendary Nikki Giovanni on April 20. The lecture and book signing signaled the kick-off of the three-day literary event sponsored by the Arkansas Literacy Councils.

A capacity crowd gathered in the M.L. Harris Auditorium to hear Giovanni, the author of some 30 books for adults and children, talk passionately about her writing career. Her lecture was followed by a book-signing for which eager fans stood in line for over an hour for a chance to get their books autographed and have their photograph taken with the celebrated poet, essayist and lecturer.

In a sad and ironic twist, Giovanni, who is a Distinguished Professor of English at Virginia Tech, visited Philander Smith College only days after a student opened fire on the Blacksburg, Va., campus killing 32 people and himself. In 2005 Giovanni taught the student, Seung-Hui Cho, but later had him removed from her introduction to creating writing class because of his distracting and troubling presence. Prior to her captivating lecture in the auditorium, a group of Philander students, faculty and staff members gathered in the Joycelyn Elders Lecture Hall in the Kendall Center to hear Giovanni speak, unexpectedly and candidly, about her experience with Cho and how the "Hokie nation" would prevail in the aftermath of the horrible tragedy.





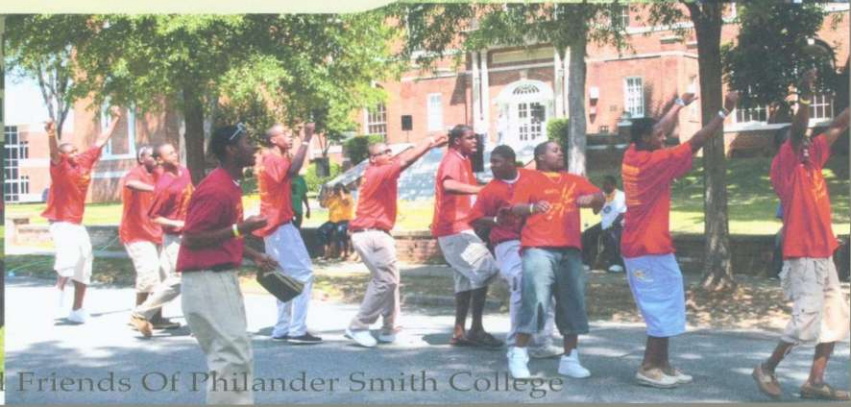
Open House Yields Rave Reviews

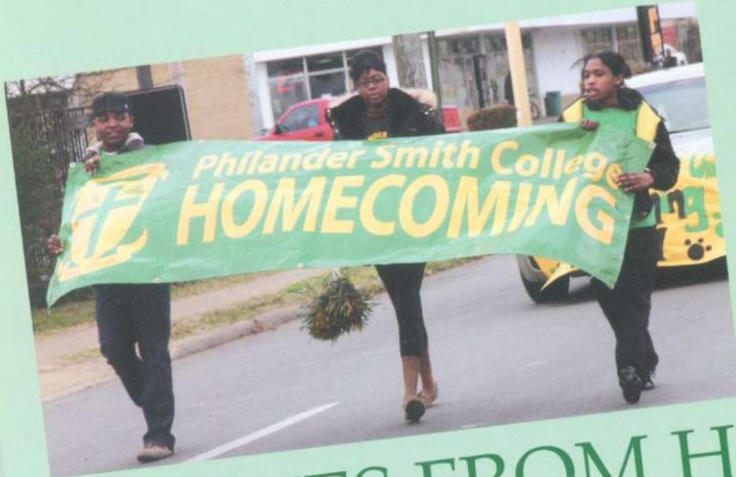
The Office of Admissions and Recruitment, in conjunction with the Panther Programming Union, held its first annual Open House on Saturday, April 21, an event that was attended by more than 300 prospective students and parents from all over the country.

The program began with brief presentations from staff members including George R. Gray, director of admissions and recruitment, and Director of Alumni Affairs Yvonne C. Alexander. After a rousing speech from PSC President Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough, participants were given a tour of the campus led by the Presidential Ambassadors. While on the tours the prospective students and their parents learned about the College's history and renaissance—many were heard raving about the College's modern facilities including the library, classrooms and dormitory—and got to see firsthand Philander students fully engaged in campus events.

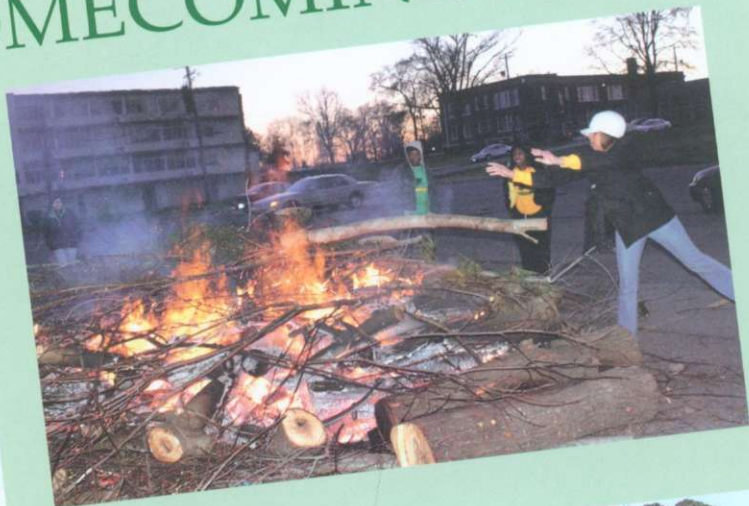
That afternoon the students and their families, along with PSC faculty and staff, gathered on the campus courtyard to enjoy a block party/cook out complete with grilled hot dogs and hamburgers and, of course, lots of music and dancing. Prospective students not only had the opportunity to engage and socialize with various faculty from all academic departments, they were also able to apply on the spot for admissions and receive information from the Financial Aid and Business Departments.

"I think the event went very well," said Director of Admissions George Gray. "We were able to get students, current and prospective, involved in a lot of activities and to see faculty and staff interacting with potential students was really great."





SCENES FROM HOMECOMING 2007



STUDENT NOTEBOOK:

Congratulations to new SGA leaders **Kevin Cooper** and **Willie Henry**, who will preside over the 2007-2008 academic year.

Succeeding graduating senior **Kirsten Proctor** as Miss Philander Smith College will be **Lataia Burroughs**. Lataia's reign will officially begin after her coronation ball in September.

Congratulations to **David Walton** who won first place at the statewide oratorical contest for **Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.** David went on to compete at the regional convention in Houston.

The United States Achievement Academy recognized graduating senior **Wanda I. McAdoo** as an All-American Scholar Collegiate Award winner. She was nominated for the honor by Registrar **Bertha Owens**.



VIRGINIA TECH PRAYER VIGIL

In the wake of the April 16 shooting massacre at Virginia Tech, the Office of Religious Life conducted a prayer vigil April 18 in the prayer garden on campus. Students and others gathered to observe a moment of silence for the Virginia Tech and Blacksburg, Va., community. **Bishop Felton E. May**, Kendall Center Dean, and **Dr. J. Mosley Anderson**, vice president for student affairs, offered reflections and prayers were followed by **Rev. A. Neal Scoggins** of St. Mark Baptist Church and PSC Chaplain **Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow**. Additionally, Senior **Moya Edwards** sang a selection. During the vigil a bell tolled for each of the 32 victims, and there was an opportunity for individuals to offer words of testimony.

alumni profile: Bishop Steven Arnold

By Moya Edwards

HBCU alumni form a rich history and perpetuate a legacy of education obtained with a sense of pride. As an important link in students' chain of learning, alumni help instill purpose and pride by teaching the students of today about the students of yesterday and, with their gifts, support the College into the future.

One such Philander alumnus is Bishop Steven Arnold '94, who shepherds St. Mark Baptist Church in Little Rock, the largest African American church in the state of Arkansas. A native of North Little Rock, Bishop Arnold attended Northeast (now North Little Rock High School) and Louisiana Tech where he ran track before attending Philander Smith College.

As senior pastor at St. Mark, which boasts more than 6,000 members, Bishop Arnold has led the charge for his congregation's regular donations to his alma mater. In fact, the sum of St. Mark's annual contributions make the church one of Philander's largest corporate contributors. (St. Mark also regularly gives to Arkansas Baptist College.)

Additionally, Bishop Arnold is committed to helping Philander Smith College whenever and however he can—whether he comes back to deliver a chapel sermon or to lend support to activities associated with the annual UNCF campaign. When asked why he remains so involved he said, "Philander Smith College had a huge impact



on my life. It stretched me as a person and a preacher by allowing me to gain exposure to education. The professors were personable and concerned about students. I was a non-traditional student at the age of 29 and the professors demonstrated general concern for me."

Bishop Arnold said he would like to continue to collaborate with Philander; foremost on his mind is aiding with recruitment. He would like for representatives from the Admissions and Recruitment Department to visit

St. Mark and encourage students to attend Philander. "There are a lot of bright and sharp students that are not being exposed to historically Black colleges," he continued, "It would be nice to have a program in place for students to help get the word out about Philander Smith College."

Finally, the pastor made a challenge to other alumni, asking them to reach out to students as the College has reached out to them: "Don't forget the bridge that brought us over."

Former Miss PSC (2005-06) Moya Leigh Edwards will graduate next May with a bachelor's degree in English. Known for her talents as a singer—she has performed before many dignitaries and luminaries as a member of the renowned Philander Smith Collegiate Choir—she is also interested in uplifting African American females and is starting an organization with a mission to do just that. When she leaves Philander Smith College, Moya plans to pursue a master's degree in public relations from the University of Memphis.

Petrella Pollyfeyt '68: Alumna Gives Back to Alma Mater

Country-Soul singer Petrella Pollyfeyt presented the first of many checks to Philander Smith College to establish an annual music scholarship. Funded by Dreams of the Heartland Foundation, the scholarship is designed for full-time students that are majoring in music and members of the PSC Collegiate Choir.



Alumni that attended the 2003 National Alumni Convention in Los Angeles may remember Petrella for the entertainment she provided during the banquet and other activities. Pictured with "The First Lady of Country-Soul" (2nd from right) are (l-r) Dr. Shannon Fleming, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; and William McCraw, Treasurer, Dreams of the Heartland Foundation.



William Stanton '69: Philander Grad is First Black Mayor of Eudora

The city of Eudora ushered in a new era in January when longtime City Councilman William Stanton was sworn-in as the town's first African American mayor. Before entering politics Stanton, who received bachelor of arts degrees in English and psychology from Philander Smith College and a master of science degree in education from Henderson State University, spent 36 years as a guidance counselor for Eudora's public schools and ten years on the Eudora City Council. The new mayor said his immediate goals are to attract new business, develop housing, improve education and improve public relations to the town with a population of 2,819—about 84 percent of whom are Black. Stanton, a widower, has three children: Marlene Battle of Dallas, a junior high science teacher; Edwin Stanton of Eudora, who works in the garment factory; and William Stanton of McKinney, Texas, a public relations manager.

Neva Carmichael '51: Musical Heritage Lives in Scholarships

Neva Carmichael passed away in 2001 but her musical legacy is remembered each year in Hope with the annual Neva Carmichael Scholarship Committee Musical. Neva Carmichael taught music to many children in Hope and in the state of Arkansas and the annual musical variety program in her honor funds scholarships for deserving students. She was born October 27, 1907 in Curtis, Ark., and attended high school at Arkadelphia Baptist Academy in 1929 and began her teaching career in Dardanelle. After graduating from Philander in 1951 she taught school for 42 years in Hope and neighboring counties. Carmichael, who became a piano instructor in 1926 and continued to teach and play until her health began to fail in 1995, touched many young people with her gift and love for music. Today musicians all over the world are sharing and demonstrating their talents as a result of her dedication and expertise.

Scipio A. Jones Post Office Named for Civil Rights Leader

During Black History Month in February, Congressman Vic Snyder announced that his bill to designate the U.S. Post Office at 1700 Main Street in Little Rock as the Scipio A. Jones Post Office Building passed the U.S. House. Jones, who was born a slave in Dallas County, Ark., in 1863, was educated at Philander Smith College and Bethel University (now Shorter College). He was admitted to the Arkansas Bar in 1889. Jones garnered national attention in the aftermath of the Elaine Massacre with the successful defense of 12 sharecroppers who had been condemned to death and by securing the release of nearly 100 other Elaine defendants who had been sent to prison. His efforts ultimately resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court finding that mob-dominated trials were a violation of the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Jones, who died in 1943, is buried at Little Rock's Haven of Rest Cemetery.



Willie Mae Shockley and Veda Maxwell



Professor Lillian Ross and Professor Timothy Tucker,
Faculty Senate President



Keven Cooper, Student Body President and Sharon
Sanders

PSC Faculty, Staff and Students Honored at Banquet

The Renaissance Awards Banquet was sponsored by the Office of Student Affairs Friday, April 27 at the Kendall Center to recognize faculty, staff and students for their dedication to Philander Smith College.

The pinnacle of the banquet occurred with the announcement of three awards highlighting an outstanding member of the faculty, staff and student body. **Lillian Ross**, professor of Speech and English, was awarded The Lacerine Walsh Faculty Member of the Year, while The Willie Mae Shockley Staff Member of the Year was awarded to **Veda Maxwell** and The Clifford and Alma Minton Student of the Year honor went to **Sharon Sanders**. In addition to the banquet honors each of these recipients also received a cash award of \$1,000.

Additionally, the Office of Student Affairs solicited each department for nominations of outstanding employees from their areas.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE NEWLY ELECTED 2007-08 FACULTY SENATE LEADERS:

President: Timothy Tucker, Assistant Professor of Music
Vice-President: William Schlientz, Associate Professor of Humanities
Secretary: Jimmy Cheffen, Academic Affairs-Developmental Studies
Parliamentarian: Dr. Raymond Hawkins, Associate Professor of Math
Board Representative: Dr. Learmond Chapman Professor of Sociology

Philander Students Snag Impressive Summer Internships

Three Philander Smith College students endured a rigorous and competitive interview process to secure paid summer internships with Heifer International in Little Rock. As diversity interns **David Heard**, **Marcel Jagne-Shaw** and **Carrissa Rodgers** will work within the Human Resources department and be responsible for designing Heifer's internship program.

Dinah Mande has been selected to serve a paid internship at Heifer International working on enterprise development and HIV/AIDS global support. Dinah will work with the program officer and the enterprise development director in the design and management of programming, funding efforts, planning and evaluation.

Randy Jones is working in the Office of Arkansas' Lieutenant Governor as an assistant. Randy's internship will involve accompanying Lt. Gov. Bill Halter to his engagements, assisting with day-to-day travel plans, and providing research on behalf of the office as it pertains to the citizens of Arkansas.

Damien Powell has been offered a 3-month summer internship with the law firm of Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon, and Galchus, P.C. He will work closely with one of the partners, Attorney Carolyn B. Witherspoon, who enjoys a reputation as one of the country's best labor and employment lawyers.

Moya Edwards is serving an internship at the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services where she maintains the office in the absence of the director and assistant director. She's also learning about Title VI and Title VII and is being trained to handle employment investigations and grievances.

NECROLOGY

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He knows the Reason.

In Remembrance of Our Beloved...

PHILANDERIANS	Location	DOD *
Moses Jones, Jr. ('52)	St. Louis, MO	July 17, 2006
Ernest Jefferson Davidson, Jr. ('69)	Pine Bluff, AR	August 9, 2006
Maurice Grady Crockett ('52)	Tallahassee, FL	August 27, 2006
Dorothy P. Pickens Hayes ('51)	Kansas City, MO	September 18, 2006
Charles Edward Alexander ('63)	Seattle, WA	September 26, 2006
Curtis Bernard Tate	Little Rock, AR	November 14, 2006
Annette Snow O'Neal ('53)	Little Rock, AR	December 21, 2006
Roland Hicks, Jr.	Hope, AR	February 22, 2007
Glendell W. Whaley ('60)	Little Rock, AR	June 11, 2007

*Date of Death

EMPLOYEE

Barbara Ann Anderson

Sunrise: December 17, 1943

Sunset: March 2, 2007

Services Held: March 10, 2007

Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church

Little Rock, AR

Rev. Ronnie Miller Yow, Officiate

Barbara Ann Anderson, Ms. A as she was affectionately known, was employed at Philander Smith College in the Physical Plant Department for 38 years before her retirement in 2005. In her 38 years, she had become a fixture on campus day in and day out. Ms. Anderson may have worked in the Physical Plant department, but she was just as much a counselor and educator to all of the many thousands of students that passed through the halls of Philander Smith College as anyone else. She was a very talented and proficient "jack-of-all-trades" that included but not limited to landscaping, carpentry, masonry, plumbing and electrical work. These God-given skills further allowed Ms. A to help so many other people in her spare time. In her retirement, Ms. A remained very active with members of the Philander Smith College Community.

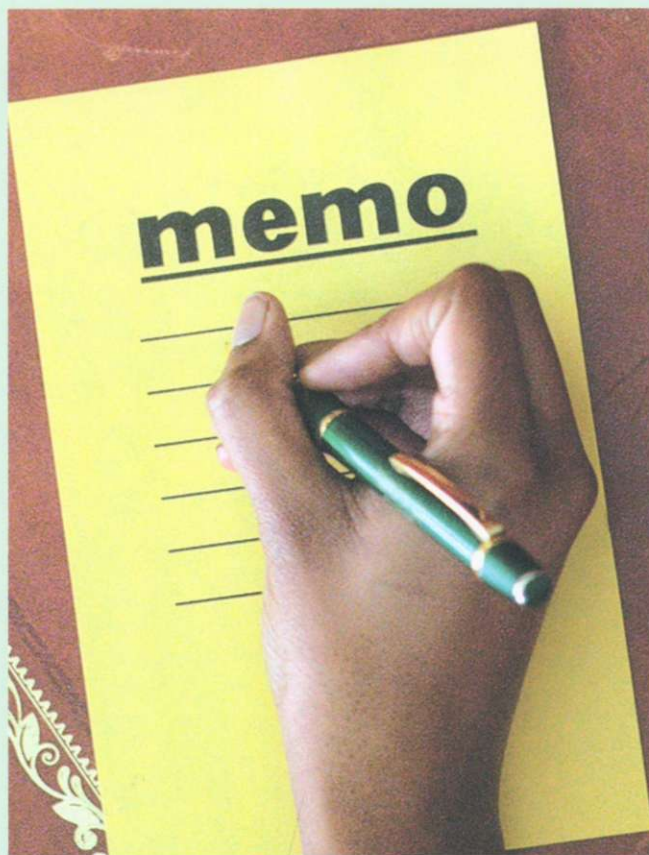


Farewell, thy Good and Faithful Servant

Alumni: Drop us a line

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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