

COMMENCEMENT 2006



Founded 1877

Philander Smith College
Little Rock, Arkansas

"Celebrating the Renaissance of Philander Smith College"

History and Mission

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

Officially founded in 1877, Philander Smith College is the result of the first attempt west of the Mississippi River to make education available to freedmen (former African-American slaves). The forerunner of the College was Walden Seminary, named in honor of Dr. J. M. Walden, one of the originators and the first Corresponding Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society.

In 1882, Dr. G. W. Gray, president of Little Rock University, the institution for the Arkansas Annual Conference, met Mrs. Adeline Smith, widow of Mr. Philander Smith of Oak Park, Illinois, while soliciting funds. The late Mr. Philander Smith had been a liberal donor to Asiatic Missions and had developed an interest in the work of the church in the South. In making her gift to Dr. Gray, Mrs. Smith designated \$10,500 for Walden Seminary. The trustees accepted the gift and gave it special recognition by changing the name of the struggling Walden Seminary to Philander Smith College. A new site for the school had already been purchased at Eleventh and Izard Streets. The gift made by Mrs. Smith was a significant contribution toward the construction of Budlong Hall, the first brick building on the new site.

Philander Smith College was chartered as a four-year college on March 3, 1883. The first baccalaureate degree was conferred in 1888. The first president, the Reverend Thomas Mason resigned in 1896. He was succeeded by a member of the faculty of the College, the Reverend James Monroe Cox, Professor of Ancient Languages. Dr. Cox retired from the presidency of the College in 1924, and was succeeded by the Reverend George Collins Taylor, a graduate of the College. Dr. Taylor served as president from 1924 to 1936. In May, 1936, Dr. Marquis LaFayette Harris succeeded Dr. Taylor as president of the College. During the administration of Dr. Harris, the campus area was greatly enlarged. In July, 1948, the site of the Little Rock Junior College, adjacent to the south end of Philander Smith's campus, was purchased. On March 30, 1949, after an extensive program of academic improvement, Philander Smith College was fully accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. Dr. Harris was succeeded by Dr. Roosevelt David Crockett, a graduate of the institution on June 1, 1961. Dr. Dixon, Philander Smith's sixth president, took office January 1, 1965. Dr. Dixon was succeeded by Dr. Walter R. Hazzard who took office as the seventh president of the College on July 1, 1969. Dr. Hazzard was succeeded by Dr. Grant S. Shockley. Dr. Grant S. Shockley took office as the eighth president of Philander Smith College on January 1, 1980. Dr. Shockley was succeeded by Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr. Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr., elected unanimously July 19, 1983 by the Board of Trustees, took office August 20, 1983. Dr. Carter resigned the presidency of Philander Smith College in August 1987. He was succeeded by Dr. Myer L. Titus, a 1954 graduate of the institution. Dr. Titus retired as President on June 30, 1998. Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed was elected by the Board of Trustees in February, 1998 as the eleventh and first female President of Philander Smith College. In the summer of 2004, Dr. Julius Scott was appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as the interim president while the College completed a national search for the next president. In October of 2004, the Board announced the selection of Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough as the 12th president of Philander Smith College. He took office on December 13, 2004.

Philander Smith College has a rich Christian heritage. It has maintained a close relationship with the church across the years. It acknowledges a definite obligation to The United Methodist Church. The College receives funding from The General Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry of The United Methodist Church. Philander Smith College strives to instill the desire to serve in its faculty and students. This desire is at the core of its educational philosophy. Across the years, it has earned the designation as a "College of Service and Distinction."

MISSION

Philander Smith College is a small, privately supported, historically black, four-year liberal arts, career-oriented college, related to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church and affiliated with the United Negro College Fund. Philander Smith College's mission is to grant 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. A key aspect of the College's mission is the pursuit of excellence through the provision of a quality college education for all, regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin or ethnic background. The College currently offers four degrees: the Bachelor of Arts Degree, the Bachelor of Science Degree, the Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, and the Bachelor of Social Work Degree.

*The
Graduation Ceremony
of
Philander Smith College*

Saturday, May 13, 2006

10 a.m.

Statehouse Convention Center

Markham and Main

Little Rock, Arkansas

Commencement Service

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE

Philander Smith College Collegium
Dr. Hyunjung Chung and Mr. Timothy Tucker

+PROCESSIONAL

"Pomp and Circumstance"

Edward Elgar

+NATIONAL ANTHEM

"Star Spangled Banner"

F. Scott Key

+NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"
Philander Smith Collegiate Choir

James W. Johnson/J. Rosamond

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of Liberty; let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
Yet with a steady beat, have not our weary feet come to the place for which our fathers sighed?
We have come over a way that with tears have been watered,
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,
Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;
Thou who hast by Thy might, led us into the light, keep us forever in the path, we pray.
Lest our feet stray from the places, Our God, where we met Thee,
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;
Shadowed beneath Thy hand, may we forever stand,
True to our God, true to our native land.

INVOCATION

The Reverend Dr. Felton Edwin May
Dean of the Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center

WELCOME

Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield, Arkansas Conference, United Methodist Church
PSC Board of Trustees

SELECTION

"The Word Was God"
Philander Smith Collegiate Choir

Rosephanye Powell

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Dr. Katherine Mitchell
Professor of Education

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

The Honorable Tracy Steele
Senator, State of Arkansas
Executive Director, Arkansas Martin Luther King Jr. Commission

SELECTION

"I Believe"
Tawanna Campbell and the Philander Smith Collegiate Choir

Tamara Gray

+ *All who are able, please stand.*

Commencement Service

REFLECTIONS

Ms. Alexis Jones-Singletary, Senior Class President

CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough, President

TRUSTEE AUTHORIZATION

Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield, Board of Trustees

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Dr. John R. Simpson, Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Jesse Hargrove, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Annie Winkler Williams, Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs

GRANTING OF DEGREES

Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough, President

The Bachelor of Science Degree
The Bachelor of Social Work Degree
The Bachelor of Business Administration Degree
The Bachelor of Arts Degree

INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Mr. Isaac Jack Starks, J.D., President, National Alumni Association

+ALMA MATER

Dear Alma Mater, tried and true,
We'll win respect and love for you,
We pledge our hearts to you each day,
To do our best, at work, at play.

Dear P.S.C., when from your fold,
We'll lift the dear old Green and Gold.
O'er Alma Mater vigil keep,
Her high ideals we'll strive to meet.

When college days are at an end,
Our hearts will ever toward you bend.
With loyalty, we'll always be,
A part of you, Dear P.S.C.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND REMARKS

Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough, President

BENEDICTION

The Reverend Dr. Felton Edwin May
Dean of the Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center

+RECESSIONAL

"Trumpet Voluntary"
Dr. Phyllis Ruocco
+ *All who are able, please stand.*

Jerimiah Clark

Candidates for Degrees

Bachelor of Science

Natural and Physical Science

Browning, Ciji Nicole

Cum Laude

Charles, Berlin Lens

Cum Laude

Honors Scholar

Frierson, Tymli A`quera **

Magna Cum Laude

Honors Scholar

Gwamba, Yawachi Vanessa **

Harrison, Travis Bryce **

Konyaole, Cedric **

Cum Laude

Scott, Tysicia Lenar

Cum Laude

Division of Education

Hayes, Lolita Lynette **

Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Hospitality Management

Eichelberger, Rita Rena **

Distinction in Field

Pitts, Valerie Renee *

Magna Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Bachelor of Social Work

Buggs, Shannon Jakia`

Burgess, Shirley

Cum Laude

Butler, Barry *

Dixon, Jamar

Dow, Michelle

Flowers, Theresa

Magna Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Distinguished Honors Scholar

Gaines, Reba Pearl

Hansberry, Frankie Sheree

Hollowell, Crystal L.

Cum Laude

Hollowell-Willis, Lawanda D.

Howard, Debra

Johnson, Riconda Gerlon

Pettus, Yvetta La`Shun

Polk, Cynthia Antionette

Cum Laude

Bachelor of Business Administration

Bell, Queen Esther **

Brimley, Latoya

Cum Laude

Brooks, Sharron A.

Brown, Sharon L.

Brown, Tamecha Rochelle *

Cum Laude

Davis-Finney, Vickie D.

Cum Laude

Fingers, Alisha Chantel

Fletcher, Challa L.

Summa Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Honors Scholar

Garvin, Jr., Richard Paul

Cum Laude

Gay, Shandrell S.

Hatchett, Devon Monique

Hunt, Kevin Lamont

Cum Laude

Johnson, Akili Jabali

Jones, Stephanie Denisha

Cum Laude

Jones-Singletary, Alexis J.

Magna Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

King-Roberts, Demetria P.

Lightner, Melanie Yvette

Lovelace, Betty L. **

Cum Laude

Miller, Cyndy L.

Mkandawire, Lonely

Moore, Jerica Jena`

Cum Laude

Murrell, Christine Alana **

Magna Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Payton, Kittie Louise *

Cum Laude

Riche, Jeanette

Scott, Rolanda D. **

Taylor-Johnson, Porsha Michele

Trice, Jeffery *

Cum Laude

Underwood, Chevron

Walker, Joshua Jay

Cum Laude

Wells, Marcus Ray

Cum Laude

Winkler, Joyce M.

Summa Cum Laude

3rd Rank in Class

Distinction in Field

Young, Clarence

Cum Laude

* Summer 2005 Graduate

**Fall 2005 Graduates

While every effort is made to ensure accuracy of graduate information, prior to the printing deadline, the listing of a name in this program should not be taken as a guarantee of graduation. This list does not necessarily mean that the person was not awarded a degree. Please note that, while every effort is made to verify class and

Candidates for Degrees

Bachelor of Arts

Akins-Redd, Kizzie Vannessa

Ashley, Kendall B.

Baker-Riley, Alicia **

Cum Laude

Becknell, Shantenesia L.

Cum Laude

Bolden, Terence L.

Magna Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Bournes, Richard James

Cum Laude

Brandon, Harriett Eugenia

Broussard, Bianca Nicole

Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Brown, Ruby Diane

Magna Cum Laude

Bryson, Michael

Butler, Barbara Ann

Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Campbell, Tawanna F.

Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Chunn, Jesse Bernard

Criswell, Chasina L.

Distinction in Field

Darden, Regina Amber

Davis, Shaun

Dockery, Verlean *

Cum Laude

Dunkley, Jonathan Jerrod

Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Edward, Shawna Patricia

Gaston, Jr., Ricky Lawrence

Green, LaTonya Denise

Hayes, Charles

Hinton-Lee, Rosemary

Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Isom, Tamra Shaleah

Cum Laude

Honors Scholar

James, Korey Elizabeth

Junearick, Cedric Seymour **

Cum Laude

Kirby, Ronald

Lemons, Katrina Annette

Magna Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Lewis, Petra Ann

Mayo-Brown, Gwendolyn

Magna Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

McCarther-Jones, Rita

McCastle, Toni Adam Natacha

Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

McClendon, Marcus Keith

Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Medley-Brewster, LaAngela

Miller, Sylvia Y. **

Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Newman, Cristal **

Cum Laude

Nolen, Jacob D.

Summa Cum Laude

1st Rank in Class

Distinction in Field

Distinguished Honors Scholar

Onyemelukwe, Derrica Tenille

Robertson, Larry Stanley

Rogers, Verlese Dianette

Smith, Janice Renee' **

Distinction in Field

Smith, Linda L.

Snelling, Stephanie Renee'

Cum Laude

Starks, Barbara Louise

Distinction in Field

Swift-Slay, Zabrina LaShaun *

Washington, Antonic

Washington, Tanya LaVette

Watts, Markita Ashley

Magna Cum Laude

Distinction in Field

Weaver, Krystal Patrice **

Williams, Sr., Michael Allen **

Distinction in Field

Young, Janet Star

Summa Cum Laude

2nd Rank in Class

Distinction in Field

Distinguished Honors Scholar

* Summer 2005 Graduate **Fall 2005 Graduates

Faculty

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*Indicates Tenure

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Guest Speaker

THE HONORABLE TRACY STEELE

Senator, State of Arkansas

Executive Director, Arkansas Martin Luther King Jr. Commission

Little Rock, Arkansas

Tracy L. Steele is the executive director of the Arkansas Martin Luther King Jr. Commission in Little Rock, Arkansas. He oversees the operation of the King Commission, which was created to promote the teachings and legacy of Dr. King. He is a native of North Little Rock and earned a degree in political science from Rice University in Houston, Texas, and completed Governor's School at Duke University.

Steele began his government career as the special assistant for Economic and Community Development in the Arkansas governor's office for Governor Bill Clinton, and also served on the Hispanic Task Force. Beginning in 1999, Steele served two terms as an Arkansas State Representative where he was the chairman of the Public Health, Labor, and Welfare Committees, and president of the Arkansas Legislative Black Caucus. Steele was elected to the Arkansas State Senate in 2003. He is currently serving his second term in the Arkansas Senate where he is the chairman of the Public Transportation Committee and is the Senate Majority Whip.



Senator Steele is most noted for his work with youth. He is the past chairman of Youth Enterprise in Agriculture, and Ambassadors of Life, an organization that serves disadvantaged youth. He was the founder of the Midnight Basketball Program, and serves as a board member for New Futures for Youth, Inc., and is the vice chair of the Children and Youth Committee for the legislature.

Steele has received the Arkansas State Press Newspaper Publisher's Award, the Tom Joyner Courage Award, and has been named Mason Man of the Year. He was featured in Ebony magazine as one of the nation's top young leaders and was also recognized in Arkansas Business newspaper's "40 Under 40." In 1998, Steele was a recipient of the Channel 4 Community Service Award, and in February 2000, received the American Century Award from the Washington Times Foundation. In 2003, Steele was named "Legislator of the Year" by the National Directors of Chronic Diseases. He is the past honorary chair of the first Mid-South Summit/Black Expo by UAMS and a member of the Baptist Health Board of Trustees. In 2005, Senator Steele sponsored legislation to erect a monument honoring The Little Rock Nine, the African American students who integrated Central High School in 1957. It was unveiled on the grounds of the Arkansas State Capitol in August of last year.

Senator Steele is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He and his wife Cassandra have a daughter and a son, and are members of St. Mark Baptist Church in Little Rock.

Commencement and Regalia

COMMENCEMENT

The term "Commencement" derives from a practice in the Medieval University where it was customary for a candidate for an academic degree to present a public lecture or disputation to the faculty and other scholars gathered to hear it. If the disputation was successfully defended and accepted, the candidate was "Admitted" to the degree "with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities thereunto appertaining." This first public lecture or disputation was originally called an "Inception." It signified the beginning or "Commencement" of the scholar's academic career in the degree to which he had been admitted. The ceremony surrounding this inception or "graduation" has subsequently come to be called Commencement. Today, Philander Smith College celebrates its 129th Commencement.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

The distinctive dress associated with academic processions and convocations dates from the Middle Ages, when long-sleeved, hooded gowns were necessary for warmth in the unheated stone colleges. Most of the scholars were clerics in holy orders, and they wore cloaks to which were attached hoods that could be pulled up to cover their tonsured heads. Over the centuries, much diversity occurred in academic costumes. To bring some order to this diversity, in 1894 in the United States, the Intercollegiate Commission met in New York and agreed on a code of academic dress which has become the standard for most colleges and universities. According to this code, both the styling and color of the regalia have significance. The design of the gown indicates the degree. The bachelor's gown is simple, with a full sleeve. The master's gown is much like the bachelor's, except for the long sleeves, which hang loose. The doctor's gown is fuller and more elaborate. It has velvet edging and three velvet stripes on the full sleeves. Usually, the color of the gown is black. Hoods, which are worn over the gowns, are similar for all degrees, although differing slightly in length. The candidates for the bachelor's degree usually do not wear the hood. The hood has a velvet edging which indicates the area of the degree, and the inside or lining of the hood is satin in the colors of the college or university granting the degree. A partial list of the degree colors to be found on the edge of the hood or the trimming on the doctor's gown is given below. The usual cap, proper for all degrees, is the black mortarboard, although some colleges use the beret. Tassels, usually black, are worn over the left front quarter of the cap for a degree holder and on the right for a candidate for a degree. Holders of the doctorate may wear tassels of gold thread. Holders may also wear tassels in the colors of the college or university granting the degree.

Agriculture.....	Maize
Arts, Letters, Humanities.....	White
Business Administration.....	Drab
Dentistry.....	Lilac
Economics.....	Copper
Education.....	Light Blue
Engineering.....	Orange
Fine Arts, Architecture.....	Brown
Forestry.....	Russet
Journalism.....	Crimson
Law.....	Purple
Library Science.....	Lemon

Music	Pink
Medicine.....	Green
Oratory Speech.....	Silver Gray
Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
Physical Education.....	Sage Green
Public Administration.....	Peacock Blue
Public Health.....	Salmon
Science.....	Golden Yellow
Social Science.....	Cream
Social Services.....	Citron
Theology/Divinity.....	Scarlet
Veterinary Science.....	Gray