



Fourth Annual
President's Scholarship

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MOVING Brilliant Minds
FORWARD To Bright Futures



September 29, 2018



Philander Smith College is a small, privately supported, historically Black, four-year liberal arts institution related to The United Methodist Church. The College offers four degrees: the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science, the Bachelor of Business Administration, and the Bachelor of Social Work.

The College's mission is to graduate academically accomplished students, grounded as advocates for social justice, determined to change the world for the better.

Philander Smith College, the only United Negro College Fund member institution in Arkansas, strives to provide a quality education for all, regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin or ethnic background.

Gala Mission



The goal of the President's Scholarship Gala is to bring awareness and support for under-represented students. With your financial support, Philander Smith College can administer scholarships to deserving college students. A top level sponsorship package will create internships, mentoring, enrichment programs, enhanced curriculum as well as other much needed resources for our students. When you support Philander Forward, you help deserving young minds by giving them access to a successful college education and the promise of a fulfilling career.





Message from the President



Dear Friends of Philander Smith College:

I would like to thank each of you for making the **Fourth Annual President's Scholarship Gala** a night to remember! Your presence and participation are tangible expressions of your support for the **Philander Forward Movement**. Not only are we grateful; we are also tremendously honored by your belief in our mission to "*graduate academically accomplished students, grounded as advocates for social justice, who are determined to change the world for the better.*"

We work dutifully to fulfill this mission, and there is evidence that our mandate and message are resonating. A recent report issued by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education indicated that Philander Smith College (PSC) is the **fastest growing four-year institution in the State of Arkansas**. Additionally, the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) has recognized PSC as the **fastest growing Historically Black College or University (HBCU)** of its 38-Member Institutions. These recognitions are coupled with the fact that, for three straight years now, we have experienced double-digit growth in enrollment. As you can discern, we are truly **moving forward!**

Appropriately so, the theme of tonight's Gala is "**Moving Brilliant Minds Forward to Bright Futures.**" Being bountifully blessed with increased enrollment, it is more critical than ever that we have the resources to help our scholars stay on the path toward their ambitious dreams. With partners such as those who are our sponsors this evening, as well as those who have invested with either ticket purchases or outright donations, we are better positioned to help our students address the financial roadblocks which can hamper their progress. For this, we simply cannot thank you enough.

Hopefully, you will have a chance to meet several of the '*brilliant*' young minds who are in attendance this evening. Having the occasion to see or perhaps speak with these scholars should further solidify the gravity and wise choice of your investment. As the intensity of their futures depends upon the light that is cast upon their journey, we are incredibly thankful for your support which will help serve to brightly illuminate their way.

Sincerely yours,

Roderick L. Smothers, Sr., Ph.D.
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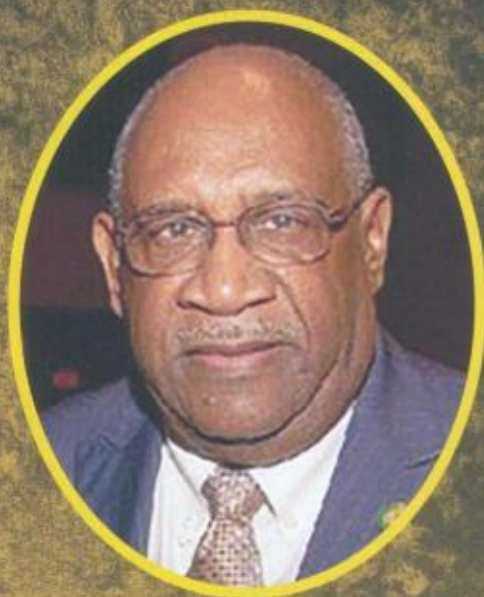
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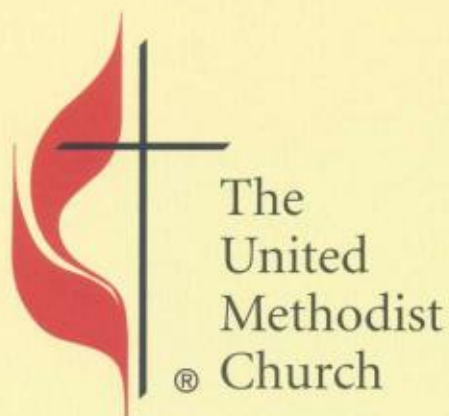
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Philander Smith College is strongly rooted in the Methodist faith and receives support from the Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church and the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. This is a historical partnership that strives to develop students into first-class, service-oriented citizens in a church related environment with a commitment to social justice.

Dinner Menu

Salad

**Mixed Green Salad with Candied Pecans, Shredded Cheddar, Apples,
Cranberries with Orange Poppy Seed Dressing**

Entrée

**Herb Grilled Chicken with Chive Infused Mashed Potatoes,
Grilled Asparagus and a Lemon Jus**

Vegetarian Option:

Mushroom Cake over Chive Infused Mashed Potatoes with Grilled Asparagus

Dessert

Carmel Cheesecake with Chantilly Cream and a Pecan Wheel

or

Chocolate Cheesecake with Mixed Berries

Program

WELCOME

Miss Jessica Shepherd, '19 and Mr. Benjamin Mason, '19
Miss and Mister Philander Smith College, 2018-2019

LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING
Philander Smith Collegiate Choir

MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

Dr. Sherece West-Scantlebury
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Miss Miyah Bell, '20
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THE BLESSING
Mr. Theo Washington
Preachers of Philander

Dinner

Music provided by student trio **PI3CEENT**
(Nathan Harvey, '19, Robert Allison, Jr., '20, San'Drius Gillespie, '21 and Tyranni Scott, '20)

HIGHLIGHTING OUR CULTURAL HERITAGE

Dr. Carla Carter

Performance by **Outloud Artistry**

"The Philander Story" Video Presentation

"I, Too, Have a Story" Student Presentation
Isaiah Mays, '20, Klaudette Spencer, '20, Kelan Patterson, '20

MUSICAL TRIBUTE

Philander Smith Collegiate Choir Directed by Mr. Karliss Chapple, '01

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Roderick L. Smothers, Sr., 14th President and CEO, Philander Smith College

REMARKS AND SPECIAL APPEAL

Ms. Valerie Melton
Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Philander Smith College

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Rodney Block

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Professor Cynthia Burroughs, chair of the biology department at Philander Smith College, guides future doctoral student, Sharon Sanders.

Philander graduates are confident leaders. They are comfortable stepping into the spotlight to take on the world after graduation. Elijah Pitts scored two touchdowns in the first professional football championship game. Dr. Jocelyn Elders was the first African American appointed as Surgeon General of the United States. Dr. Ozell Sutton, one of the first blacks to serve in the Marines, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal by President Obama.

So where does this confidence come from? Behind every successful Philander graduate is a professor whose expertise extends beyond his or her academic discipline. Philander faculty take pride in their ability to nurture, mentor and instill confidence, both in the classroom and the world. Together we are moving Philander forward, one amazing student at a time.

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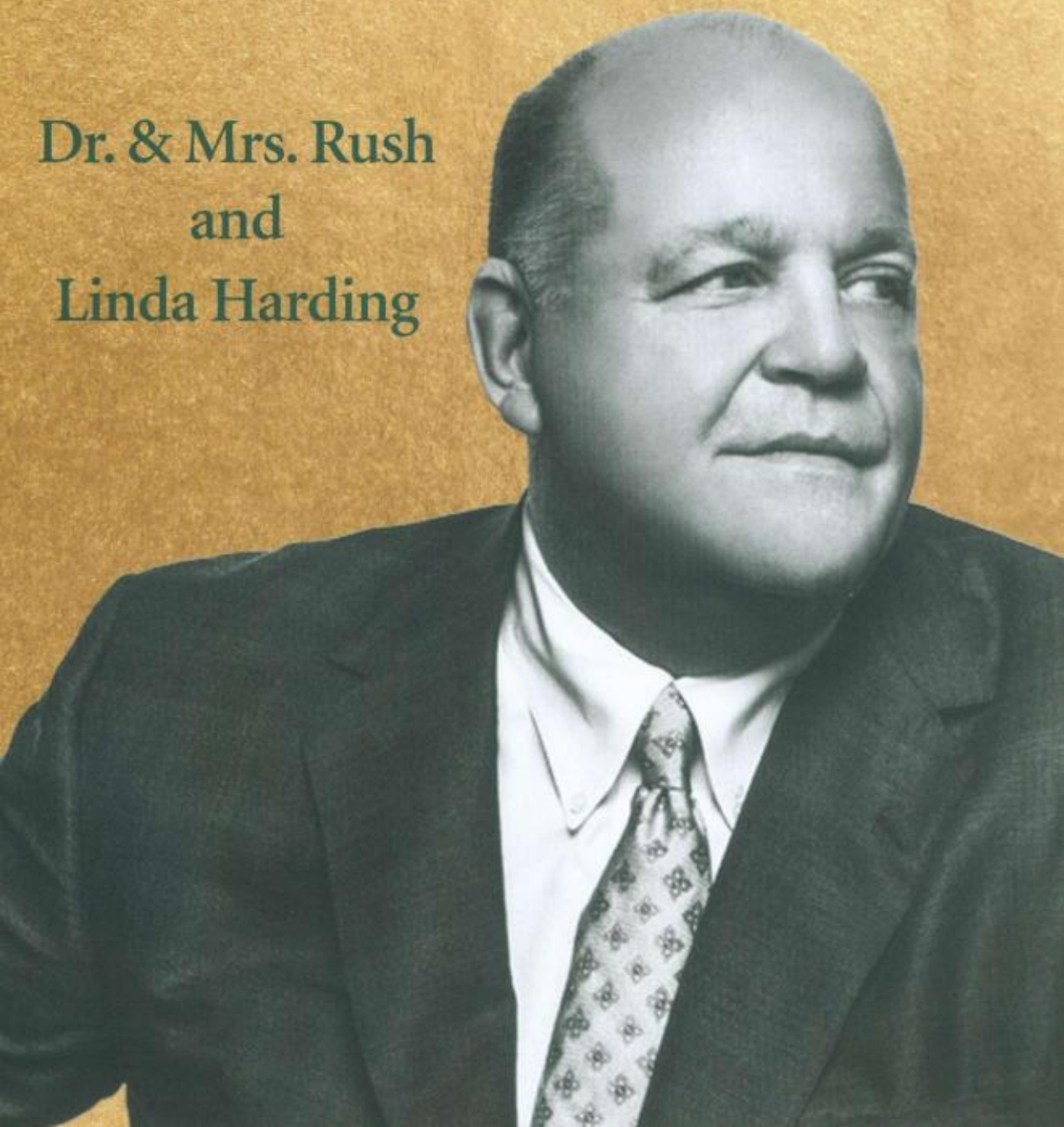


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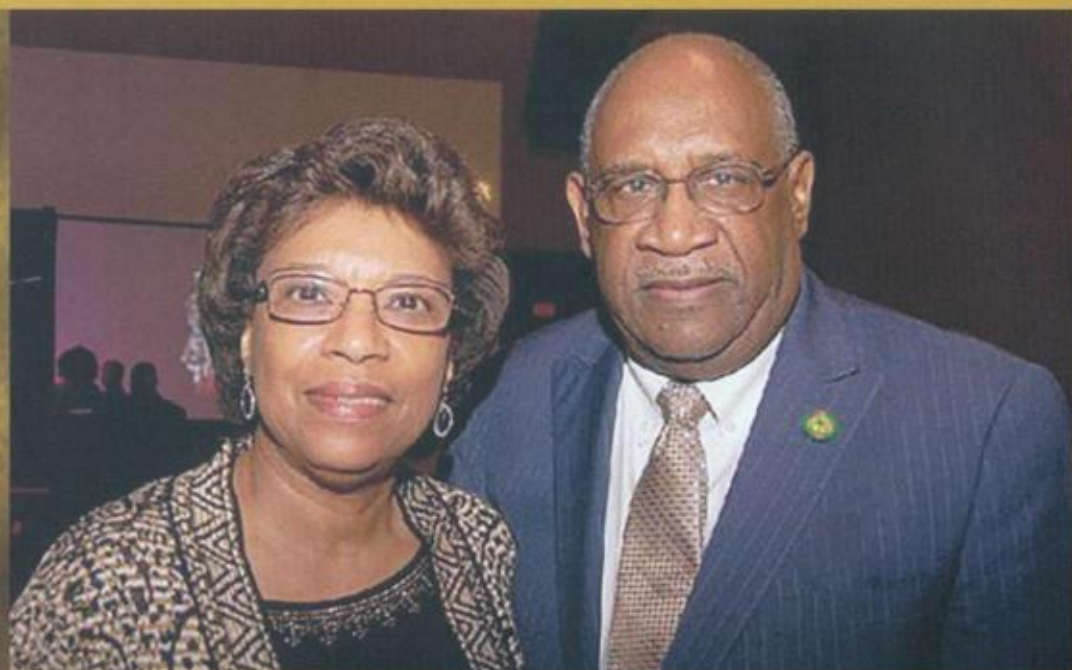
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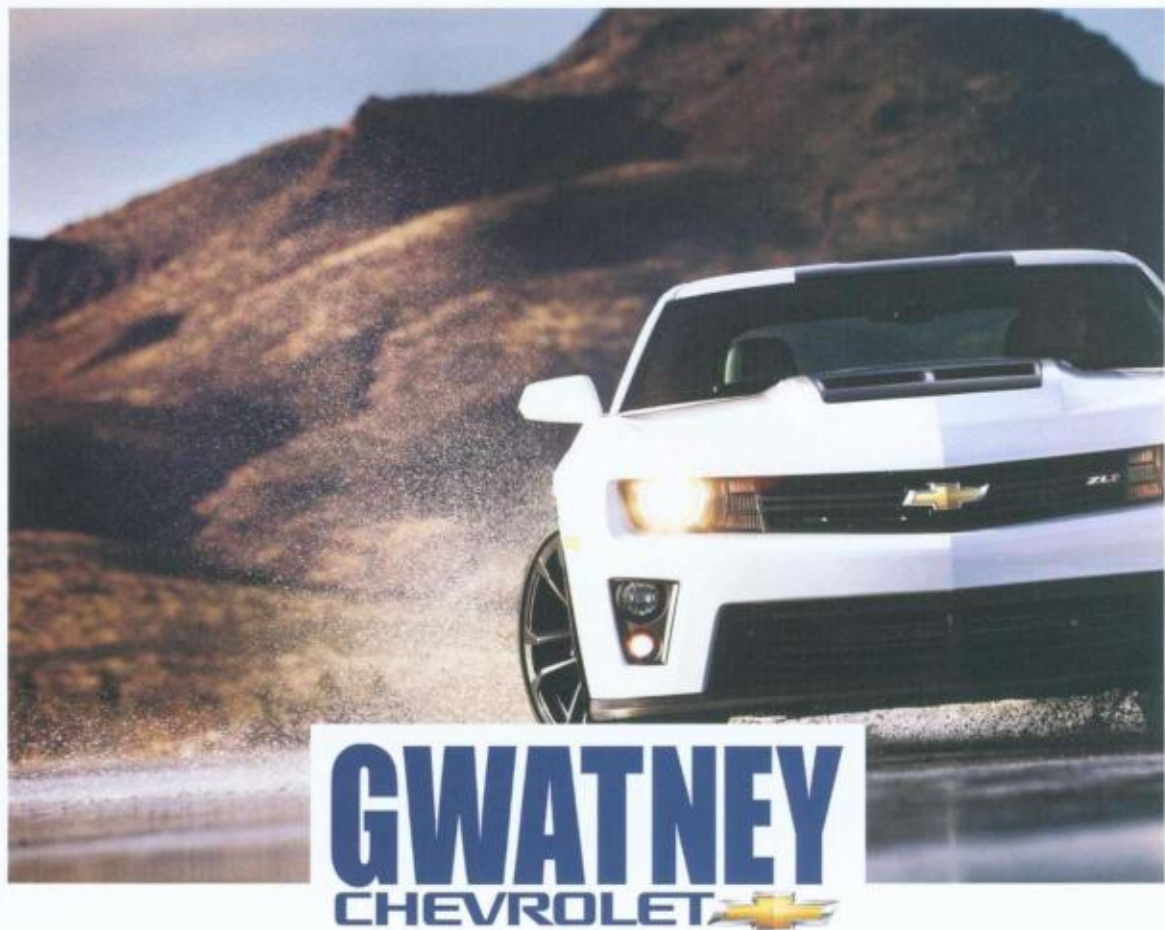
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Mrs. Carolyn Blue**

Congratulations!

**We are extremely proud to lend our
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fund the future success of dedicated scholars.**

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You are the brilliant minds who came before us and the bright futures to which we aspire. Your stalwart support of the institution we share is integral to the FORWARD Movement to which we strive. We are forever grateful for your continued support and partnership.

“With loyalty we will always be,
a part of you, Dear PSC.”



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**Congratulations
Philander Smith College
on the success of the
Fourth Annual President's
Scholarship Gala.**


“I am thrilled to support the legacy
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of tomorrow's leaders.”

Thomas Tucker, '88



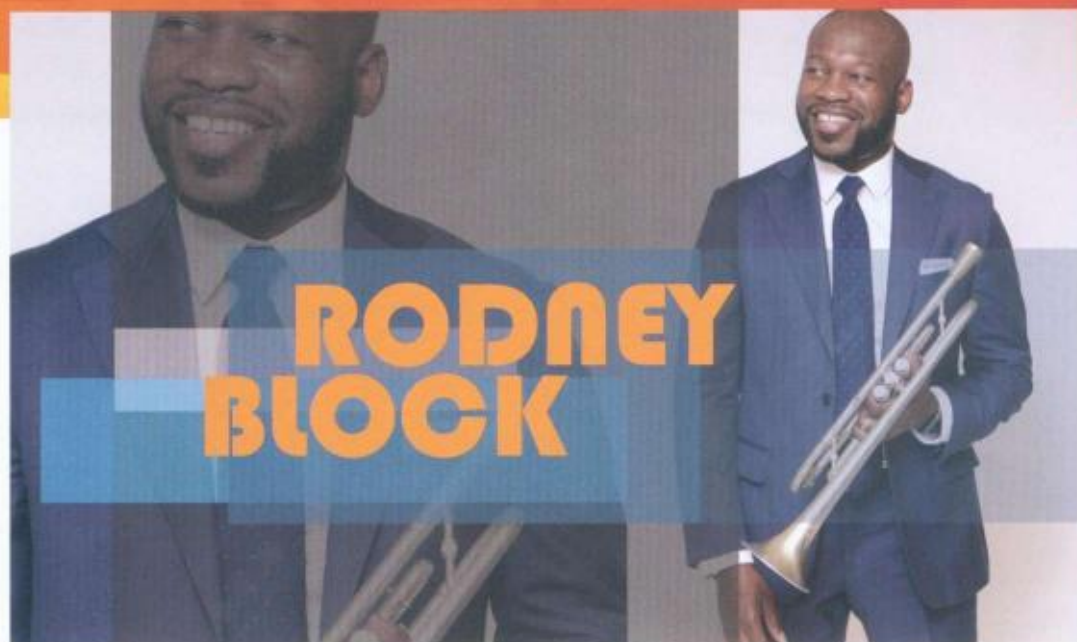
TEXT 2 GIVE

And help a student graduate from Philander Smith College.

A hand is holding a smartphone with a blue screen. The screen displays the text "TEXT PSCGala18 to 41444" in green and yellow. The background is a light, textured surface.

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Entertainment



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Philander Smith Collegiate Choir



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Special Scholarship Presentations

Awarded During Tonight's Event

PRESIDENT'S GALA SCHOLARSHIP

Presented in honor of the Annual President's Scholarship Gala event, The President's Gala Scholarship is awarded to deserving senior level students, enrolled full-time, who possess effective leadership qualities and demonstrate financial need. These students must also exhibit a passion for personal growth and development embodying the goals of the Philander Forward Movement.

OZELL SUTTON LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP

The Ozell Sutton Leadership and Service Scholarship is awarded to a Philander Smith College student who exemplifies the true spirit of the life, service and legacy of 1950 PSC Alumnus Ozell Sutton (1925-2015). The Sutton Scholar displays a passion and desire for the pursuit of social justice, fairness and equality, along with outstanding academic credentials. Initially, the Sutton Scholarship Award will provide a minimum \$3,500 yearly scholarship, and with matching funds, allow for a \$7,000 scholarship (per year) per student.

YOUNG WOMEN IN EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is awarded to a Philander Woman who stands out as a leader, exemplifying scholarship, service, and womanhood and who, by example, encourages other female students to do the same. The recipient of the Young Women in Excellence scholarship must display a strong passion for leadership and personal development, while demonstrating the potential to become a leader in her chosen field while exhibiting a desire to also enhance the lives of women in her community.

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