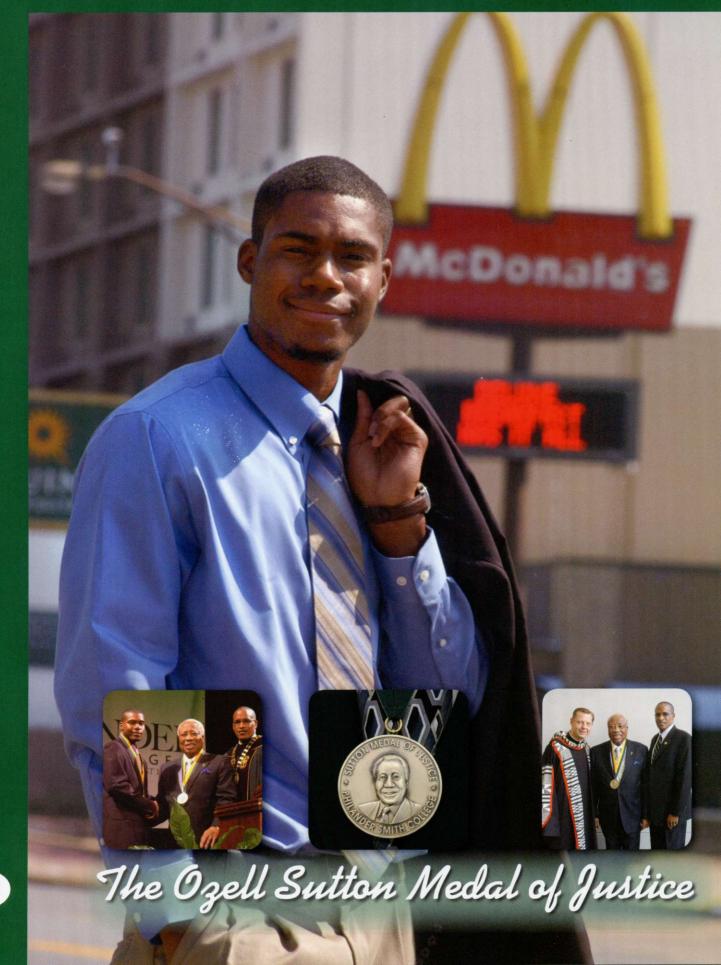
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Students of Social Justice



President Kimbrough is pictured with members of the Justice Project Advisory Board.

The are in our third year of our social justice initiative. It has been an enriching experience for us all, and this fall we have had numerous opportunities to take our understanding to an entirely new level.

Father Michael Pfleger electrified the students at our Opening Convocation. A number of students indicated that he was the "best" speaker we have had on campus, which says a lot considering the plethora of great speakers we have had in recent years. But his genuine passion for justice spoke to our students in a meaningful way.

Convocation was also our chance to recognize alumnus Ozell Sutton, himself a Civil Rights pioneer, by naming our social justice medal in his honor. The first recipient was Nigel Haskett, the young man in

Little Rock who, while working at a McDonald's restaurant, was shot as he intervened in a domestic dispute. Our community really embraced Nigel and his family as he was presented with the medal, finally receiving local media attention for his heroism that was absent over the previous year. I was so proud that we were able to recognize a true hero in our community.

Robert Michael Franklin, the president of Morehouse College, presented a meaningful lecture on campus in October as well. Our new students read his text *Crisis in the Village* as a way to understand the pillars of the African American community (church, family, colleges/schools). The evening he spoke well over 500 people came out, once again reinforcing my belief that people in this city want to make change and are eager for new ideas. This fall we also launched our Justice Project Advisory Board, a group of nationally recognized leaders who are helping guide us as we embed this idea into the culture of the college. In their short time on campus the advisory board generated a number of great ideas, and we are now working to implement those initiatives.

And we are still learning about social justice — what it is, and how do we teach it (and live it). One of our advisory board members, Vernon Wall, was part of a video conference a group of us experienced recently. He shared that social justice is a vision of an equitable society where all members are physically and psychologically safe and secure. He was clear to distinguish between equal and equitable. As a vivid example, he stated that equal is when everyone has shoes. Equitable is when everyone has shoes that fit.

So we are making significant progress, while continuing to learn more about social justice so that we can effectively improve our communities. The next major step is to hire someone to direct this initiative and to build a staff that will help infuse these values into the campus culture.

I am reminded daily that we are in dire need of advocates for social justice, not just here, but around the world. Our job is to help supply them.

THINK JUSTICE

Walter M. Kimbrough, Ph.D.

President

Greetings Alumni,

What an exciting time to be an alumnus of Philander Smith College!

In 2010, the National Alumni Convention, Graduation and Reunion Weekend will all be on the same weekend. For the first time, the NAA is partnering with the College for our National Convention and Alumni Reunion Weekend, which will take place April 29-May 1, 2010. They are sure to be a memorable three days, and you do not want to miss them.

Alumni, I would like to express my sincerest gratitude to all of you for your support during 2009. We are proud of our many successes. In spite of the economic challenges that we faced, alumni were very generous with their contributions. Attendance at the 2009 Convention in Memphis was excellent, and we were able, on short notice, to raise more than \$25,000 for Philander. (A special thank you goes to the Memphis/Crittenden Chapter for all that they did to make the Conference a huge success.) Additionally, we have been energized by the establishment of a new chapter in the Cleveland, Ohio, area and by the group of alumni who are now working to reactivate the chapter in the Atlanta, Georgia, area.

During this year, I would like to encourage alumni who are currently making contributions to the College to recruit just one other alumni (classmate, roommate, family member, fraternity/sorority associate, etc.) to make a donation. If each one of us continues to make a contribution and secures one other person to do so, we could double the number of contributors easily.

As you talk with alumni, remind them that a gift of any size is meaningful and will be greatly appreciated. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of students who might not otherwise have had the opportunity to attend college. We will also be able to assist Philander in offering quality programs and improved services to students.

Let's make it happen!

Best wishes to each of you for a blessed 2010, and I look forward to seeing you in Little Rock on April 29. Do not forget to bring a donation with you!

Erma P. Williams

Erma P. Williams '63 NAA President



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President's Luncheon raises money for scholarships

The annual President's Luncheon is Philander Smith's largest fundraiser, providing funding for scholarships and helping to meet the College's annual UNCF goal.

The 2009 President's Luncheon was held Sept. 23 on campus in the Kendall Center and raised \$70,000. Rush F. Harding III, chief executive officer of Crews & Associates, Inc. in Little Rock, was the honorary chairman.

The Honorable Bill Halter, Lieutenant Governor of Arkansas, was on hand to welcome the strong contingent of business, corporate and community leaders attending the event. PSC President Walter Kimbrough's remarks were the luncheon's highlight. In his address he outlined all the positive changes taking place at the College and reasons why the community should step up to invest in the institution.

Musical entertainment was provided by the talented Philander Smith Chorale under the direction of Professor Karliss Chapple.



Honorary Luncheon Chair Rush Harding

Thanks to these corporate partners for supporting the 2009 President's Luncheon:

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Hardings' gift to bolster scholarship program

he Renaissance 100 scholarship program has been given a multi-year boost thanks to a \$100,000 gift from the Rush and Linda Harding Charitable Lead Trust.

The five-year pledge by Rush and Linda Harding of Little Rock will help the college to recruit academically ambitious students who will systematically increase the quality of the student body.

The Hardings are philanthropists who invest heavily in education. Rush Harding is chief executive officer of the investment banking firm Crews and Associates.

"We are grateful to the Hardings for their commitment to education and especially for their demonstrated interest in Philander Smith College," said Dr. Shannon Fleming, vice president for advancement. "This generous gift, over the next five years, will allow the College to offer scholarship support to some academically ambitious students who are in need of financial assistance."

Started in 2007, the Renaissance 100 scholarship program offers financial assistance to students identified has potentially high-achieving. Donors are usually paired with a student and are encouraged to get to know each other far beyond the typical donor/recipient relationship.

\$750,000 APPROPRIATION FOR TECHNOLOGY AND SECURITY

In November, good news came to Philander Smith College from Capitol Hill when the U.S. Senate voted to approve the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, 2010 containing \$750,000 earmarked to Philander Smith for use in upgrading the school's technological and security infrastructure.

"This is huge for Philander Smith College. We have really worked to diversify support for the College and successfully competing for a Senate appropriation shows our growth," said President Kimbrough.

"This would not have been possible without great support and advice from U.S. Senators Pryor and Lincoln, Congressman Vic Snyder and their respective staffs. They all played a major role in advocating for the College throughout this process," Kimbrough remarked.

With the funds, the College will enhance security for its dormitory, student union center and the campus as a whole. Additionally, technological equipment and support systems will be updated in order to meet students' needs and to operate as a more efficient organization.

Investing in a more energy-efficient future nets rebate



Dwayne Stuart, Entergy Arkansas customer service manager in the Little Rock area, presented the rebate check to College administrators. Also pictured are Terry Wallace, vice president for fiscal affairs; Miss PSC Francennett Herrera; Miss UNCF Brittany Blanton; President Kimbrough; Amy Shank of CleaResults, the contractor managing the project, and Rodney Parks, director of development.

Philander Smith College recently earned a \$20,000 rebate from Entergy Arkansas for its participation in the company's Quick Start Program, which provides incentives for commercial and industrial customers to upgrade their facilities with more energyefficient equipment.

At the College all light fixtures have been replaced, all incandescent light bulbs were replaced with compact fluorescent bulbs, and the HVAC system added digital controls and tied all buildings on campus into one central control center — measures that should reduce the school's electrical load by 93.6 kilowatts.

ANNUAL GIFT

ach year, representatives of the Arkansas Council of Deliberation, Arkansas Ancient Accepted Scottish Rites Southern Jurisdiction, present a scholarship donation to Philander Smith College.

Making the check presentation to Dr. Walter M.

Kimbrough in Dec. 2009 were William H. Gilkey of Texarkana, Ark., Deputy of the Orient; PSC board of trustees member Arthur Montgomery, '68 of Batesville, Ark., Sovereign Grand Inspector General; and Ronald James, Overseer of the Works.



Save The Month!

tom Joyner Outlandition!



Philander Smith College is pleased to have been selected as the Tom Joyner Foundation's *School of the Month* for June 2010.

The Foundation has raised more than \$55 million over the past ten years to help thousands of students at some 80 colleges. During our *School of the Month* campaign, we will be shining the light on our school, alumni and current students. More importantly, we will be raising money to provide deserving students with much needed scholarships.

So, please, make plans now to join the Tom Joyner Foundation in supporting Philander Smith College during the month of June.

Log on to www.philander.edu for more information.



Tom Joyner will bring the commencement address when the Class of 2010 graduates at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 1 at the Statehouse Convention Center in Little Rock. The popular syndicated morning radio personality will no doubt encourage those in attendance to turn up the heat on their support of Philander Smith College during the month of June when the school is in the spotlight as his *School of the Month*.

alumni profile: HARRY ROBERSON JR. '50

"You will make good."

When those words were written more than 60 years ago, high school teacher Henretta Fanning was addressing a scrawny college-bound athlete from Malvern, Arkansas. The hope and promise that guided the young man to Philander Smith College would prove to become a recognizable signature as he made his way into the world.

arry Roberson Jr. has enjoyed a wonderful life and stellar career, but his beginning wasn't easy.

After losing his father in 1941, Roberson's family, including his mother and four siblings, dealt with their own version of the Great Depression. Carrying the weight of being the eldest child, Roberson's focus was unwavering as his family somehow managed to survive during extremely difficult times.

Despite the hardships, Roberson flourished in academics and athletics. For those reasons, not only did the opportunity to attend college present itself, but the red carpetor in this case. the Philander Smith 'green and gold' carpetwas first rolled out by a PSC



An avid PSC supporter, alumnus Harry Roberson recently met on campus with a group of students.

his Malvern High School teacher Ms. Fanning, who was so impressed with Roberson that she contacted Philander Smith College President M.L. Harris regarding a scholarship for her prized pupil.

Not long after, Roberson was headed for Little Rock, Ark., following in the footsteps of two relatives who had attended the private, historically Black college.

Once at Philander Smith, Roberson would report to President Harris' office

to fulfill his agreement to work there in order to pay for his tuition; athletically gifted enough to make the football team, he used his physical prowess to pay for his room and board. For four years, he was at the beck and call of President Harris. Understanding that the investment in him by others would require peak performance, there was no way Roberson was going to disappoint. This safety net of education was a far cry from his childhood when losing his father threatened the security of his family.

Through perseverance,

graduate,

Harry Roberson Jr.
graduated in 1950 with
a business degree and
immediately set out to find
work. Not long afterwards, he
was hired as a salesman with
the Dunbar Life Insurance
Company in Cleveland, Ohio.

He wouldn't be able to settle his job, however, as the draft called him into service and a 21-month tour of Japan and Korea. Thousands of miles away from home, the tenacious Arkansan found his way back to the Buckeye state and attended Ohio State University in Columbus for a brief period before returning to Cleveland.

Roberson's career portfolio includes a range positions that he held in, arguably, his favorite city. He served with the Ohio Turnpike Commission, the U.S. Postal Service, the Cleveland Urban League, frozen pie distributor Soul Foods Inc., Singer Sewing Machine Company, Crayton Food Processing Company, and Cuyahoga County Community College.

Along the way he also returned to school and earned a master's degree in Urban Housing and Finance from the University of Pittsburgh in 1967 where, just three months after graduation, he was summoned by a Dean to counsel a group of Black students on how he



successfully completed his thesis on time since many had been unable to do so.

Five years later, the nation's capitol called to recruit Roberson to work as a senior manager in the Program Planning Office in Washington, D.C.

After Congress fail to pass legislation of a training program for welfare recipients, he was transferred to the U.S. Department of Labor where he worked tirelessly—notwithstanding a two-year stint in which he returned to his home state to work on the Arkansas Manpower Council from 1975 to 1977— until his retirement in 1999.

Though it all, Roberson has never lost sight of the foundation that prepared him, which is why in 1998 he established a \$26,000 endowed scholarship fund at Philander Smith College and has given thousands to his alma mater every year

since. Named a Philander Distinguished Alumnus in 1989, Roberson's lifetime giving also earned him induction into the College's newly established pinnacle giving club, the M.L. Harris Society.

While this trailblazer built his career, he also immersed himself in local politics as well as serving as a trustee on a couple church boards. A proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Incorporated, clearly Roberson has upheld its cardinal principles of manhood, scholarship, uplift and perseverance at the highest level.

Someone once said, "You can tell a Philanderian by the way he walks." If so, the saunter of Harry Roberson Jr. should speak loud and clear.

-Reginald L. Hameth

Lecture Series Kick

Sept. 21

The fifth anniversary of *Bless The Mic*: A Hip-Hop President's Lecture Series got off and running with a full house that came out to hear Republican National Committee chairman **Michael Steele** give the first lecture of the 2009-2010 season.

In a speech that contained quotes from Dr. Martin Luther King and Rev. Jesse Jackson, Presidents Obama and John F. Kennedy, Russell Simmons and Jay-Z, Steele's comments focused sharply on the challenges of race ("All racism is the kind that's in your face. This generation will face subtle, quiet racism, but it's there"), with the former Maryland lieutenant governor recalling the improbability of becoming the first Black to occupy that office, saying it was a "historic space" at an important time.

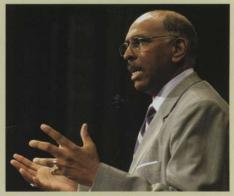
The D.C.-native also took the audience back to his coming of age in the 1960s and spoke of his early monastic beginnings. Addressing the students in the crowd ("You are the legacy of the slave and the immigrant"), Steele admonished that they are the "post civil rights America" while questioning whether times have truly changed for American Americans.

"As much progress African Americans have made, we still have not become full partners in America," said Steele, who later remarked that the "Black community must begin to carry its own load."

Oct. 20

Dr. Robert Michael Franklin, president of Morehouse College in Atlanta, was next in line to 'Bless The Mic,' delivering a message of empowerment and uplift to an audience of more than 500. Franklin charged the young people with a mission to be socially and ethically accountable while in school, saying that college is more of a launching pad before entering the real world. "Cherish your power, do not misspend moral currency," he said.

Franklin has written three books, including *Crisis in the Village:* Restoring Hope in African American Communities, which PSC President Walter Kimbrough calls "one of the most important books for American Americans over the past five years." During his talk, Franklin, who is also an ordained minister, discussed *Crisis in the Village* which outlines the problems affecting African Americans and how the three anchors of the Black community — the church, the family, and the school/college — can each work to improve the village.



Michael Steele

"Who are you bending down to help realize Dr. King's dream for your generation?"

RNC Chair Michael Steele





Dr. Robert Michael Franklin

off its Fifth Season

Nov. 10

Anti-racism activist **Tim Wise** stepped to the mic for a dose of real talk about white privilege. The author of the book *Between Barack and a Hard Place: Racism and White Denial in the Age of Obama* broke down how "guilt and responsibility are not the same thing." Guilt, according to Wise, is what you did and responsibility is who you are. In a fiery preacher's tone and cadence, Wise said too many people do not take responsibility for dealing with issues of race and privilege in this country ("The arc of privilege is how do we respond to the recognition of an unjust advantage"). He also remarked how in this "Age of Obama and Oprah", individual accomplishment does not say anything about the systemic truth of "300 years of formal white supremacy."



Tim Wise

CHOPPED AND SCREWED



Gabrielle Union



Columbus Short

BRING IT ON: Television and film actress Gabrielle Union's Oct. 3 visit was a bonafide hit and marked the season's first Bless The Mic: Chopped and Screwed lecture. The screen siren gave a down-to-earth talk about growing up in Nebraska in all-white communities, feeling "invisible" as a student at UCLA, and the all-consuming pressures of being "bigger, badder, better" in order to compete.

Union discussed how she broke into show business after a stint as a model and

gave a gut-wrenching account of her brutal rape as a 19-year-old college student ("I had to decide am I victim or survivor"). Afterwards, starstuck fans withstood a lengthy line for autographs and pictures with Union.

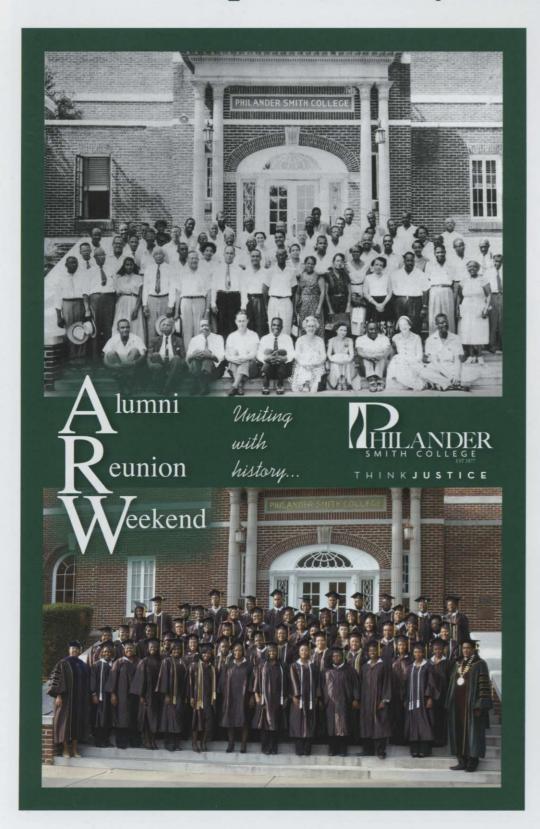
COLUMBUS ON THE YARD: After the flu bug disrupted two earlier attempts to get him to Little Rock, actor Columbus Short, the break-out star of the movie "Stomp The Yard," finally made his way



to Philander Smith College on Nov. 18. The charismatic former choreographer talked about "When your dream meets your destiny," essentially his life story up to now, sharing his struggles with his faith, trying to find himself after his father's untimely death, and attempting to understand his talents and how best to use them.

But perhaps the most memorable moment came at the evening's end when Short goaded President Kimbrough into stepping. The audience broke out into cheers and squeals of delight when Short busted a few moves followed by the Hip Hop President, who brought down the house by proving that he can still stomp the yard.

Alumni Reunion Weekend April 29 — May 2 2010



Join us April 29th- May 2nd as we celebrate the 2nd Annual Alumni
Reunion Weekend in conjunction with the 54th National Alumni Association Convention. This celebratory Weekend will be especially memorable for our honored guests, the classes of '60, '65, '70, '75, '80, '85, '90, '95, '00, and '05.

The Alumni Celebration Banquet, Jazz-Champagne Luncheon, Alumni Picnic, Baccalaureate Service, Commencement, and other exciting events will make the Weekend even more distinctive.

During the Alumni
Celebration Banquet we
will recognize our classes
and acknowledge class gifts
which are an integral part of
preserving the heritage of Dear
PSC. In addition, the newest
members of the M.L. Harris
Society will be inducted and
our Golden Alumni will
be saluted. Of course, the
weekend won't be complete
without Sunday morning's
soul-stirring worship service at
Wesley Chapel.

Philander Smith College is missing a chapter in its history that only *you* can write. (Class agents will contact you soon with additional information regarding class meetings)

Alumni ReunionWeekend

2010 Schedule

Thursday, April 29th:

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Alumni Chapel *

Friday, April 30th:

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Jazz-Champagne Reception *

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Baccalaureate Service *

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Hospitality Gathering *

Saturday, May 1st:

10:00 am - 11:00 am

Class Meetings */Campus Tours *

11:00 pm - 12:30 pm

Alumni Picnic *

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Commencement *

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Alumni Celebration Banquet *

Sunday, May 2nd:

10:45 am - 12:30 pm

Worship Service at Wesley Chapel

* Indicates combined events

2010 Registration

To register for the Alumni Reunion Weekend

Step 1- Log onto to www.philander.edu Step 2- Click the **Philander Smith College Alumni Reunion Weekend 2010** link. Step 3- Follow the directions to complete registration.

Early Bird Registration – Now through February 28, 2010 \$85 General Registration – March 1 – April 15, 2010 \$100 ON SITE Registration after April 15, 2010 (cash or money order) \$115

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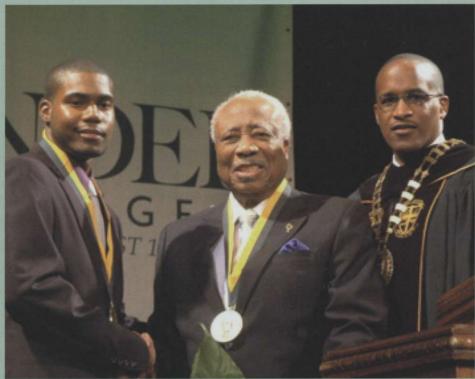
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Please make checks payable to "PSC Alumni Reunion Weekend 2010".

For additional information, please contact:

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A Call to Courage.



Sutton Medal of Justice honoree Nigel Haskett shakes hands with the award's namesake as President Kimbrough looks on.



Father Michael Pfleger of Chicago was the guest Opening Convocation speaker.

he fall semester opens each academic year with the Opening Convocation in the M.L. Harris Auditorium, setting the tone for unity and a vision for the term ahead.

This year's convocation,
August 27, was an altogether
special occasion for the
Philander Smith College
community with the awarding
of the first ever *Medal*of Justice and a call-tocourage address by Rev. Dr.
Michael Pfleger, activist
and pastor of Saint Sabina
Catholic Church in Chicago.

ontinuing with efforts to build upon the social justice platform, the Ozell Sutton Medal of Justice was created by President Walter Kimbrough this fall as a symbolic reminder of the kinds of acts committed by ordinary citizens in order to create a more just society. The award is named for 1950 Philander Smith graduate Ozell Sutton who, in that same year, became the first Black reporter for the Arkansas Democrat and is regarded as a significant political activist at the height of the civil rights struggle, making it a fitting honor to bestow the award the name of such an iconic activist alumnus.

Keeping with the convocation's theme of courage,

.Fall Opening Convocation

the president decided to confer the first medal on 23-year-old **Nigel Haskett** of Benton, Ark.

In August 2008 Haskett
was an employee at a
Little Rock McDonald's
restaurant when he
was shot multiple times
breaking up a fight between
a customer and her thenboyfriend. The Pine Bluff
native was hospitalized for
more than a month and racked
up thousands of dollars in
medical bills from surgeries to
repair damage to his aorta,
liver and pancreas.

The award's namesake traveled from Atlanta, Ga., to present Haskett with the medal of justice. The softspoken young man was honored to meet Sutton and humbled by the recognition but insisted that his was the right decision, despite the consequences. "It was the right thing to do... even if it

would have killed me," he said.
Following the medal
presentation, Father Pfleger took
the podium and remarked that

"Courage seems to be in short supply these days." The activist priest went on to assess the state of current affairs ("The village is sick; the village is broken. We've got to fix the village so it can raise healthy children") concluding that racial bias is "alive and well" in America. "We

still have a society
that is unequal,
unjust and
unfair," he said.
Pfleger's fiery
speech was an
appropriate
one in which to
open the year,
remarked President
Kimbrough. "You can

always have somebody open the year and give a really nice, polite speech," he said. "That's



Dr. Ozell Sutton '50, of Atlanta, Ga.

not what we needed. We needed someone to challenge us and say, 'We've got to do better.'"

Following the ceremony, Sutton and Pfleger attended a reception in the Kendall Center's Dirdak Atrium.



Chosen Generation gospel choir ministers in song.



Students participating on the program read a litany on stage.

Miss PSC







istory was made Sept. 12 at the Miss PSC Coronation Ceremony in the Dirdak Atrium of the Kendall Center, when junior Francennett Herrera of Chicago was crowned Miss Philander Smith College, becoming the first Latina woman to wear the crown.

With her family and friends looking on, the political science major was escorted by her fellow Chicagoan, sophomore David Wells, and crowned by President Kimbrough and his wife Adria Nobles Kimbrough.

Francennett, who succeeded Miss PSC 2008-2009 Lauren Allen, will serve as campus queen for the 2009-2010 academic year.



Miss PSC 2009-2010 Francennett Herrerra



Coronation 2009

Welcome Scholars!



Freshman honor students visit with staff and faculty members, including Dr. James Rush (far left).



Philander Smith College's international students proudly represent their homelands.

A reception in the Kendall Center atrium Aug. 20 gave faculty and staff members a chance to welcome the 2009-2010 Presidential Scholars to Philander Smith College. The 15 honor students hail from a range of locales including Arkansas, the Bahamas, Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Rwanda, Tennessee and Texas and represent the superstar recruits of a dynamic freshman class.

The following Sunday, Aug. 23, the welcome mat was rolled out for the College's international students with a reception in their honor. There are currently 22 international scholars studying at Philander Smith: one from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, four from Rwanda and 17 from the Bahamas. **Beverly Richardson**, director of research and assessment, serves as international student advisor.



Helping Hands

On a beautiful fall Friday in October, a group of Philander Smith students took some time to help beautify the grounds surrounding nearby Arkansas Children Hospital, working up a sweat and getting their hands dirty for a worthy organization.



Future Planning

Mims Gymnasium was turned into a networking and information hub Nov. 3 as the Integrated Campus Center hosted a Career and Graduate School fair. Representatives from organizations such as UAMS, the Clinton School of Public Service, the City of Little Rock and Cardinal Health were on hand providing information about various opportunities available to students after graduation.

SOCIAL JUSTICE CHAPEL '09

Por the second straight year the College held a chapel with a focus on an issue of social justice, on Oct. 15 hosting **Kemba Smith**, the Virginia woman who came to national attention in the early 90s after she was sentenced as a first-time offender to 294 months in prison for drug trafficking. Smith had been a student at Hampton University when her



relationship with a drug dealer led to a tumultuous turn of events that saw her, at six months pregnant, turn herself in to authorities for her role in his drug ring. She would give birth to their son while incarcerated and spend 6 ½ years in prison.

Smith's talk about her experiences with her son's father ("I *allowed* myself to get involved in an abusive relationship") coincided with Domestic Awareness Violence Month, offering a timely message for female students who, between the ages of 20-24, are most at-risk to be involved in abusive relationships. Addressing the women, Smith said, "It doesn't have to be physical, it can be verbal, mental, emotional abuse. College is going to be a struggle. Use your minds to solve your problems, not your body."

Pardoned by President Clinton in 2000, since her release Smith has earned her bachelor's degree in social work, completed a year of law school, and has been honored for her advocacy and activism. She travels the country through her Kemba Smith Foundation, using her personal story to speak on domestic abuse and mandatory sentencing guidelines. "I left behind hundreds of other 'Kemba Smiths' in prison," she said, later adding, "Prison is not something I would wish on my worst enemy."

HARVEST TIME

The 2009 Thanksgiving Basket Campaign sponsored by the Office of Religious Life yielded 135 baskets of food and an assortment of staples and goodies for families needing assistance with their Thanksgiving meals. With leadership from Chaplain Rev. Ronnie Miller Yow, there was an outpour of support from the entire campus community including offices, departments, student organizations, individuals and families.

Each year this food ministry provides relief to more than 100 families, and as Rev. Yow exclaimed, "Every year is greater and greater!"

The baskets were presented for blessing at the Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Chapel.







THE BLACK MALE INITIATIVE (BMI)

program continues to tackle challenges among African American males by providing meaningful opportunities for students to connect, settings in which they can interact with positive male influences, and extracurricular activities designed to motivate and reward them for their efforts.

At a recent chapel, President Kimbrough spoke about the importance of being "well dressed, well traveled, well spoken and well balanced," tenets that the president adopted from Morehouse College president Dr. Robert Michael Franklin.

On a Saturday afternoon in March, a group of 26 BMI members volunteered at Dunbar Middle School's O.K. program to present on the "Five Wells" (with gift cards to each student that could identify one of the principles). They also spoke about Greek life, gave instructions on tie tying, and held court supervising and playing basketball with their young charges.





Well Reading: BMI member Calvin Williams volunteered to read aloud to students at Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary as part of the Little Rock School District's 2009 ViPS Reading Day.



Platinum By Design...

Platinum by Design is an initiative sponsored by the Student Affairs Department to address the unique needs of female students. In the fall, the young women take part in a pledge and ring ceremony and throughout the year attend a range of special programming and activities that are designed from a holistic approach. On occasion, the Black Male Initiative and Platinum by Design programs collaborate and share in the exchange of information.

THE BARRACKS-HONORS HALL OPENS TO HONOR STUDENTS

percent this fall, Philander Smith College was scrapped for on-campus housing. So when College officials cut the ribbon and flung open the doors



to The Barracks-Honors Hall in September, 19 honor students had new digs to call home, marking the start of an aggressive plan to beef up residential living space on campus. The Barracks, which is listed on the



National Register of Historic Places, had been built in 1948 and moved from Camp Robinson Military Base to the College in the 50s. Today the Craftsman-style structure is a 3,400-square-foot Honors dorm complete with bathrooms, a computer room, kitchenette, lounge and TV room. Men live on the second floor along with the resident assistant, while women are housed on the bottom floor.

The renovation project, which included structural repairs, cost the College about \$500,000, of which \$300,000 came from the Black College fund of the United Methodist Church.

ADDRESS CHANGE HONORS CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST

ine years to the day when Fourteenth Street in Little Rock was renamed Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive, officials announced Nov. 10 a change of address for Philander Smith College: 900 West Daisy L. Gatson Bates Drive, in honor of the late civil rights activist and mentor to the Little Rock Nine.

"The renaming of our address was a great idea by our Board of Trustees. Not only does it make the College easier to locate, but it gives us a unique opportunity to tell our story as it relates to Daisy Bates and the Little Rock Nine," remarked President Walter Kimbrough.

"I can think of no better address than one which honors the legacy of Daisy Bates and reinforces our social justice mission," added the president.





JUSTICE LUNCHEON: A group of community and business leaders met for lunch on campus this fall to hear a detailed progress report presented by President Kimbrough on the College's social justice initiative.



HOLIDAY CHEER: Prior to the holiday break, the Office of Institutional Advancement hosted a special after-work reception to pay tribute to the hard-working men and women serving in the offices of national and state governmental officials. Invited were staffers from the offices of Gov. Mike Beebe, Lt. Gov. Bill Halter, U.S. Sen. Blanche Lincoln, U.S. Sen. Mark Pryor and U.S. Rep. Vic Snyder.



ATHLETICS







For 2009-2010, the Lady Panthers volleyball team returned five players (junior Puvitanda Mbahuma, sophomore Britni Means, junior Ariel Flood, sophomore Shanita Simmons and sophomore Adjoa Darkwah) and added seven to the team, including seniors Adrienne Dredd, Miesha Williams and Chesela Wilson; along with freshmen Waashanas Jacobs, Earnestine Newell, Shadawna Perkins and Mya McLemore. The volleyball squad is coached by second-year coach Devon Thompson.

he Panther athletic programs at Philander Smith College competed this year in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in the Association of Independent Institution Conference (A.I.I.).

The women's program returned four players from last season: senior Miesha Williams, sophomore Erika Porter, sophomore Britni Means and junior Briana Austin with the help of newcomers Joy Robertson, Anntwaitqa Westbrook and Kiara Smith. The women's basketball team is led by first year Head Coach Brandon Greenwood and Assistant Dennis Jones.

The Men's Basketball program, guided by third year Head Coach James Johnson and Assistant James Acklin, returned five players: junior Kenneth Meredith, sophomore Mychael Sims, senior Bobby Green, sophomore Gerron Riddles and sophomore Gavin Jones. They were joined by five freshmen: DaMarkus Lipscomb, Anthony Robinson, Brandon Bell, Larry Stepter and Carlos Collier.

At press time, the Lady Panthers had amassed a record of (8-9) and the Panthers (9-11).

"I am very proud of my staff as well as the student-athletes in volleyball and women's and men's basketball. They have all done a tremendous job," said Athletic Director James Johnson.

Greater Little Rock alumni celebrate the holidays 2009 Christmas Fellowship



Rev. Cleo Smith '71 and Atty. Carla Johnson '05.



Psalms 150



The Love Family

he Nugent Conference Center inside the Kendall building at Philander Smith College was the scene of holiday cheer and yuletide spirit Dec. 14 as the Greater Little Rock chapter of the National Alumni Association hosted more than 200 PSC graduates, family and friends at its annual Christmas Fellowship breakfast.

Guests were entertained by the melodic voices of *Psalms 150*, directed by **Karliss Chapple '01**, and the singing group *Triumphant*, represented by alumnus **Danita Waller Paige '04**. One of the morning's many high points was the emotion-filled address given by **Attorney Carla Johnson '05**. The former Miss Philander Smith College, who is now an associate at the Memphis, Tenn., law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, had a sincere and inspirational message that spoke to young and older alums alike.

Honored as the *Generational Family* for 2009 was the Love family: **Claudia Love Watson '63**, **Howard L. Love '65**, **Willie C. Love**, **John Love Jr.**, and **Bessie Mae Love West** (deceased). Love family members in attendance were happy to present President Kimbrough with a check in order to establish the Love Family Scholarship.

Rev. Cleo Smith '71 and Rev. Maxine Allen '93 were co-chairs of the annual breakfast and Roderick Dunn '03 was publicity chairperson. Proceeds raised from the fellowship were directed toward book scholarships for current Philander students.

'Key Cities' to Success



Institutional Advancement staff members Rodney Parks and Dr. Shannon Fleming look on as Rachel Williamson of Kansas City presents a check to PSC.

he College's tour of 'Key Cities,' areas with high concentrations of Philander Smith alumni, rolled on to St. James United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Mo., on Nov. 19. In early December, College administrators traveled to Georgia and visited with Atlanta-area alumni.

These UNCF-sponsored events give alums outside of central Arkansas a chance to engage with the president and other representatives to stay abreast of the school's progress and challenges. Dallas, Texas, is the city next on the itinerary this spring.



In Atlanta, Alumni Affairs Director Yvonne C. Alexander '73 listens intently to Dr. Cecil W. Cone '57, of Liburn, Ga.

53rd National Al July 30-A



Citation Award presented to NAA President Erma Williams by Interim Memphis Mayor Myron Lowery



Greater Little Rock alumni member, Alpha brother Robert Nelson



Greater Kansas City alumni member, Dr. Adell Thompson, Overland Park, KS



Tamela Tenpenny-Lewis and Wilbert Gaines '60, sponsor of Brothers of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Friday night's reunion activities





Alum Winston Jones, President of Detroit Alumni chapter



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A scene from the planning session.



Distinguished Alumni Award Committee member, Shirley Brown '69, presenting Distinguished Alumni Award to Dr. June Pembroke '57 of Chicago



Jearlene Miller, Dr. Kathryn Worthen, and Pres. Erma Wil liams fielding questions during a general session



PSC alum Lutitia F. Papailler '68 inspiring attendees at convention luncheon program

Hosted by the Memph Hilton Memphis,

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Special Award presentations at 53rd Convention Luncheon



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Memphis/Crittenden Co. alumni chapter President Marian M. Morrison



Banquet Greetings brought by the President of Lemoyne-Owens College



Recognition of Golden Alumni celebrants: Carolyn Booker MO; Sybil Bunn, AR; Manuel Twillie, AR; Lewie Norful, TN



53rd Convention Luncheon speaker, Bishop Steven Arnold, Little Rock, AR



PSC Alumni Reunion Choir delivers a stellar performance during convention banquet directed by Dr. Carl Harris '56



NAA V.P. Ron Newsome, OH; NAA President, Erma Williams, Dr. Wilbert Gaines '60, Committee Chr. Convention TN; PSC President, Dr. Walter Kimbrough; Latasha Gentry Holmes, '96 Conv. Co-chr.



Reunion Activities



Dr. Terry Esper '96



2009 Convention Co-Chair, Latasha Gentry-Holmes '96 greeting banquet attendees.



Ron Newsome presenting Fundraising Trophy to Central America Region President, Jearlene Miller during 53rd Alumni Convention in Memphis, TN

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ALUMNI BRIEFS

1950s

Dr. M. Joycelyn Elders, '52, was featured in an installment of the Arkansas **Educational Television Network series** "Men and Women of Distinction" in Dec. 2009. The series features interviews with prominent Arkansans known for their citizenship, character and

accomplishments. Elders is a former United States Surgeon General.

1960s

Al Bell (Alvertis Isbell), '60, of North Little Rock, has been named chairman of the Memphis Music Foundation and was profiled in an Aug. 2009 feature article ("Out of Exile, Back in Soulsville") in The New York Times.

1970s

Annie McDaniel Abrams, '72, was the subject of the weekly newspaper Arkansas Times' annual Black History month issue ("You want Black history? LR's Annie Abrams has lived it," Feb. 25, 2010).



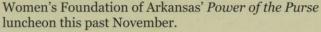
Dorothy Wofford Witherspoon, Ph.D., '74,

of Kansas City, Mo., has earned her doctorate in management and organizational leadership from the University of Phoenix and her dissertation "Burden of Leadership: Re-envisioning the Glass Ceiling Based on Constructs of Race, Gender, and Ethnicity" was recently published. A native of Widener, Ark., Witherspoon is the regional administrator of the U.S. Department of Labor Women's Bureau, Region VII.

Stephanie Flowers, '75, of Pine Bluff, Ark., has announced her candidacy for state senator, seeking the Arkansas senate District 5 seat which includes parts of Jefferson, Arkansas, Desha, Lincoln and Phillips counties. An attorney, Flowers is currently in her third term as state representative for House District 17. She is a daughter of the late attorney W. Harold Flowers.

1980s

Gena Lovett, '86, of New York was profiled in a feature article published in the Dec. 2009 issue of Arkansas Life magazine. Lovett, a partner and chief operating officer of the Alexandria Investment Management firm in New York, was also the keynote speaker at the



Rhonda L. Lovelace, '89, of North Little Rock, has been accepted into the silver anniversary class of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Greater Little Rock program. She is director of the Integrated Campus Center at Philander Smith College.



1990s

Dr. Emanuel Cleaver III, '93, senior pastor of the St. James United Methodist Church in Kansas City, Mo., has joined the Philander Smith College board of trustees. Cleaver holds a doctor of ministry from the Saint Paul School of Theology.



Maurice Rigsby, '96, has joined the 2010 campaign staff of U.S. Sen. Blanche Lincoln as deputy campaign manager and GOTV consultant. A veteran of Lincoln's 1998 and 2004 campaigns, Rigsby was most recently deputy director of the Arkansas Oil and Gas Commission. He is a 2003 graduate of the University of Arkansas School of Law and is a former member of the U.S. Army Reserves.

2000S

Dr. Joseph L. Jones '00, assistant professor of political science at Johnson C. Smith University in North Carolina, has been named to the Social Justice Advisory Board at Philander Smith College.



Sylvester L. Smith, '03, recently earned his MBA from Harding University in Searcy, Ark. Smith is president of Change Agents, Inc., a Little Rockbased business consulting firm.

Carla S. Johnson,'05, who graduated with honors in May 2009 from the William H. Bowen School of Law at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, recently passed the Tennessee bar exam. She is an associate in the Memphis law office of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell & Berkowitz, PC.



Jonathan Dunkley, '06, has joined the staff of Arkansas Governor Mike Beebe as a program analyst in the Office of Recovery, which administers and monitors funding received from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

Shanta Arnold '09, was hired by the Arkansas Lottery Commission as a retailer licensing specialist.



RESERVATION FORM

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2010 Revised Convention Schedule

THURSDAY, APRIL 29				
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Convention Registration	Hilton LR 3 rd Floor (Vendor Area)		
9:30 a.m 10:30 a.m.	Executive Board Meeting	Hilton LR Peabody Suite		
11:00 a.m 12:00 p.m.	Senior Chapel	PSC Campus, M.L. Harris Auditorium		
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own			
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Opening General Session	Hilton LR AD		
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Dialogue Circle w/Bd. of Trustees	Hilton LR AD		
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	NAA Committee Meetings	Hilton LR		
5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.	NAA Regional Caucuses	Hilton LR		
5:30 p.m 7:30 p.m.	Alumni Choir Rehearsal	PSC Campus, M.L. Harris Auditorium		
7:00 p.m10:00 p.m.	Welcome Reception (Informal)	Hilton LR Ballroom B/C		
	Hospitality Suite Open	Room 3102		
FRIDAY, APRIL 30th				
8:30 a.m 11:00 a.m.	Convention Registration	Hilton LR 3 rd Floor (Vendor Area)		
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Second General Session	Hilton LR AD		
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	TRAVEL TO PSC	Depart: Lobby Area for Transportation		
12:00 Noon-2:30 p.m. A	ARW/NAA Jazz Champagne Reception	n PSC Kendall Bldg. Nugent Center		
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2:30 p.m 4:30 p.m.	Closing General Session	Hilton LR AD		
	Installation of Officers			
	Memorial Service			
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting	Hilton LR Peabody Suite		
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Alumni Choir Rehearsal	PSC M. L. Harris Auditorium		
7:00 p.m 9:00 p.m.	Baccalaureate Service	PSC, M. L. Harris Auditorium		
9:00 p.m. – Midnight	ARW/NAA Evening Entertainment	Hilton LR BC		
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Saturday, May 1st				
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Class Meetings/Class Gift Tally	PSC Campus (TBA)		
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Campus Tours			
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Alumni Picnic/Karaoke	PSC Campus Front Lawn		
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Commencement Service	Statehouse Convention Center		
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Free Time/Choir Rehearsal (if needed)	Hilton LR Ballroom Area		
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	2 nd Annual Celebration Banquet	Hilton LR Grand Ballroom		
	Featuring: The Alumni Reunion Choir			
Honorees: M.L. Harris Society/PSC Golden/Silver Alumni				
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