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Opening Convocation 2010
Rev. Bernice King



The Coronation of Miss PSC
Felicia White



THINK JUSTICE





Dr. Kimbrough with Etta Carter at the Alumni Christmas Breakfast

“We learned that while lots of people knew about us, many were not connected and needed an invitation.”

You're Invited!

Several months ago I received an e-mail from my new friend Alejandra, actress Gabrielle Union's publicist. She wanted several copies of Gabrielle's speech here last year and I told her I would send them. She then reminded me that Gabrielle's birthday party in Miami was coming up and to look for the invitation. Of course, I was excited to go to her party this year as well, so when the invite came I responded affirmatively.

I was excited to have been invited to the party, excited to be on the guest list.

In the book, *Shift*, Peter Arnell discusses ways individuals and businesses can make a series of small changes to strengthen a brand or even reinvent one. The book is filled with great ideas and is definitely one of the most interesting books on branding I've read recently.

One idea suggests that we have to create an invitational mindset. Arnell writes, “You have to *earn* allegiance, attention, recognition, and admiration... people who do what I do for a living have to find a way to *compel* people to want to support them.”

This applies to higher education as well. While our alumni and friends verbally support us, we have to remind ourselves that many other organizations are also seeking their support. So the question is how do we earn attention and support?

The answer is to **invite** you, to place you on our guest list. Over the past few years we have worked to invite alumni, friends, corporations and foundations to become fans of Philander Smith College. We have done this through thank you events like free tickets to plays at The Rep, or monthly opportunities to attend one of the *Bless The Mic* lectures. We learned that while lots of people knew about us, many were not connected and needed an invitation.

Each March, I am in New York for the annual United Negro College Fund meeting. I also attend the annual dinner which draws about 1,000 people to raise money for the organization. Since the college purchases a table, we always invite alumni and friends in the area to join me that evening. For most of my time as president, Bill and Etta Carter were there with me. We had time to talk about what was new at the college, or just enjoy the event. I will never forget the time we laughed when one of our table mates left her seat to get a closer look at Denzel Washington!

So when Bill passed recently, I immediately reflected on those dinners. He definitely felt connected, as evidenced by a major gift he left the college. We earned his attention and admiration, and he responded to our invitation. Our goal is to continue to invite you not only to campus, but to become an engaged participant in the Philander Smith College community.

You're on the list.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walter M. Kimbrough". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Walter M. Kimbrough, Ph. D.

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Dr. Bernice King is the guest speaker for Opening Convocation 2010.

President Walter Kimbrough crowns **Felicia White Miss PCS 2010-2011.**

Message From The National Alumni Association President



Greetings Alumni and Friends,

What an awesome year 2010 was for the National Alumni Association of Philander Smith College. Specifically, alumni contributions/pledges were at an all-time high. We enjoyed a very successful convention/alumni reunion weekend. With the leadership of Earl Hardaway '86, we have been able to reactivate the Atlanta Chapter, and Dorothy Beale Martin '64, has consented to help with the Helena/West Helena Chapter. We also welcomed our new president of the Midwest Region, Rev. Emery Washington, Sr., '57, and our new recording secretary, Dr. Clemmie C. Hill, '62. None of this would have been possible without your loyal and continued support. I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to each of you for a job well done.

Seventeen members of the Executive Board participated in our meeting (via conference call) on Oct. 24, 2010. We discussed the membership of the NAAPSC. Presently, we have a total of 322 members. As you know, the majority of funds for operating the NAA are generated from membership dues. Therefore, it is very important that we keep our income in line with our expenses. By unanimous consent, board members agreed to set the following goal: Increase the membership from 322 to 400 members in 2011. Alumni can select from three types of membership: chapter, life, or at-large. If you need information concerning membership, please contact Alice Richardson, '77, Financial Secretary, at alrichardson74@att.net.

We are currently making plans for the 2011 Alumni Convention/ARW. The dates are April 28-May 1, 2011. As agreed, we will have a committee directing the convention this year. Rev. Cleo Smith, '71, is general chairperson, and Jearlene Miller, '73, is co-chairperson. Responsibilities are as follows: The Little Rock and St. Louis Chapters-Registration; Kansas City Chapter-Souvenir Booklet; Chicago Chapter-Memorial Service; Ohio Chapters-Hospitality Suite; Memphis Chapter-Alumni Choir; and the Eastern Region-Opening Night Entertainment. This process will not only relieve the Little Rock Chapter of the entire responsibility, but it will also afford a larger number of alumni an opportunity to be involved in planning and participating in the National Convention. Forms for the convention and hotel information are included in this issue of the *Philanderian*. Full registration for the convention includes the activities for Alumni Reunion Weekend. If you are planning to attend the ARW **only**, you will need to do a separate registration for these activities.

Finally, alumni, I know that we all felt a great sense of pride and joy when we saw our president, Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough, listed in a national magazine (*Ebony*, November 2010) among some of the most prominent leaders in the country. While we were all very excited and happy to share this recognition with our family, friends and acquaintances, please know that as alumni, we play a major role in helping Dr. Kimbrough reach his goals. As we enter 2011, I invite you to continue your support and recruit just one other alumnus to make a contribution to PSC. Your participation in this effort could very easily increase our number of supporters by one hundred percent. So, let's partner with Dr. Kimbrough to return our college to its "former glory!"

Yours in the Philander Spirit,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erma P. Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erma P. Williams, '63
NAA President

President's Luncheon Honors Hamilton and Spotlights Campus Gains



President Walter M. Kimbrough (left) along Chip and Cindy Murphy present a commemorative photo collage to Lawrence Hamilton (center).



Bob Birch, Chair PSC Board of Trustees



Mark Stodola, Mayor of Little Rock



Lawrence Hamilton is introduced to the audience.

Chip and Cindy Murphy, co-chairs of the 2010 President's Luncheon, helped Philander Smith College honor one of the campus' most renowned faculty members, Lawrence Hamilton. Hamilton has taught drama and voice for the past seven years, after building a career performing in Broadway productions and regional and local theatrical performances.

During the luncheon President Walter Kimbrough also gave campus highlights featuring gains the college has made under his leadership. He remarked that graduation rates averaged 16 percent in the late 1990s and rose to 24 percent in the past two years. He projects the rates to be in the 30 percent range in two years. The freshman to sophomore retention rate has gone from 51 percent in 2004 to 77 percent in 2009.

More than 200 supporters and Hamilton fans attended the event which helped to raise funds for scholarships and student programs.

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Pre-Alumni Council Leads PSC Student Groups in Giving

Move over National Alumni Association, a group of young people on the campus of Philander Smith College is determined to do its part in supporting their alma mater and the United Negro College Fund.

“We add new taste which allures a myriad of student involvement,” says Vincent Higgins, a junior mathematics and engineering major from Little Rock.

In the midst of organizing safe-sex carnivals, alternative venues for children to trick-or-treat, and homecoming activities, the Pre-Alumni Council made another commitment. Their donation of \$1,877 earned them the distinction of becoming the first student organization to become a member of the college’s **1877 Society**, an annual giving club that benefits the general scholarship fund.

JaQualane Scales, a senior chemistry and mathematics major from Little Rock, says “It’s an honor and a privilege to set a precedent of that caliber. I hope we are setting a positive path for many other organizations.”

That path requires not only their commitment

as students, but as graduates as well. Philander, like many other colleges and universities across the nation require strong support from its alumni base in order to preserve its ability to attract academically accomplished students like JaQualane.

Leadership development opportunities the Pre-Alumni Council provides lured to the group Sade

Daniels, former Student of the Year and senior from Oakland, Calif.

“The PAC taught me about loyalty to the institution that has given so much to me.” The kind of pride Sade displays spreads rapidly as PAC membership quadrupled under her leadership. The expansion of this vital part

of Philander’s renaissance is evidence that many of the recipients of this kind of support are willing to impact other students.

With the challenge of merging two generations of donors being a frequent topic over the past several years, this organization’s gesture sends a strong message that “Dear PSC” is worth supporting. It is written “And a child shall lead them.” The question remains. Will you follow?



Members of the Pre-Alumni Council gather on the steps of Kelly Hall on the Philander Campus.

by Reginald L. Hameth, Development Officer at Philander Smith College

A Cherished Musical Blessing

Generosity is felt in so many ways, yet the gift of music never dulls. A musical gift given to Philander Smith College came in the form of a baby grand piano recently. And the music department celebrated harmoniously by honoring its donor, Dr. Bettye Caldwell during this year's 2nd Annual Christmas Reception.

The Office of Institutional Advancement sponsors the reception to officially thank and recognize the efforts of our local and national political leaders. At this year's Dec. 8 reception, Dr. Caldwell's generosity was also recognized and celebrated. A member of the First United Methodist Church, Caldwell said she was delighted to give the piano to the college which is known for its musical history.

Tim Tucker, Chair of the Music Department,



Tim Tucker, Associate Professor of Music and Music Department Chair presents flowers to Dr. Bettye Caldwell with the help of Sade Daniels, vice president of the Student Government Association.



Dr. Bettye Caldwell listens to the performance.

coordinated a small Christmas carol production to "christen" the piano. The piano was displayed in the Atrium of festively decorated Kendall Hall.

Tucker said the piano is in excellent condition and "is a true blessing for our campus."



A group of current music students and Music Department alumni and faculty sing Christmas carols for the audience.

PSC Extends Gratitude to Gracious Givers

The United Supreme Council of the Southern Jurisdiction of the Prince Hall Masons presented their donation to Philander Smith College Dec. 10, at the Kendall Center. This is the fourth year the organization has supported our students in the form of this \$2,000 scholarship donation.

From left to right in the photo are: Ronald James, William Gilkey, Arthur Montgomery, Dr. Walter Kimbrough, Karen Johnson, State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, Joel Day State Grand Assembly, Peggy Smith, Esther Terry





Dr. Michael Eric Dyson



NeNe Leakes



Anya Kamenetz



Leslie Sanchez

Bless The Mic speakers this semester attracted more than 2,000 audience members to the Philander Smith College campus.

As the series continues this spring, with Dr. Steve Perry, Dr. Ian Smith, and Jacque Reid, we expect to see even more visitors come out to support our guests and leave our campus feeling like they learned something.

A few quotes from the fall speakers as Bless The Mic moved into its fifth season:

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson: “All it takes is one Mic to transform the thinking of locked minds. Hip Hop artists know this. They use the mic. It’s the tool they need to speak to their power.”

NeNe Leakes: “Don’t make the mistake I did by staying in an abusive relationship too long. Get out now. Leave now. It’s never cute to let someone treat you like you’re worthless.”

Anya Kamentz: “People don’t feel that college will pay off for them in the long run. Student debt is equal to credit card debt. There are record unemployment rates for college graduates...Americans are in a payday loan cycle of debt repayment. “

Leslie Sanchez: “I have had to stand my ground and live what I think is right in and outside of the Beltway. Being a Republican, Hispanic woman has not been easy. I’ve made a lot of my relatives mad. But I have gained a lot of respect too, but standing up for what I believe.”



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

Bless The Mic: 5th Anniversary

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Chopped and Screwed: Common Extends His Blessings

Philander Smith College welcomed noted recording artist and actor Common to its *Bless the Mic* lecture series abbreviated version called “Chopped and Screwed” on Oct. 26.

Born with the name Lonnie Rasheed Lynn, Jr., this Hip Hop artist gave his audience a message on “living your greatness and finding your path to live what God has planned for you.”

“Listen to the voice inside,” the artist told the standing-room only crowd that filled the M.L. Harris Auditorium.

“That voice knows your passion and knows you are able to bless others with this passion. I thought I was supposed to be a professional basketball player. I liked math and basketball. That’s what I thought was in store for me.”

But the Chicago native said he discovered his truth and voice through Hip Hop, which launched the beginning of the path he travels on today. That path he says is one that “I truly believe is the one I should be on.”

Lynn chose the stage name Common Sense, which has been shortened to Common, which he said describes his everyday approach to reaching audiences and Hip Hop fans using a rap style that appeals to all generations.

He attended Florida A&M University as a business major and has performed in films such as *Brown Sugar*, *Smokin’ Aces*, *American Gangster*, *Wanted*, and *Just Wright*.

After his hour-long address, he allowed students and guests to get autographs and photos.

Look for the next Chopped and Screwed guest during the *Bless the Mic* series spring line up of speakers.



Common



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

Alumni Reunion Weekend 2011 National Alumni Convention April 28 - May 1



Join us **April 28th – May 1st** as we celebrate the **2nd Annual Alumni Reunion Weekend** in conjunction with the **55th National Alumni Association Convention**. This celebratory Weekend will be especially memorable for our honored guests, the classes of '61, '66, '71, '76, '81, '86, '91, '96, '01, and '06.

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 Reunion Weekend 2011 Schedule and Registration

Thursday, April 28th: **Elijah Pitts Memorial Golf Tournament***

To register for the **Alumni Reunion Weekend**

Friday, April 29th:

Noon - 2 pm **Jazz-Champagne Reception ***
 7 pm - 9 pm **Baccalaureate Service ***
 9 pm - 11 pm **Hospitality Gathering ***

Step 1- Log onto to www.philander.edu
 Step 2- Click the **Philander Smith College Alumni Reunion Weekend 2011** link.
 Step 3- Follow the directions to complete registration.

Saturday, April 30th:

10 am - 11 am **Class Meetings */Campus Tours ***
 10:30 am - 12:30 pm **Alumni Brunch ***
 2 pm - 4 pm **Commencement ***
 6 pm - 8 pm **Alumni Celebration Banquet ***

Early Bird Registration – Now through February 28, 2011 — \$85

General Registration – March 1 – April 15, 2011 \$100
ON SITE Registration after April 15, 2011 (cash or money order) \$115

Sunday, May 1st:

10:45 am - 12:30 pm **Worship Service at Wesley Chapel**

ARW Registration Option 2:

Send your payment to:
 Philander Smith College, Office of Institutional Advancement,
 900 Daisy Bates Dr., Little Rock, AR 72202.

Please make checks payable to **“PSC Alumni Reunion Weekend 2011”**.

For additional information, please contact:
Yvonne Alexander, 501-370-5271, E-Mail: yalexander@philander.edu

** Indicates combined events*

Please see pages 27 -30 for the complete schedule and registration for the National Alumni Association Convention.

2010 Freshmen Represent Globe Tra

Despite coming from a place of 12 million people, Esther Saidi doesn't mind being the only student from Zimbabwe in this year's Philander Smith College freshman class. Adapting to life in a new country, city and campus presents challenges, but so does being a freshman.

College life means "I feel 100-percent responsibility for myself," says the demure 20-year-old who attended a boarding-style high school in Harare where a



siren alerted her to wake up early and get to class on time. "Being an international student can be hard, especially during the transition period; however, at Philander the family-oriented feel here has made it easier to adapt to so many new things."

That family-style approach to educating minds from distant lands is one of the hooks PSC's Admissions Officers, uses to recruit students from around the world. And this year's freshman class reflects his efforts.



Dr. Walter Kimbrough is flanked by members of this year's team of Presidential Scholars from left standing My'eisha Watson, Calvin Brogdan, James Crux, Kai Carey, Ashton Luke, Yancey Williford, Kenya Zahir, JaQuan Garnes, Ariel Usher-Donaldson, Tamara Robinson, Nichelle Stephens
Seated from left Vestra Sears, Monique Patterson, Danielle Son, Diamond Hawkins

Travelers Making PSC Their New Home

Of the 179 new college students on campus, three are from Alaska, 13 are from the Bahamas, two come from Rwanda and 37 are from Illinois. (Kudos to the Chicago-area alumni) This group has something to do with the high numbers representing their state. Several students are from neighboring states, Texas, Missouri and Tennessee, and a good portion moved here from rural Arkansas.

Besides their hometowns, other key points to consider among this year's freshman class is that their average ACT scores is 19; average SAT scores is 1358; and grade point averages, 2.9. They're all full-time students who also on an average moved more than 275 miles to spend at least the next four years living in Little Rock.

"These students take their education seriously and chose Philander Smith College for several reasons, be it scholarships, experiencing something new, or coming to a place that makes them feel like this is home," Paul Person, Director of Recruitment says. "They're here and we want them to finish college knowing that they made the right choice. There's no place like home."

Saidi agrees with Person. Despite being the furthest from her native home, life at Philander Smith College makes her smile. "I wake up smiling to the thought of having people who care about me every day, not only my peers, but also faculty and staff here who enrich my life and learning environment. I like it here."



Students receiving room assignments and keys on the first day to move the Residential Life Center.



Jonathan Stewart moving in dorm on the first day of Fall semester.

Coronation 2010: PSC Cav

Philander Smith College celebrated the coronation of its new campus queen, Felicia White, 21 at the historic ballroom in the Mosaic Templar's Cultural Center in Little Rock. The Coronation marked the beginning of the reign for White, a senior from San Antonio, Texas. It also launched the official start of her duties as the college's goodwill ambassador. The event was held Oct. 16 with close to 200 in attendance.



Anthony McIntosh and Nacia Smith serve as emcees for the event.



Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough gives Miss PSC her charge as the official goodwill ambassador of the college, as her royal court looks on.



Miss PSC Felicia White is escorted into the ballroom by Josh Hampton, a native of Chicago, IL.

The Queen and her Royal Court perform a signatory waltz.

Campus Queen Gets Her Crown



The ROTC salute the queen.



Miss PSC makes her final procession followed by the Junior Miss PSC, Karrington Chapple, and the Royal Ringbearer, Javon Thomas.



Junior Miss PSC, Karrington Chappel, and Javon Thomas bring in Miss PSC's royal crown and scepter.

The ROTC saluted White as she and her escort Josh Hampton, of Chicago, Ill., entered the ballroom. White's elegant, white gown adorned with an intricately beaded bust and train, flowed along the stage as she settled on her throne. President Walter Kimbrough gave White her charge as Miss PSC, and endowed her to serve as an exemplary leader and a guiding light for social justice. Adria Kimbrough, the president's wife, helped officially crown White as Miss PSC 2010.

As White accepted her charge as the new Miss PSC, she thanked her family and friends for their support throughout her years at the college. The event concluded when White and her court danced a final waltz as family and friends looked on.

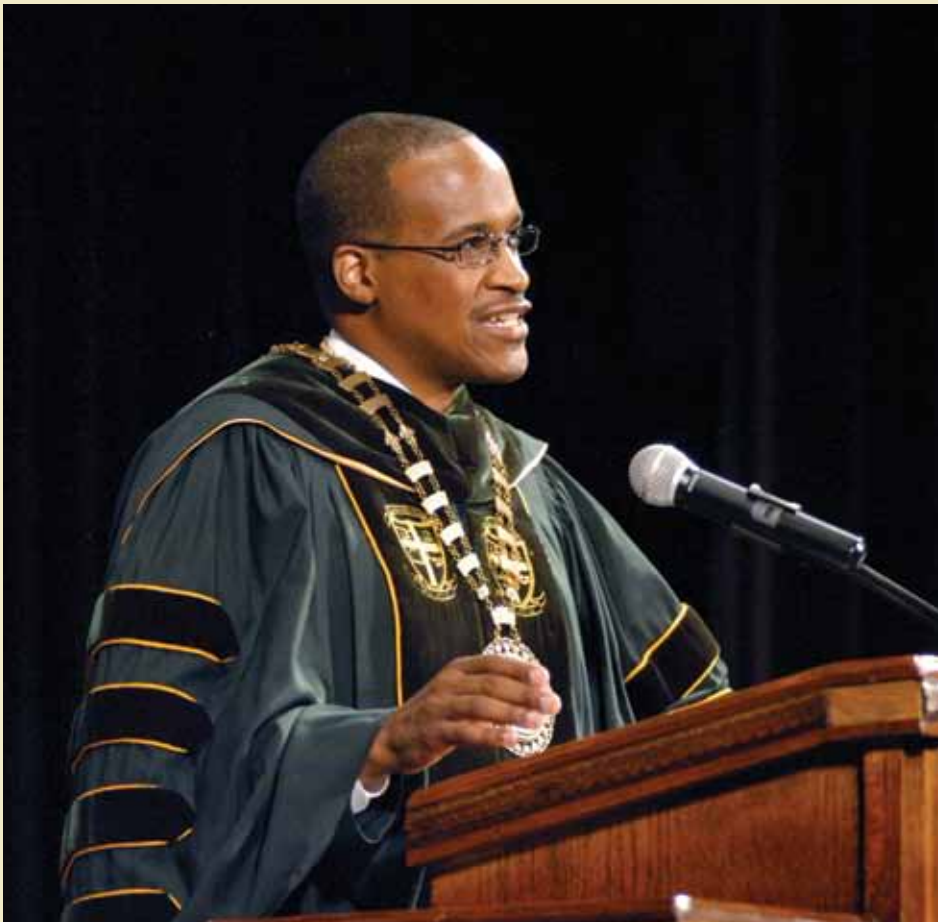
By Marian McPherson

Fall Opening Convocation: *King*

Love sets the path for social justice initiatives to be carried out with an intent that blesses this world, **Dr. Bernice King** declared during her moving address at this year's convocation. On her first visit to Arkansas, the youngest of the four children born the slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., told the crowd to start a love revolution.

"It's radical what you're doing here at Philander Smith College," she said at the Aug. 28 event. "We don't need another program as we pursue our education. True education has to do with character and as we look at this global world, we'll have to look at love and make love our focal point to starting a revolution...We have the capacity to love at the level of God."

Since adopting its social justice initiative in 2007, Philander Smith college has used the Opening Convocation to feature prominent activist speakers such as Rev. Joseph Lowery of Atlanta, Ga. (2007) and Rev. Eugene Rivers III of Boston, Mass (2008), Rev. Michael Pfleger, pastor of the St. Sabina Catholic Church in Chicago (2009) and this year's Dr. Bernice King, who is also the founder of Be A King campus ministries.



Dr. Kimbrough introduces Dr. King as the speaker.



Dr. King makes a point during her speech.

ng Calls for a Love Revolution



Before King delivered her stirring remarks at the ceremony, Dr. Walter Kimbrough honored **Dr. Marybeth Gasman**, associate professor of higher education at the University of Pennsylvania, as this year's recipient of the **Ozell Sutton Medal of Justice award**.

Kimbrough highlighted Gasman's work for exploring issues pertaining to philanthropy and historically black colleges and universities, black leadership and giving. Her work is touted to reflect the standards of excellence in the fight for social justice.

The Ozell Sutton Award was created last year to commend the work of someone who epitomizes the fight for social justice. Sutton is a 1950 PSC graduate who was the first alumnus to receive a distinguished alumnus award for his civil and political activism during the 1950s and 1960s.

The convocation concluded with Dr. Bernice King receiving an honor from the state's Martin Luther King Jr. Commission on Social Freedom.



Dr. King receives an award from the Arkansas Martin Luther King Jr. Commission.



The Chosen Generation Gospel Choir performs.

Student Letter Writing Campaign to Toughen State's Law against Drunk Driving

The 2010-2011 Student Government Association and PSC Greek Council sponsored a letter-writing campaign on Oct. 27 to garner support from Arkansas lawmakers to strengthen the state's drunk-driving laws.

After the death of Ivory Warmack, a graduating senior who was killed by a drunk driver early in the fall semester, students spearheaded efforts to change the Arkansas law, making penalties for offenders more strict and with higher bails.

The motorist involved, Jeremy Farr, of Sherwood, caused Warmack's death. He was involved in another drunk-driving incident before hitting the car Warmack rode in and was released on bond a day after the accident. Farr, 22, was driving with a blood-alcohol level that was almost double the legal amount.

"We sent 180 letters to our governor's office, and our state senators and our congressional representatives," said Gerald Thomas, SGA President. "We wanted to be action oriented with this effort because the laws are so lenient now. But we ask students to be action-oriented with any justice issue. This one just happens to hit close to home."

Dr. Juliana Mosley supervised the event and encouraged students to write letters to initiate change from a legislative perspective. "It was important that everyone support this venture," she said. "We hoped it would be an opportunity for students to enact change and to build relationships with local politicians as community activists, not just Philander Smith College students."

A Student Remembered



Philander Smith College senior Ivory Avant Warmack, 22, was killed in a fatal car accident Sept. 26 in downtown Little Rock. The Chicago native was a passenger in a car driven by another student, Cor-i McReynolds, who was injured. A drunk driver traveling the wrong way on a one-way street hit McReynolds's vehicle.



Warmack played on the basketball team and anticipated graduating in May 2011. Memorial services were held on Oct. 2 at Apollo Park in Homewood, IL. Philander Smith College dedicated its Sept. 30 Chapel service to his memory. He will be greatly missed by his college, family and friends. Please remember the Warmack and the McReynolds family in your thoughts and prayers.



Chapel Speaker Urged Students to “Speak Up”



Nicole Paultre Bell delivered a New York-style message to Philander Smith College students recently: “Don’t be afraid to stand up and speak up for what you know is right,” said the would-be widow of Sean Bell, a 23-year-old Queens , N.Y. man who police killed on the morning of his wedding in 2006.

It took New York law enforcement gunning down her fiancé in a hail of 50 bullets to launch her involvement social justice movement.

“This was something that did not have to happen,” Bell said to Philander students during a Chapel Service during which she was the guest speaker. “Philander Smith College is the first HBCU to invite me to speak. I am so thrilled to be here and share my story with these students. We need to use our energy and our voices to turn tragedies into triumphs for our communities. Otherwise, nothing gets better. Our communities don’t grow and justice goes unmet and denied to people who need to be heard.”

Student Leader Induction



Student leaders were inducted during chapel service. The Board of Trustees immediate past chair, Rev. Larry Ross, gave the message. At the end of the service, induction for SGA officers was held along with the leaders of registered student organizations. Training continued for student leaders later with a leadership conference.



Students’ Experience Life Head On

S.U.M.M.I.T. Leadership hosted a documentary screening as a part of the Invisible Children organization’s Face-To-Face tour back in September. The tour shed light on the recent conflict in northern Uganda that targeted children to serve as child soldiers and the inequality in their education system.

In addition, S.U.M.M.I.T. held a domestic violence awareness campaign called *KNOW MORE* in mid-October and snapped a picture with NeNe Leakes.

Campus Targets Hunger and Homelessness As Social Injustices During Awareness Week

Students slept outside to bring awareness to the homeless as just one of the many challenges they endured to honor national Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week at Philander Smith College. From Nov. 14 to 20 students and volunteers participated in efforts to address the needs of Central Arkansas's homeless and poverty-stricken population.

With homelessness and poverty considered social injustices, students spent a week attending and participating in events to feed, support and help address the reasons that create and sustain these conditions. Sponsored by the Office of Religious Life and Office of Student Involvement and Leadership and Volunteer

Services, the week started with a worship service and culminated at the Our House Shelter, where students volunteered for a whole day.

"This is just one way our students are living examples of social justice and what it means on this campus," said Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow, director of Religious Life. "We want them to know what it really feels like to walk in someone else's shoes."



Sleeping Outside

By Chinelo Bivens

There are some experiences that a person never wants to repeat after having been through it once. There are sensations that I never want to feel again, especially after being disabused of the notion that I can do this again. It was my second time participating in sleeping outside to promote awareness of homelessness and it definitely did not get easier. The wind was a more significant factor this time around and no matter how much I balled up on the ground it was there in my face, chilling my hands, and freezing my toes.



Picture this: Two layers of warm clothes plus a hoodie to ward off the frigid air. Skin to air contact hurts. Lay down on the concrete. The cold seeps in from the ground up. Movement is required every 10 to 15 minutes so that no one particular side gets colder than the other. As if that isn't enough to snatch my sleep, it is impossible to get comfortable. Within the first hour, my nose gets stopped up due to the cold. Now, I have to breathe through my mouth. It's time to do something drastic, so I recycle my breath by cupping my hands around my face in an

effort to keep them and my face warm.

It's a bad sign when you are happy that the rain forces you to go inside. I was happy to see the rain. That meant that this exercise was shifting to a new location. Inside the old student union sleeping became a little easier. No more biting wind or the cold concrete. My biggest challenge became getting comfortable enough to drift off into sleep that would last longer than 30 minutes. At the end of the 12 hours "Sleeping Outside" simulation, I woke up and unfolded myself to a stiff back, clenched fists and soreness in my arms and legs. These sensations probably came from desperately trying to stay warm. I will not even speak on the early morning breath that could probably knock out a pig.



Good thing I had access to a hot shower and a toothbrush. Like I said, there are some experiences that a person never wants to repeat after having been through it once. Sleeping outside remains one of them.

BMI Tied One On by Alex Brown



Photo by Alex Brown

Marcellus Baker and Christopher Bell Learn how to tie a tie using Krimson By Kwame Designer Ties.

Philander Smith College's Black Male Initiative (BMI) held its second event of the school year, 'Why Knot?', Sept. 8 in the Kendall Nugent Center. The guest speaker was Kwame Jackson, a former contestant on "The Apprentice", a reality TV show on NBC, and the owner of "Krimson by Kwame: A Line of Designer Ties." PSC was the first stop on Jackson's "Krimson Professional Dress Program" tour. His program teaches young men how to dress appropriately in a business environment, along with how to build a sense of pride, responsibility, and brotherhood. Jackson's informative and fun lecture drew an audience of 60 young men from campus, which according to the event planner, Michael Hutchinson, was twice than what was originally expected. Jackson's "Fashion Commandments" include:

1. **Honor the French cuff above all cuffs.**
2. **Wear a T-Shirt under your dress shirt.**
3. **Thou shalt never wear a brown belt and black shoes.**
4. **Wear Deodorant**

Jackson also advised students on how to make it in the corporate world. He then demonstrated how to properly tie a necktie and bowtie. Jackson capped off the event by donating 30 ties to 30 young men in attendance. " 'Why Knot?' was the best event [that BMI has had]. It was very informative. Great job BMI", said Junior Biology major, Brandon Booth.

This is only one of the many powerful events that BMI has scheduled for the school year. For more information on future BMI events, or information on how to join BMI, contact Michael Hutchinson at mhutchinson@philander.edu.



Cops and Collegians Converge to Celebrate Chemical-Free Campus

Philander Smith College students honored living drug and alcohol-free lives recently by attending a cocktail party minus the cocktails. The event was called "Cops On Campus Talking About Law Enforcement" or COCTALE. It was held Sept. 14 to launch Drug-Free Week on campus.

Hosted by the Power Program Empowering the African American Male Religious Life Council, at least 75 students attended the club-scene style party held in the Nugent Center. The event gave students and friends an old-school jazz club environment, graced with a live jazz band, a bar that served non-alcoholic specialty drinks, and a rocking dance floor to resonate a message that good-times can be had drug-free.

The event had a positive outcome, said graduating senior, Reginald Allison II. "There were open lines of communication for us to just talk in an overall, low-tension environment to better our connection with law enforcement."



Homecoming 2010

Homecoming 2010 focused on getting young alumni involved. The Office of Institutional Advancement sponsored two events that catered to that segment. Before the game, the grills were fired up and the crowd listened to music before heading into the gym to cheer on the Panthers. A steady flow of alumni, friends, and students made food disappear as quickly as it was prepared. After the game, the homecoming festivities continued with the alumni dance.

The Kendall Center Atrium provided the venue for alumni to mix and mingle as the night began. Music from the 80's and 90's filled the air as alumni dined on hors d'oeuvres and sipped on a variety of beverages. After dancing well into the night, several ventured off to an off-campus event to continue their weekend, but not before sharing kind words regarding their experience. Many expressed that they can't wait until next year.



Dr. Burroughs Reappointed to State Board

Dr. Cynthia

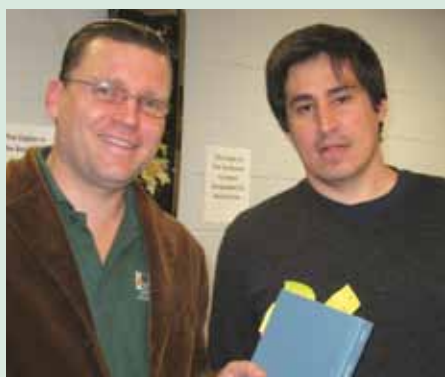
Burroughs, an associate professor of biology in our Natural Sciences Department, was recently re-elected treasurer of the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. She is the consumer representative on the board. Dr. Burroughs earned her bachelor's degree in biology from Talladega College in Talladega,



Ala., and her master's and doctorate degrees in Endocrinology from the University of California at Berkeley. She has received several honors including the Distinguished Service Award from the National Center for Toxicological Research and the Blue Heron Award from Audubon Arkansas. She has taught at Philander Smith College for 10 years. She has a daughter who graduated from Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., and a son who is a senior at Mills University High School in Little Rock.

Brazilian Philosophy Student Follows Philander Professor's Lead

Philosophy Professor **Dr. Len Olsen** has a shadow following him to learn his take on signs and structures. It's not uncommon to have students tagging along to glean an experts' knowledge, but it is if that student travels from Brazil.



Dr. Len Olsen and Ph.D. candidate Ramon Andrade

Ramon Andrade, 34, a doctoral candidate will be in the United States for four months studying with Olsen, and Philosophy Professor John Thomas of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Andrade is writing his dissertation on "a philosophical

interpretation of causal conditionals" and he plans to defend it in October at the Estate University of Campinas, in Campinas, Brazil.

"When I attended a lecture where Dr. Olsen spoke I knew he would be the right person to help me finish this section of my dissertation," Andrade said. "I'm so honored to be here at Philander Smith College. This is my first time in the U.S. and it's been quite an experience."

Andrade has sticky tags and several page markers tagging places in Olsen's book *Groundwork to the Theory of Notation* that he carries around from class to class. "This is really good to have with me all the time," he said. "Dr. Olsen has been excellent to learn from."

Philander Smith Psychology Professor Remembers U of A

Philander Smith College Psychology Professor **Dr. Patricia Griffen** is featured in a new book titled "Personal Perspectives of the African American Experience at the University of Arkansas 1940 – 2000s" that was recently released.



Griffen's portrait graces the cover along with nine other graduates of the state's flagship institution that at times presented racial challenges for its students of color. The story of her experience as the first African American to earn a doctorate in clinical psychology at the U of A appears on page 155.

In it she says that "Cultural competence continues to exist in a field of study designed to address the psychological/emotional needs of all individuals. With Arkansas becoming more racially and culturally diverse, it is disappointing that the institution for higher education in Arkansas is not more instrumental in equipping professionals to meet the needs of its diverse citizenry. It appears as if the (psychology) department has regressed."

The book is available in the D.W. Reynolds Library and Technology Center on Philander Smith's campus.

“Key Cities” Gatherings Lure Several PSC Graduates



Several *Key Cities* receptions were held this year for alumni to gather and raise awareness for the need of their continuous support for Philander Smith College’s scholarship programs. The Central Arkansas *Key Cities* reception was held Nov. 16 at Café 42 inside the William J. Clinton Presidential Library, 1200 President Clinton Avenue.

Key Cities events are held in areas where there is a large concentration of Philander Smith graduates. They help to increase the amount of alumni donations and participation in campus events. This increase has jumped from 4 to 12 percent since the receptions started two years ago, said Yvonne Alexander, Director of Alumni Affairs.

Berlin Charles from Everest University, Pompano Beach Campus, on May 22, 2010. Berlin, a 2006 graduate of PSC, obtained a MBA from Everest with honors - Cum Laude. His parents were granted visas to travel from Haiti for the occasion. Currently Berlin is on staff at Kaplan University in Fort Lauderdale, FL. Dr. Kathryn Worthen a 1964 alum, served as Berlin’s surrogate “MOM” and mentor during his matriculation at Philander Smith College and Everest University.



VIP UNCF: Veronica Nesbitt '64 (center) is the Midwest Regional President for the National Alumni Association. She and two friends attended the taping of the UNCF “An Evening of Stars” honoring Chaka Khan, Sept. 25 in Pasadena, Calif.



Alumni wedding: 2005 graduate Natara Johnson married her college sweetheart, Richard Garvin on the steps of Philander Smith College’s Cox Administration building on Saturday, Sept. 4, 2010.

Alumni Holiday Breakfast Honors Twillie Family Legacy



L R alumni President, Rev. Cleo Smith presents gift to breakfast speaker, Dr. Gwendolyn Twillie.



Graduating senior, Jeremy Carter accompanied by Theresa Webb, entertains the Christmas gathering.



Alumni Christmas elves, Taco Williams and Shawna Edwards delivers door prizes to lucky winners.



The Twillie brothers accept the 2010 Generational Family Legacy Award during the 43rd annual alumni Christmas Breakfast.

The Philander Smith College legacy of the Twillie family was celebrated at this year's Greater Little Rock Alumni Christmas Breakfast held Dec. 11 at the Kendall Center on campus.

"The reach of Philander Smith College runs deep in our family," said Dr. Gwendolyn Twillie, '61, nationally renowned storyteller, who served as this year's guest speaker. "We all need to be aware of the importance of giving back... We have what the college doesn't have enough of, and that's our resources."

Twillie is the former chairwoman of the Theatre Arts and Dance Department at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. She retired after serving 26

years on the faculty there. She is married to Manuel Twillie, '59.

"Philander Smith College polished us spiritually, socially, and financially," said Cecil Twillie who accepted the Generational Family plague awarded to the Twillies on behalf of the five brothers who attended Philander Smith. Three of the five graduated and worked in education, had three children each, all of their children are college educated and three became physicians. More than 200 alumni and guests attended the breakfast that ended with Dr. Walter Kimbrough's campus update and reiteration of Gwendolyn Twillie's emphasis on the importance of supporting your alma mater.

The Philander Smith College Twillie Legacy

Manuel A. Twillie, Sr., Class of 1959 received his master's from the University of Central Arkansas and an Education Specialist degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He is a retired principal from Pulaski County Special School District.

Mansell A. Twillie, Sr., Class of 1959 received his master's from Arkansas State University. He is a retired administrator from Pulaski County Special District.

Cecil B. Twillie, Class of 1961 received his master's from Arkansas State University. He is a retired principal from Lee High School, Marianna, Arkansas. Presently, he is the elected council member for the city of Forrest City.

Lafayette Twillie entered Philander in 1962; He is a retired employer from the City of Chicago.

Jesse A. Twillie, deceased, entered Philander in 1960. After a stint in the United States Navy, he returned to Philander, graduating in 1970. He was Regional Overseer for the Full Gospel Baptist Churches of Iowa.

ALUMNI BRIEFS

Over 40 Review Honors Philander Smith College Alumnus for Service

Philander Smith College Alumna **Sybil Bunn** received the “Phenomenal Woman” 2010 Award at the *Over 40 Review* held Saturday, Sept. 18, 2010, in the M.L. Harris Auditorium. Bunn is a 1959 graduate who has been involved in the *Review* since its inception 10 years ago.



More than 400 attended the annual event which is held to raise scholarship money donated to the United Negro College Fund. Judges for the show included another alumna, Al Bell and Philander Smith College Cultural Affairs Director Lawrence Hamilton.

PSC Alumnus Heads Helena-West Helena

Newly Elected Mayor of Helena-West Helena, Ark., is **Arnell Willis**, a 1977 graduate of Philander Smith College. Willis defeated incumbent candidate, James Valley, with 1,976 votes. Mayor Willis enters office with 15 years business experience, a bachelor's degree in accounting, a master's of business administration and experience as a Navy commander.

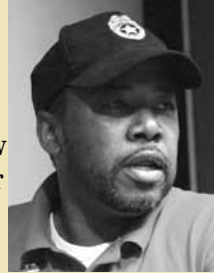
His campaign platform offered improvements for the community such as, restoring confidence in the city government, streamlining city government, making the neighborhoods safe by reducing crime, providing better streets and improving infrastructure for education/economic development

One of the major issues at hand is the fiscal distress that the community has had to face and Mayor Willis plans to use his wide array of broad contacts to dialogue with corporate

executives from across the country to produce results.

Philander Smith Alumnus Protects Mail and Customers

Philander Smith alumnus, Cpl. **Humphrey Rutherford** '84, has worked as a law enforcement officer for the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) in Washington, D.C. since 1996, protecting the flow of mail from criminal misuse and illegal activities. As a Postal Service officer, he patrols for mail fraud, stealing stamps, and mail theft.



Along with the instruction and safety of firearms, Rutherford also works as a defensive tactics instructor. He teaches officers about the key nerves of the body that can be used to immobilize a suspect.

Being in law enforcement, Rutherford says requires him to remember his number one goal and that's to “come home each day. Whether or not to shoot a suspect is one of the toughest challenges I face on the job, but it is necessary in some cases.”

Prison Post Promotion Pleases PSC Alumna

Sonja L. Burns-Easley, '91 was recently promoted to Probation/Parole Agent with the Arkansas Department of Community Correction. She is assigned to Wrightsville-Hawkins Women's Center/IFI men unit and has worked in the field for 16 years.

“It's never a dull moment around here,” she says.

Alumnus Writes Self-Help Book

Philander Smith alumnus **Marquis L. Cooper, Sr.**, '99, is an educator, speaker, and counselor at

Star Academy in the Pulaski County Special School District. Today he adds author to his accomplishments lists. His book *Sista Let Me Tell Ya, Bruh if you Only Knew: Real Talk for Parents and Educators, From Me to You* is available at local bookstores and through Amazon.com

The book is his “common-sense perspective” on building and sustaining healthy relationships between teachers and students, parents and teachers, parents and children.

The publication was featured in the “Top 100 Books of 2010” by Cyrus Webb and Conversations Magazine.

Former PSC Vice President Weds

Former vice president of Institution Advancement and Director of Alumni Affairs **Delia Moore** married Larry Farmer Jr., in a ceremony held Aug. 28, 2010 in Hot Springs, Ark.



Moore, '88, served Philander Smith College in several capacities, and now works as program manager for the Arkansas Department of Human Services. The couple lives in Little Rock.

New National Appointment for PSC Alumna

A former Miss PSC **Taco Williams**, '04, will leave her job at Gov. Mike Beebe's office, to become Director of Health Programs for the Delta Regional Authority (DRA). In this new role, she will oversee health-related activities of the authority and assist community, government and non-profit groups throughout the Delta region of the United States, which includes areas of Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Missouri.



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9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Convention Registration	Hilton LR 3rd Floor (Vendor Area)
9:30 a.m. - Noon	Executive Board Meeting	Hilton LR Peabody Suite
Noon. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch on Your Own	
1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m.	Opening General Session	Hilton LR AD
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.	Dialogue Circle w/PSC students	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 p.m. –10 p.m.	Welcome Reception (Informal) <i>Hospitality Suite Open</i>	Hilton LR Ballroom B/C Room 3102

FRIDAY, APRIL 30th

8:30 a.m. - 11a.m.	Convention Registration	Hilton LR 3 rd Floor (Vendor Area)
9 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Second General Session	Hilton LR AD
11:30 a.m. – Noon	TRAVEL TO PSC	Depart: Lobby Area for Transportation
Noon–2:30 p.m.	ARW/NAA Jazz Champagne Recept. <i>Featuring: Vocalist Tawanna Campbell '06</i>	PSC Kendall Bldg. Nugent Center
2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Closing General Session <i>Memorial Service</i>	Hilton LR AD
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Executive Board Meeting	Hilton LR Peabody Suite
5 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Alumni Choir Rehearsal	PSC M. L. Harris Auditorium
7 p.m. - 9p.m.	Baccalaureate Service	PSC, M. L. Harris Auditorium
9 p.m. – Midnight	Hospitality Suite Open	Room 3102

Saturday, May 1st

9 a.m. – 10 a.m.	Class Meetings/Class Gift Tally	PSC Campus (TBA)
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Alumni Brunch	PSC Kendall Bldg. Nugent Center
2 p.m. – 4 p.m.	Commencement Service	Statehouse Convention Center
4 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Free Time/Choir Rehearsal (if needed)	Hilton LR Ballroom Area
6 p.m. – 8 p.m.	3rd Annual Celebration Banquet <i>Featuring: The Alumni Reunion Choir</i> <i>Honorees: M.L. Harris Society/PSC Golden/Silver Alumni</i> <i>Distinguished Alumnus Award/Minton Legacy Society</i>	Hilton LR Grand Ballroom

Sunday, May 2nd

10:45 a.m.	Worship Service: PSC Day “Depart in Peace and Love”	Wesley Chapel UMC
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In Remembrance of Our Beloved...

Two More Philander Smith College Alums Added to Arkansas Hall of Fame

The Arkansas Black Hall of Fame added two Philander Smith College alumni to its illustrious list of achievers at its 18th annual induction ceremony held Oct. 16 in downtown Little Rock.

Among the six Hall of Fame honorees this year were **Annie Abrams**, a graduate of the class of 1972 and **Brigadier General William Johnson**, of the Philander Smith Management Institute's class of 1994. Abrams' and Johnson's photos and biographies will remain displayed at the Mosaic Templar's building among those recognized by the Black Hall of Fame nominating committee for demonstrating extraordinary stewardship over their God-given talent.

Abrams demonstrates the Philander Smith College "social justice" motto in the work she continues to do as a grassroots community organizer and civic



activist. Serving as a political advisor to candidates vying for local, state and national U.S. congressional and presidential seats, Abrams' energy and historical recall makes her a valuable resource on campaign trails. She's a gifted speaker, archivists and initiator of social constructs that shapes policy and changes street names honoring key civil rights leaders and dignitaries. She served a major role in establishing the state holiday honoring Martin Luther King Jr., and has worked nationally and internationally as civic activist for more than 40 years.

As a decorated 30-year career military man, Johnson serves as Deputy Adjutant General for the Arkansas National Guard.

He is the full-time chief advisor and assistant to the Adjutant General and leads more than 10,000 soldiers and airmen. As a strategic leader, he guides the vision of the organization and oversees preparations for domestic



operations and homeland security. Johnson serves as a member of the federal and state National Guard Association; the Chamber of Commerce Leadership Greater Little Rock; on the Philander Smith College Business Advisory Council; and the Michael Vann Johnson, Jr., Post #74, American Legion.

"It's quite an honor to see two more Philanderians added to the Arkansas Black Hall of Fame," said Yvonne Alexander, Director of PSC Alumni Affairs. "This makes more than 15 alumni added to the list of achievers the Hall of Fame has honored over the years. This just goes to show the caliber of talented students who graduate from this amazing institution."

The Arkansas Black Hall of Fame wall of achievers is displayed on the third floor of the Mosaic Templar's Building. More than 700 guests attended the event where Abrams and Johnson were honored. Funds raised through tickets sales for the ceremony support statewide non-profit agencies that promote youth development, health, wellness, education and economic development initiatives.