

Philander Smith College
Honors Convocation 2007



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Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough, President

"Celebrating the Renaissance of Philander Smith College"

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE HISTORY

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

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

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

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

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE MISSION:

Philander Smith College is a small, privately supported, historically Black four-year liberal arts institution related to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church. Currently offering four degrees including the Bachelor of Arts, the Bachelor of Science, the Bachelor of Business Administration, and the Bachelor of Social Work, **the college's emerging mission is to graduate academically accomplished students, grounded as advocates for social justice, intentionally changing the world for the better.** Philander Smith College, the only United Negro College Fund member institution in Arkansas, strives to provide a quality college education for all regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin or ethnic background.

2007 Honors Convocation

“Choosing a Scholarly Walk”

A Celebration Commemorating Academic Excellence

Philander Smith College

Thursday, April 5, 2007

10:00 a.m.

M.L. Harris Fine Arts Auditorium

Order of Program

PRELUDE.....Dr. Phyllis Ruocco

PROCESSIONAL.....Honor Students

INVOCATION.....Bishop Felton E. May

SCRIPTURE.....Ms. Nakita Harris
Mr. Phillip Brown

A 2007 HONOR STUDENT SALUTE.....Mr. David Walton
Ms. Dinah Mande
Ms. Takessa Shepherd

ALPHA KAPPA MU INDUCTION CEREMONY.....Professor Lillian Ross

SPECIAL PRESENTATION.....Honor Students

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.....Ms. Joyce Elliott
Advocate for Education/ Former Arkansas State Representative

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARS.....Dr. Frank James
Vice President for Academic Affairs

The Dean's List.....Dr. Jesse Hargrove
The Presidential Scholars

The 4.0 Scholars.....Dr. Frank James
CAAP Recognitions

CLOSING REMARKS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS.....Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough
President, Philander Smith College

ALMA MATER.....Music Department

BENEDICTION.....Dr. James Rush

POSTLUDE AND RECESSIONAL.....Dr. Phyllis Ruocco

Spring 2007 Honors Convocation Scholars

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society Inductees

LaShaenda Crenshaw
Kendrick Dixon
Sandrew Holloway
Millie Jones
Johnetta Lewis

Janetta Palmer
Jeremiah Philips
Aleshia Seaton
Takessa Shepherd

Crystal Thomas
Charlotte Washington
LeJuan Washington
Toni Witherspoon

4.0 Scholars

Lisa Anscombe
Sharon Bell-Ashley
Jo Ann Britt
Helen Brown
Savannah Chachere
LaToya Colbert
Demetrice Davis
Lynwood Greenwood II
Samantha Harris

Jaclyn Holloway
Millie Jones
Johanna Lester
Channon Long
Wanda McAdoo
Marcus McClendon
Linda Murray
Bibi Mwamba
Jannetta Palmer

Takessa Shepherd
Anthalene Sims
Tammy Smith
John Spears
Shonnieka Walls
John White
Kathy White
JoAnn Williams

President's List

Vickie Candler
Cornelius Davis
Kendrick Dixon
Nakita Harris
LaSheatra Henderson
Whitney Hendrix
Donald Howard

Anthony Jennings
Selena Jordan
Arthur Kelley
Jeffrie Marks
Stephanie Nicholas
Kirsten Proctor

Steven Ricks
Chasidy Taylor
Leslie Tullos
Reva Turner
Kaleena Watson
Karen Wilson

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Dean's List

Indera Adderley
Darrell Alexander
Tyrone Allison
Kasonia Boner
Phillip Brown
Brooke Coggins
Dennis Cole
Mackenzi Davis
Sharde Davis
Lynda Dickerson
Lena Marie Faulkner
Ollie Harrison II
Amber Hazell
William Holmes
Tiffany Hornes

Brandon Johnson
Marcus Johnson
Randy Jones
Santrice Joyner
Amika Lane
April Lewis
Johnetta Lewis
Brittnee Lucas
Kevina Lyons
Dinah Mande
Staftone Marshall
Sedric Mayfield
Kandace McDonald
Kristy McKinney
Chasity Meredith

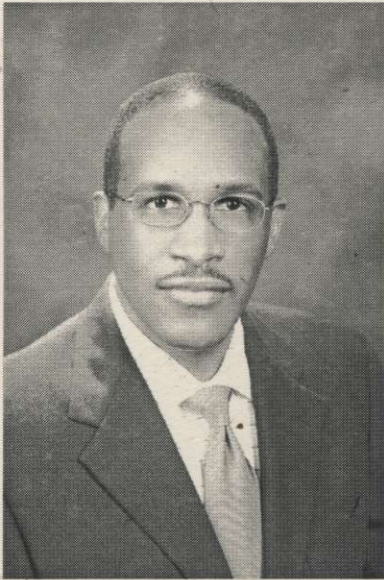
Jamee' Mills
Shawanda Noland
Jeremiah Phillips
Charles Polk
Shontaye Reed
Alaina Simmons
Nasstacia Speed
Christy Starks
Crystal Thomas
Christian Thrower
Cathy Tidwell
David Walton
Leander Wells
Edward Wiley
Jamal Williams

Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency

Spring 2007 CAAP with honors

Terence Bolden
Savannah Chachere
Davina Malone
Jenne Richardson
Tecla Robinson

WALTER M. KIMBROUGH, Ph.D



Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough, 39, is the 12th president of Philander Smith College. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture with a biology major from the University of Georgia. He continued his education at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, completing a Master of Science Degree in College Student Personnel Services, and he earned the Doctor of Philosophy Degree in Higher Education from Georgia State University. Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough served as the Vice President for Student Affairs at Albany State University in Albany, Georgia. He was the youngest Chief Student Affairs Officer in the University System of Georgia, and one of the youngest nation-wide. Prior to Albany State, he served at Old Dominion University, Georgia State University and Emory University.

Dr. Kimbrough has maintained active memberships in several higher education organizations, including the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), Association of Fraternity Advisors (AFA) and the Southern Association for College Student Affairs. He has served as an associate editor for the College Student Affairs Journal, a 2001 Senior Scholar for AFA, and is presently a member of the NASPA Academy Advisory Board.

Based on a strong fraternity experience, Dr. Kimbrough has forged a national reputation as an expert on historically Black fraternities and sororities. He has conducted interviews with national publications including Associated Press, the Washington Post, the New York Times, and Rolling Stone Magazine. He has also been a guest on the National Public Radio show, "Talk of the Nation." Dr. Kimbrough has given over 300 presentations on Black Greek life at numerous campuses and conferences. He is the author of the book, "Black Greek 101: The Culture, Customs, and Challenges of Black Fraternities and Sororities." After five months, the book became an Essence Magazine Top 10 Best Seller for non-fiction in paperback. The book is now in its sixth printing.

Dr. Kimbrough was named the 1994 New Professional of the Year for the Association of Fraternity Advisors, and the 1998 National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Dissertation of the Year award runner-up. He was selected as a 2001 Nissan-ETS HBCU Fellow, and a 2002 participant in the Millennium Leadership Initiative sponsored by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

PSC President Dr. Walter Kimbrough is married to Attorney Adria Nobles Kimbrough, an associate general counsel with the University of Arkansas system. He is the son of Rev. Walter L. Kimbrough, the recently retired pastor of Atlanta's Cascade United Methodist Church, and Marjorie L. Kimbrough, noted author and lecturer. He has one brother, Wayne.

Dr. and Mrs. Kimbrough have one child, a daughter, 13-month-old Lydia Nicole.

PI SIGMA KAPPA CHAPTER ALPHA KAPPA MU

Philander Smith College scholars are inducted into the Pi Sigma Kappa Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. This local chapter was established at Philander Smith College during the 1939-1940 school year. To be eligible for induction, a student must have a cumulative average of at least 3.3 on a four-point scale, must have completed sixty hours of college credits and must be currently enrolled as a full-time student.

Honors Convocation Committee

Ms. Lillian Ross, Chair

Mr. Brian Carpenter
Dr. Jesse Hargrove
Dr. Frank James

Mr. Dan Pierce
Ms. Bertha Owens
Dr. Annie Williams

Many thanks to all who worked to make the 2007 Honors Convocation a success!



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