Commencement Service 2012



Philander Smith College Little Rock, Arkansas

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History and Mission

PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

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

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

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

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

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. 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.

MISSION:

Our mission is to graduate academically accomplished students, grounded as advocates for social justice, intentionally changing the world for the better.

The Graduation Ceremony of Philander Smith College Saturday, May 5, 2012 10 a.m.

Statehouse Convention Center

Markham and Main

Little Rock, Arkansas

Commencement Service

PRELUDE

Ms. Theresa Webb, Organist

+PROCESSIONAL

Pomp and Circumstance Ms. Theresa Webb Edward Elgar

COLOR GUARD

Little Rock Jr. ROTC Central High School

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

+NATIONAL ANTHEM

Star Spangled Banner Led by Ms. Jasmine Walker F. Scott Key

+NEGRO NATIONAL ANTHEM

Lift Every Voice and Sing Philander Smith Collegiate Choir

James W. Johnson/J.Rosamond Johnson

Lift every voice and sing till earth and heaven ring, ring with the harmonies of Liberty; let our rejoicing rise
High as the listening skies, let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us,

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on till victory is won.

INVOCATION

Presiding Elder Larry W. Ross Philander Smith College Board of Trustees

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Dr. Freddye Davy Secretary, Philander Smith College Board of Trustees

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Elijah Rock

Moses Hogan

Philander Smith College Collegiate Choir

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Tezel Lightbourne, Miss Philander Smith College

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS

Mr. Jeff Johnson

MSNBC Contributor and White House Correspondent for the Grio

SELECTION

God Made Me

Jules Bartholomew

Philander Smith College Collegiate Choir

REFLECTIONS

Ms. Sade Daniels, Vice President Senior Class

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CONFERRING OF DEGREES

Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough President, Philander Smith College

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Dr. Jesse Hargrove, Chair, Division of Education
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GRANTING OF DEGREES

Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough

The Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters
The Bachelor of Science Degree
The Bachelor of Social Work Degree
The Bachelor of Business Administration Degree
The Bachelor of Arts Degree

INDUCTION OF GRADUATES INTO THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Mrs. Erma P. Williams, President, National Alumni Association

+ALMA MATER

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

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND REMARKS

Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough

BENEDICTION

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+RECESSIONAL

Triumphal March from Aida Ms. Theresa Webb Giuseppe Verdi

Candidates for Degrees

Honorary Degree <u>Doctor of Humane Letters</u>

Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield

Bachelor of Science Natural and Physical Sciences

Alphonse, Emanuel Roshard Alston, Simone Briana Cum Laude Austin, Briana Kateisha Bogard, Jillian Dominic ** Bolden, Channel Katril Booth, Brandon Rashaan Magna Cum Laude Brown, Jasmine Nichole Magna Cum Laude Distinction in Field Butler, Krystiel Gillian ** Cum Laude Dowd, Misha N. Cum Laude Ferguson, Nadario Glenn Solomon Fredzess-Lucas, Brittnee' LaShay Grier, Michael Justin-Elliot

Hollins, Victoria Elizabeth Hughes, Carnesha Cum Laude Kitchen, DeAndria Shanea Cum Laude Larkins, Tiffany Charmise Cum Laude Lightbourne, Tezel Anya Cum Laude Magee, D'Andrea Lynn Cum Laude Manigaba, Kayihura 3rd Rank in Field Summa Cum Laude Distinction in Field Mugengana, Alex Kagabo 2nd Rank in Class Summa Cum Laude Distinction in Field

Ndungu, John N. Magna Cum Laude Distinction in Field Sadler, Kenyetta Marie Scales, Ja'Qualane Summa Cum Laude Distinction in Field Thomas, Joshua Watson, Sabrina Sharday Cum Laude Education Culver, Maurice Everett ** Cum Laude Dewese, Brandi Cherrele ** Cum Laude Howard, Lloyd Derek Summa Cum Laude Distinction in Field

Roper, Brittaney Chuntae **

Cum Laude

Bachelor of Social Work

Alexander, Shantell Ynette Beattie, Nicole Renee` Magna Cum Laude Distinction in Field Conard, Tiffanie L. Daniels, Kirk Alexander

Hansberry, Courtney D.

Daniels, Sade Angel
Ewing, Nicole Denise

Cum Laude

Distinction in Field
Tate, Brittany Renee

Cum Laude

Welch, Ieesha Nicole Williams, Danieal Latres Witt, Samantha Rickeal Cum Laude

*Summer Graduates **Fall Graduates

Candidates for Degrees

Bachelor of Business Administration

Anderson, Derius Avery, Arica Latrice Cum Laude Benson-Holloway, Ashley Cum Laude Distinction in Field Cecil, Erica 1st Rank in Class Summa Cum Laude Distinction in Field Charles, Henrietta Marie ** Clark, Rhondalyn Shenell ** Craig, Baronica Maxfield Distinction in Field Easterling Sr., Randall C. Summa Cum Laude Distinction in Field Ford, Cushena Denise * Gardner, Kala FayShay Gordon, Channing N.

Harper, Sherry Denise

Harris, Aliyah Marie Hester, Trellis Deon Hickman, Chantia L. ** Cum Laude Distinction in Field Jackson, Pamela Lynette Cum Laude Distinction in Field Iackson, Porcia Marie Magna Cum Laude Distinction in Field Johnson, Marcia Dolores Magna Cum Laude Distinction in Field Jones, Gavin D. ** Jones, Jermanie L. Cum Laude McKinney, Chepeka Latrae Cum Laude McReynolds, Cor-i E. *

Means, Britni Renea Cum Laude Moore, Lekesha L. * Newell, Earnestine MarKesi ** Newell, Ganell L. Payne, Darian Lamar Pleas, Andriea Nicole Powell, Damien L. ** Rafter, Shamia LaDawn Distinction in Field Scarelli, Emalyia Oquiella ** Cum Laude Sims, Mychael Anthony Slaughter, Tiffany La'Shelle ** Smith, Sylvia L. Stroud, Dwight Thornton, Dedra Loyce Turner, Heather Pearl Magna Cum Laude Wheeler, Ashley Larae Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Arts

Bell, Brandon O'Mar Bell, Jason A. Bolden II, Lloyd Wayne Cum Laude Brown, Javon Lamont ** Brown, Kendrick S. Chacon, Linda Cum Laude Cummings, Yushua Ahmad Donnerson, Miracle Gore, Rebecca ** Green, Christopher Eugene ** Cum Laude Green, Damaris Eileen Magna Cum Laude Distinction in Field Green, Paige Yvette Hadnot, De'Morea D. Harris, Dominic Asiel Harris, Jonathan Leon

Harley, Tyesha Lashay Haymer, Jessica S. Hervey, Tiffannie Monique Hodges, Travis M. January, Amber D'Shae Summa Cum Laude Distinction in Field Kinnard, Nicole Danielle Cum Laude Love, LaTaunga R. ** Martin, Ra'Shawn Denise Magna Cum Laude Martre, Cessily Rashun Cum Laude McPherson, Marian Jane Magna Cum Laude Distinction in Field Mitchell III, Chalk S. ** Moore, Trollars Moss, Myisha N.

Parker, Dorothy Rancifer, Alex Keith Rhyan, Kevin M. Rockingham, Holly Lynette Cum Laude Roland, Ayanna Y. Rutledge, Dominique Albert Smith, Lakeshia Sherrill Staggers, Lakeem Larry Thomas, Dewayne Allen Thomas Jr., Gerald Dante Cum Laude Towery, Cree' Shaina Harnesh Cum Laude Williams, Bianca Joy Wills, Kaneesha N'cole Magna Cum Laude Distinction in Field Young, Shannon La'Trice Cum Laude

^{*}Summer Graduates **Fall Graduates

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Commencement Speaker

Jeff Johnson

Jeff Johnson is a Washington, D.C.-based, award-winning investigative journalist, social activist, and political commentator, known in several markets for his weekly commentaries on the nationally syndicated *Tom Joyner Morning Show*.

He has spent the last decade merging the worlds of politics and popular culture, working as senior advisor for media and youth outreach for People for the American Way, as national director of the Youth & College division of the NAACP, and as the vice president of Russell Simmons' Hip Hop Summit Action Network.

He regularly contributes commentary and analysis about issues related to race, politics, popular culture and socio-economics for news broadcasts and publications. As an MSNBC contributor and White House correspondent for *The Grio*, an African American web site owned by NBC, Johnson covers important issues facing the nation.

Johnson is the one of 30 young leaders selected by the British Council to be a part of its Transatlantic 2020 team. This collective has inaugurated a new international dialogue to reinvigorate traditional alliances and mend transatlantic rifts.

From his celebrated conversations with marquee world figures in politics, business and entertainment, his grassroots work to inspire the next generation of leaders, Johnson has established himself as an authentic voice for change and a trailblazing social entrepreneur.



Honorary Degree Recipient

Bishop Charles N. Crutchfield—Doctor of Humane Letters

Charles N. Crutchfield was born on October 19, 1943 in Liberal, Kansas. He is the son, grandson, and great-grandson of Methodist ministers. He attended Southern Methodist University (B.A. 1965); Duke Divinity School, Duke University (M. Div. 1968); and did post-graduate studies in New Testament at University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland (1968-1969). Charles was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from McMurry University, Abilene, Texas (1996).

He is married to Karen Jenkins Crutchfield. They have had two children, Scott (deceased) and Melissa who lives in Washington, D.C.

Bishop Crutchfield was ordained a deacon in the Oklahoma Conference by Bishop W. Angie Smith. He was ordained elder in 1971 in the New Mexico Conference by Bishop Alsie Carleton. He served in the New Mexico Conference from 1969 until his election to the episcopacy by the South Central Jurisdictional Conference in 2004. He is currently serving as bishop to the Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, supervising 704 clergy who are serving in 689 local churches. Arkansas Conference is home to 138,000 United Methodist members.



Commencement and Regalia

COMMENCEMENT

The term "Commencement" derives from a practice in the Medieval University where it was customary for a candidate for an academic degree to present a public lecture or disputation to the faculty and other scholars gathered to hear it. If the disputation was successfully defended and accepted, the candidate was "Admitted" to the degree "with all the rights, privileges and responsibilities thereunto appertaining." This first public lecture or disputation was originally called an "Inception." It signified the beginning or "Commencement" of the scholar's academic career in the degree to which he had been admitted. The ceremony surrounding this inception or "graduation" has subsequently come to be called Commencement. Today, Philander Smith College celebrates its 135th Commencement.

ACADEMIC REGALIA

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

AgricultureMaize
Arts, Letters, HumanitiesWhite
Business AdministrationDrab
DentistryLilac
EconomicsCopper
EducationLight Blue
EngineeringOrange
Fine Arts, ArchitectureBrown
ForestryRusset
JournalismCrimson
LawPurple
Library ScienceLemon

MusicPink
MedicineGreen
Oratory SpeechSilver Gray
PhilosophyDark Blue
Physical EducationSage Green
Public AdministrationPeacock Blue
Public HealthSalmon
ScienceGolden Yellow
Social ScienceCream
Social ServicesCitron
Theology/DivinityScarlet
Veterinary ScienceGray



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