

Philander Smith College
Honors Convocation 2006



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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."

MISSION

Philander Smith College is a small, privately supported, historically black, four-year liberal arts, career-oriented college, related to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry of The United Methodist Church and affiliated with the United Negro College Fund. Philander Smith College's mission is to grant access to higher education to individuals who are, or who have the potential to be, academically talented, regardless of their social, economic, or educational background. A key aspect of the College's mission is the pursuit of excellence through the provision of a quality college education for all, regardless of race, religion, sex, national origin or ethnic background. The College currently offers four degrees: the Bachelor of Arts Degree, the Bachelor of Science Degree, the Bachelor of Business Administration Degree, and the Bachelor of Social Work Degree.

2006 Honors Convocation

“Choosing a Scholarly Walk”

A Celebration Commemorating Academic Excellence

Philander Smith College

Thursday, April 6, 2006

10:00 a.m.

M.L. Harris Fine Arts Auditorium

Order of Program

PRELUDE.....	Music Department
PROCESSIONAL.....	Music Department
SCRIPTURE AND INVOCATION.....	Ms. Moya Edwards Miss PSC 2005-2006
A 2006 STUDENT SALUTE.....	Mr. Stanley Abiri
BECOMING A ROLE MODEL.....	Mr. Jonathan Dunkley President, Student Government Association
“SOON AND VERY SOON” BY ANDRAE CROUCH.....	PSC Men’s Quartet accompanied by Dr. Rachel Chung, Assistant Professor of Music
WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.....	Dr. Walter Kimbrough President
PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARS.....	Dr. John Simpson Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Jesse Hargrove Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Annie Williams Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs
ALPHA KAPPA MU INDUCTION CEREMONY.....	Dr. Frank James Professor of Mathematics
CLOSING REMARKS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS.....	Dr. John Simpson
ALMA MATER.....	Music Department
BENEDICTION.....	Dr. James Rush Professor of Philosophy and Religion
RECESSIONAL.....	Music Department

Spring 2006 Honors Convocation Scholars

Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society Inductees

Stanley Abiri
Alicia Baker
Amanda Briggs
Ruby Brown
Kasonia Browning
Vickie Candler
Savannah Chachere*
Albert Christopher
LaToya Colbert
Weldon Fisher

Reba Gaines
Shelia Garling
Gena Hall
Samantha Harris
LaSheatra Henderson
Beverly Hensley
Brooke Jackson
Larry Johnson
Johanna Lester
Kirsten Proctor

Carl Propps
Jacquelyn Ratliff
Shana Rose
Whitney Scott
Davin Thames*
Leslie Tullos
Kaleena Watson
Angie Wilburd
Michael Williams Sr.
Steven Young

4.0 Scholars

LaShunda Adams
Indera Adderley
LaAngela Brewster
Amanda Briggs
Latoya Brimley
Bianca Broussard
Willis Butcher
Savannah Chachere*
Berlin Charles*
Natasha Cockrell*
Chasina Criswell
Alisha Fingers
Theresa Flowers*
Lenora Goldberry
Lolita Hayes

Wesley Henry
Rocio Hlass
Jaclyn Holloway*
Sandrew Holloway
Bob Hope
Brittany James*
Michael Johnson, Sr.
Gail Jones
Alexis Jones-Singletary
Jessica Key
Rosemary Lee
Katrina Lemons
Johanna Lester
Sedric Mayfield
Marcus McClendon

Sylvia Miller
Chanel Morris
Cordnesha Mosby
Christine Murrell
Songhai Nelson
Jacob Nolen*
Annisie Richard
Steven Ricks
Larry Robertson
Tammy Smith
Reva Turner
Nyree Williams
Janet Young

President's List

Lisa Anscombe
Terence Bolden
JoAnn Britt
Sharron Brooks
Tawanna Campbell
Vickie Candler
LaToya Colbert
LaShawnda Crenshaw
Kendrick Dixon
Salione Ewans
Challa Fletcher*
Tymli Frierson*
Gena Hall
DeVonna Hall-Witherspoon
Cornelius Haney
Tonesse Harmon

Samantha Harris
Brian Hawkins
Megan Heard
Clarence Horton
Luvenia Jackson
Akili Johnson
Jhonelle Jones
Christene Jordan
Santrice Joyner
Cedric Konyaole
Tyesha Liggins
Betty Lovelace
Cristal Newman
Joyce Pernell
Valerie Pitts
Kirsten Proctor

Jeremy Pulley
Jacquelyn Ratliff
Allen Samuel
Sharon Sanders*
Takesha Shepherd
LaShad Slater
Janice Smith
Tiara Smith
Nasstacia Speed
Crystal Thomas
Cathy Tidwell
Kaleena Watson
LaWanda Williams
Joyce Winkler
Toni Witherspoon

**McKinley Newton Honors Academy*

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Dean's List

Melkamu Abdissa
Shiela Abrams
Shoni Adams
Rashad Aleem
Hipmonic Amaonye
Edward Amos
Tiffany Battles
Damon Beasley
Barryl Boone
Richards Bournes
Daniel Braswell
Phillip Brown
Takela Brown
Tamecha Brown
Tikara Brown
Diana Burns
Lataia Burroughs
Christopher Caradine
Falon Clark
Jessica Clark*
Carree Coleman, III
LaWanda Crenshaw
Nicole Crosby
Tariq Cummings
Rita Eichelberger
Cushena Ford
Ashley Franklin
Jameisha Frazier
Alejandro Freeman
Ka'Meisha Gaither
Ricky Gaston
Latasha Gause
Christopher Hairston
Rachel Harris

Antoine Hasley
LaSheatra Henderson
Willie Henry, III
Beverly Hensley
Sekenia Hicks
Sandrew Holloway
Crystal Hollowell
William Holmes
Freda Hostler
Donald Howard
Melbatine Hunter
Thomas Jackson
Carmen Johnson
Kera Johnson
Larry Johnson
Porsha Johnson
Candance Jones
Johnette Lewis
Petra Lewis
Ronnie Mack
Paul Mancilla
Wanda McAdoo
Toni McCastle
Kristy McKinney
Shayla McNeal
Corey Miller
Lonely Mkandawire
Jerica Moore
Anthony Morgan, Jr.
Nicole Morris
Shawanda Noland
Sharon Nwanne
Terenekia Peters*
Jeremiah Phillips

Cynthia Polk
Dawn Powell
Erika Richardson
Tyeshia Robinson
Karen Rush
Tonia Salas
Rosilyn Sanders
Karla Scott
Nedra Scott
Whitney Scott
Aaron Seals
Aleshia Seaton
Shaquita Selvy
Thomas Stone
Ebony Summerville
Delores Tate
Chasidy Taylor*
Porsha Taylor-Johnson
Debrisha Thomas
Leslie Tullos
Tina Velasquez
Jessica Warren
Joshua Watley
Markita Watts
Leander Wells
Angie Wilburd
Jennifer Wilkins
Anthony Williams
Cedric Williams
Chesela Wilson
Estacia Wooten
Steven Young
Clarence Young

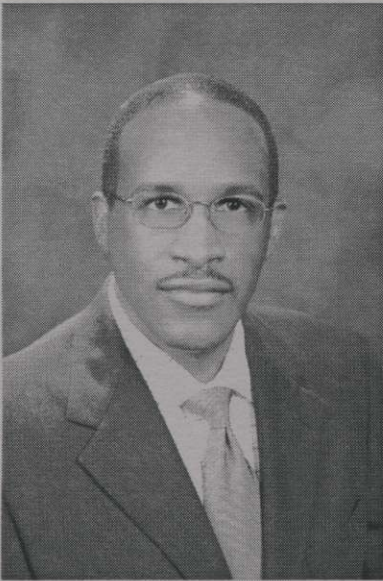
Collegiate Assessment of Academic Proficiency

LaKenya Brown
Natasha Cockrell*
Jessica L. Key

Patrick McGowan
Evan Moore
LaDonna Oliver

Sabrina Owens
Stephanie Snelling

WALTER M. KIMBROUGH, Ph.D



Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough, 38, 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.

Dr. Kimbrough is married to Adria Nobles Kimbrough, an attorney with the law firm of Cross, Gunter, Witherspoon and Galchus. He is the son of Rev. Walter L. Kimbrough, pastor of Cascade United Methodist Church in Atlanta, and Marjorie L. Kimbrough, author and lecturer. He has one brother, Wayne.

Dr. and Mrs. Kimbrough are the proud parents of a 7-week old baby girl, Lydia Nicole Kimbrough.

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

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Mr. Brian Carpenter
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Mr. Dan Pierce
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Many thanks to all who worked to make the 2006 Honors Convocation a success!



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