



# *The Philanderian*

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## 2004 CLASS HITS RECORD MARK

Philander Smith College held its 127th Commencement Ceremony at the Statehouse Convention Center on Saturday, May 8, 2004. A total of 130 graduates received their degrees. Of those graduates, 65 were awarded Honors or were designated with Distinction in Field.

The honorary "Doctorate of Humane Letters" was bestowed upon Former U.S. Senator David Pryor and PSC Board of Trustees Chair Elijah Harris, in recognition of their exemplary service to humanity. PSC alumnus and former member of the PSC Board of Trustees, Dr. Henry McHenry, delivered the keynote address to an audience of more than 1,500.

The annual Baccalaureate Service took place at 10 a.m. that morning with the Reverend Maurice Watson, Senior Pastor of the



Beulahland Bible Church in Macon, Georgia, as the speaker. Mrs. Erma Williams, Vice President of the National Alumni Association, inducted the 130 new graduates into the organization.

"We are very proud of our 2004 graduates," said Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed, PSC President. She added that it is an honor to have these wonderful speakers

and honorees participate in the commencement ceremony. "I would like to thank these deserving honorary doctoral recipients who have given so much to the community," said Reed.

The world-renowned Philander Smith Collegiate Choir under the direction of Professor Lawrence Hamilton performed at both services.

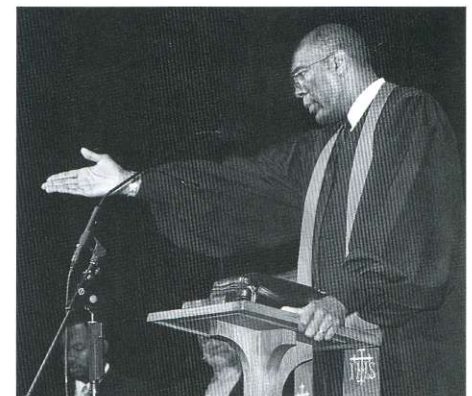
## 2004 NATIONAL ALUMNI CONVENTION

"Remember, Reflect and Recommit" was the theme for the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual National Alumni Convention held in Little Rock in March. The Greater Little Rock Chapter hosted the convention, under the leadership of Convention Co-chairs Yvonne C. Alexander and Connie Cogshell. Dr. Kathryn F. Worthen, outgoing National Alumni President, presided during the weekend activities which was a rousing success and had record attendance.

Founders' Day kicked off the Convention which also included a

luncheon and fashion show, a grand tour of the three new buildings on campus, a dedication ceremony at the new Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center, an Old School Jam, and a Dinner and Concert featuring the PSC Collegiate and Alumni Choirs. New National Alumni Association Officers were installed during the convention: Isaac "Jack" Starks, President; Erma Williams, Vice President; Herman L. Davis, Treasurer; Barbara Brock Jordan, Financial Secretary; and Marva Watts, Recording Secretary.

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*Rev. Larry Ross delivers the keynote address during Founders' Day which kicked-off the National Alumni Convention.*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni,

What a great tenure I have had at Philander Smith College over the past six years. So it is with sadness that I share with you my news about relocating to Daytona Beach, Florida, to assume the presidency of Bethune-Cookman College. This was a most difficult decision because I felt a "Call" by God to assume my new position.



Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed

This same "Call" was made when I arrived at Philander Smith College. As you look around the campus, you know that our work together was ordained by our Creator, God. I am sharing the results of the accomplishments during my tenure. I feel that the work that God called me to do is finished and that my legacy will be a reminder that all things can be accomplished with faith and hard work.

During this year, I dedicated the new Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center and the Residential Center. I celebrate that Bishop Felton Edwin May will lead the Kendall Center funding because my work will be continued by many who share the vision. I am so proud of the Alumni at the GREAT Philander Smith College. You have worked in harmony and with great support for your Alma Mater.

Thanks also to those who believed in me and supported the capital campaign. To the many new friends of Philander Smith College, your support will live on as new leaders arrive on campus to continue the rich legacy and the motto that I brought to the campus which was BUILDING TRADITIONS OF EXCELLENCE! May God continue to bless the Great Philander Smith College! - Trudie Kibbe Reed

## FROM THE ALUMNI AFFAIRS OFFICE

By the time you receive this issue of *The Philanderian*, I will be in my new position at Bethune-Cookman College, to assist Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed who has been named as its new President.

I will certainly miss working at Philander Smith College, as the Director of Alumni Affairs, but the connection and commitment to my Alma Mater will remain.

I encourage all PSC alumni to continue supporting the College with your time and financial resources, and to become a member



Delia G. Anderson

## FROM THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Hello Dear Fellow Philanderians and Friends,

I am very honored to be addressing you from the position of President of the National Alumni Association. I am thankful just as much, for your having chosen me to assume this leadership position. Dr. Kathryn F. Worthen leaves a legacy of love, commitment and dedication which has established a new standard of leadership for us to follow.



Isaac Jack Starks

By now most of you have learned that Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed has accepted the Presidency of Bethune-Cookman College and will start her new position just before the beginning of the 2004-2005 school year. She also leaves a rich legacy for us to build upon, and that includes a Vision of Excellence for Philander Smith College. We can all take heart that the foundation at both the College and the National Alumni Association was built on a Rock. The future will continue to be bright as we grow in quantity and quality, nurtured by love, commitment, unity and a vision of excellence in all we do.

The cliché of "Our Youth Are Our Future" will not just be a trite phrase for the National Alumni Association during this season of our administration. We will solicit and receive the annual involvement and the financial and educational participation from more of our younger graduates. Philander Smith College needs "ALL" of us to ensure the enhancement of its future.

So, don't turn your dial to another station, but stay tuned and save the dates of July 10 through July 14, 2005 for the 2005 Cruise Convention. Let's build together on the foundation which has been laid for us. I believe that God would have us do just that.

You will hear more later on plans, goals and objectives for the National Alumni Association. - Isaac Jack Starks

of the PSC National Alumni Association. Dues are low, and the rewards are high, so make it a point to join this year. Our new leaders are poised to continue building upon a vision of excellence and greatness.

I know that with your positive support and involvement, God will continue to bless PSC tremendously.

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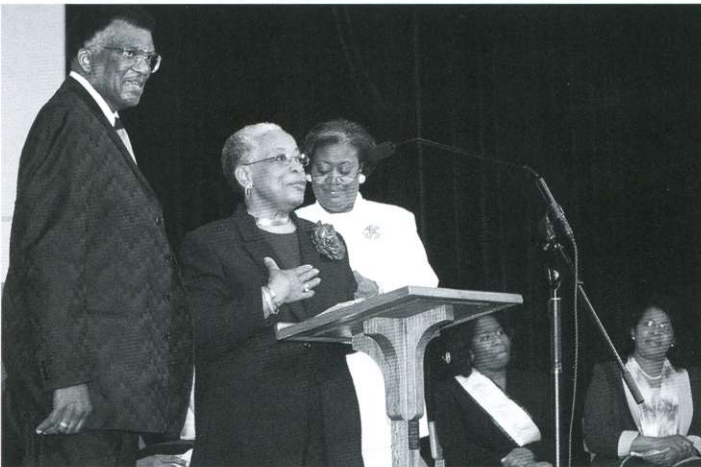
## 2004 NATIONAL ALUMNI CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS



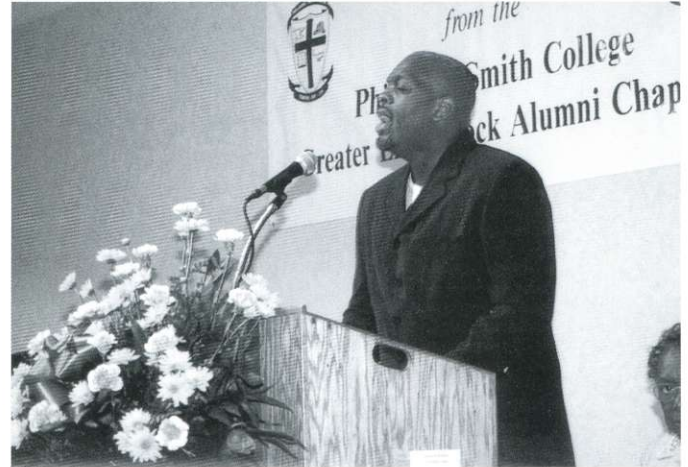
*Lt. Gov. Winthrop Rockefeller presents Dr. Kathryn F. Worthen a crystal cross award for outstanding service as President of the National Alumni Association, while Dr. Curtis Gillespie (left), Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed, and Dr. Eulah L. Peterson look on.*



*Rev. Addie Peterson prepares to deliver the Luncheon keynote address, as she is introduced by her sister, Dr. Eulah L. Peterson.*



*Dr. Kathryn F. Worthen and Mrs. Marian Chappelle pay a special tribute to Dr. Carl G. Harris, Former Director of Choral Music at PSC, during Founders' Day.*



*Darius Nelson, Class of 1995, sings a selection during the Convention Luncheon held at the Wyndham Hotel.*



*Connie Cogshell, Class of 1986, models one of the Millennium Fashions during the Convention Luncheon.*



*Albert Hughes shows off an ensemble while modeling during the Convention Luncheon.*

# Convention Highlights

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*Dr. Kathryn F. Worthen presents the winning membership trophy to Jearlene Miller, President of the Central America Region for the National Alumni Association.*



*Dr. Kathryn F. Worthen presents the top fund-raising trophy to Veronica Nesbitt, President of the Midwest Region for the National Alumni Association.*



*Dr. Jill Trice presents a 2004 Distinguished Alumnus Award to Veronica Nesbitt, Class of 1964.*



*Dr. Jill Trice presents a 2004 Distinguished Alumnus Award to Vivian Hines, Class of 1966.*



*Dr. Willie Mae Shockley (seated) is honored with a "Golden Medallion," for celebrating more than 50 years as a graduate of PSC. She is congratulated by (l to r) Dr. Kathryn F. Worthen, Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed, and Vivian Hines.*

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Former PSC cheerleaders gather during the Old School Jam.



Dr. Kathryn F. Worthen presents certificates of appreciation to Karliss Chapple (left), Assistant Director of Choral Music and Lawrence Hamilton, Director.



PSC graduates gather in front of the Distinguished Alumni Wall. Pictured from left are Judge L. Clifford Davis, Veronica Nesbitt, Symanthie Hopkins, Carreather Perry, and Hazel Bullock.



Dr. Myer L. Titus (center), former PSC President, receives his 50-year Golden Medallion from Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed and Dr. Kathryn F. Worthen.



The PSC Collegiate Choir and Alumni Reunion Choir perform during the Dinner and Concert, under the direction of Lawrence Hamilton, and accompanied by Dr. Carl G. Harris.



# PSC Alumni — Chicago Chapter

July 23, 2004

Dear Alumni:

"All Aboard" Carnival Cruise Line's "Fantasy Ship" for the 49th Annual Convention of the Philander Smith College National Alumni Association, July 10 - 14, 2005. The Chicago chapter will be your host on a 4-day Caribbean Cruise to the Bahamas. Excellent meeting facilities will be available for our business sessions while at sea. There will be plenty of free time for exciting and fun-filled activities during the cruise and in the ports at Nassau and Freeport.

May we suggest that you invite family and friends to join you for an enjoyable vacation or reunion or even for a birthday or other celebration. This is a great way to take care of business and to support our Alma Mater, Philander Smith College.

Enclosed is a flyer for your information and registration. Please note the due date for the deposit is September 1, 2004.

Sincerely,

2005 Cruise Committee

Isaac J. Starks, President  
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# Philander Smith College National Alumni Association

## 49th Annual Convention Cruise

July 10 – July 14, 2005

### 4-Day Cruise includes:

- ◆ Round trip airfare to Port Canaveral, FL
- ◆ Round trip transfers from airport to Port
- ◆ Travel Insurance
- ◆ All meals
- ◆ Port & Federal Taxes
- ◆ Entertainment
- ◆ National Convention Registration

### Itinerary

Day	Port	Arrive	Depart
Sun.	Port Canaveral, FL		4:30 pm
Mon.	Freeport, Bahamas	8:00 am	4:00 pm
Tues.	Nassau, Bahamas	7:00 am	-----
Wed.	Nassau, Bahamas	-----	7:00 am
Wed.	"Fun Day" at Sea		
Thurs.	Port Canaveral, FL	7:00 am	

### Cruise Cost (Per person/Double Occupancy)

CABIN TYPE	EASTERN REGION	MIDWEST REGION	CENTRAL REGION	WEST COAST REGION
Outside	\$1100.00	\$1100.00	\$1050.00	\$1200.00
Inside	\$1050.00	\$1050.00	\$1000.00	\$1150.00

Note: Prices are subject to change based on increases in cost, increases in taxes, increases in airport fees and fluctuation in monetary exchange rates. Additional price categories available upon request.

**Proof of Citizenship Documentation Needed: Passport or Birth Certificate with Photo ID**

### Cancellation & Refund Policy

If a cancellation occurs, the following charges will be assessed:

Up to 61 days before the cruise	\$50.00
60 – 30 days	\$150.00
29 – 8 days	50% of Trip cost
7 days or less	100% of total fare

### Payment Schedule

\$100.00 Deposit	9/1/2004
\$375.00 due by	1/1/2005
Balance due	5/01/2005

For additional information contact:

Lillian Gomez  
Mary Banks

### REGISTRATION FORM

Return to: Ae'rea Travel Tours & Cruises 9214 S. Commercial Ave. Chicago, IL 60617

Attn: Chicago Chapter PSC Alumni Association

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Double Occupancy ☐ Inside ☐ Outside Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(based on region & cabin type)

Form of payment: ☐ check payable to: Ae'rea Travel Tours & Cruises or ☐ Credit Card

Credit Card Type: ☐ VISA ☐ MC A/C# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date. \_\_\_\_\_

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# National Alumni Association Philander Smith College Officers' Roster

Mr. Isaac "Jack" Starks, President

Mrs. Erma Williams, Vice President

Mr. Herman L. Davis, Treasurer

Ms. Barbara Brock Jordan, Financial Secretary

Mrs. Marva Watts, Recording Secretary



## SUPPORT THE UNITED NEGRO COLLEGE FUND

Philander Smith College is a UNCF member institution, and our joint fund-raising campaign is underway. Please support the UNCF campaign by sending in your donation, made payable to *PSC/UNCF* to:

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