

# *Echoes of Excellence*

*News For Friends Of Philander Smith College*

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## PSC Receives \$8 Million Grant To Fund Science Building Project

Philander Smith College has been awarded an \$8 million grant from the United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries. The grant, funded by the Harry R. Kendall Fund is the largest gift in the history of the College. PSC President Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed and Arkansas Area Bishop Janice Huie made the proposal to the board in January. The proposal calls for creation of an undergraduate school emphasizing helping undergraduate students prepare for admission to programs in medicine and health. The new "state of the art" Health Science Mission Center is planned to be constructed near the front of the campus at South Gaines and West 14<sup>th</sup> Street, and is expected to be complete in 2002.



President Trudie K. Reed and Dr. William H. Woods, Chairperson of the Division of Natural and Physical Sciences, survey site for the new Health Science Mission Center.



Arkansas Area Bishop Janice Huie was instrumental in preparing and presenting the grant to The United Methodist General Board of Global Ministries of New York.

*BUILDING TRADITIONS OF EXCELLENCE*

*Philander Smith College*  
*Little Rock, Arkansas*





# *A Message from The President*

*April 17, 2000*

*Dear Friends:*



*Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed*

*We would like for you to join us in celebrating a recent \$8 million grant to our institution for a new Science and Health Mission facility. This new building will also provide an international mission training center to prepare students for service in Arkansas and around the world. Soon we will welcome our first students from Haiti and are expanding our recruitment efforts in Africa and other developing nations, as well as the Arkansas Delta. As we continue to empower learners for effective leadership, citizenship, community service, and lifelong learning, we are enhancing our image of academic excellence.*

*As a historically black institution affiliated with the United Methodist Church, our rich legacy continues because we provide an educational experience that nurtures the whole person - builds self-esteem - cultivates critical thinking skills - and fosters hope for the future. Many of our learners are first generation college students. However, by the time of graduation, Philander Smith College students are true scholars and leaders.*

- √ *90% of our science students applying to medical school are admitted.*
- √ *80% of the students in the Philander Smith Collegiate Choir attend graduate and professional schools following graduation.*
- √ *Our faculty are published scholars and outstanding educators.*
- √ *Philander Smith College has the first Black Family Studies program in the nation to offer a minor.*

*We are proud to continue our rich heritage and invite you to join us in "Building Traditions of Excellence." Please feel free to drop by and visit us to learn more about Little Rock's private liberal arts college.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trudie Kibbe Reed". The script is fluid and cursive.

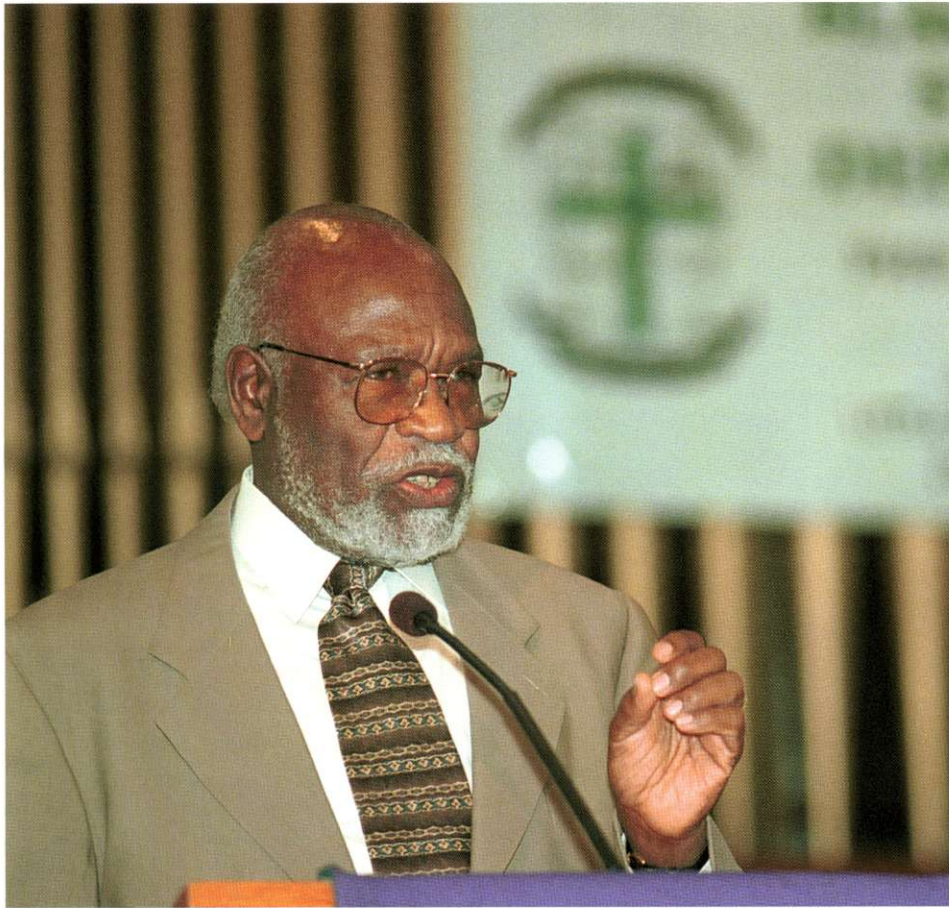
*Trudie Kibbe Reed, President*

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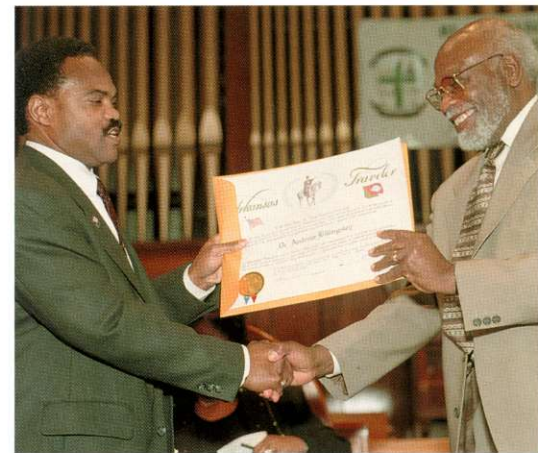
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# Dr. Andrew Billingsley Speaks at PSC

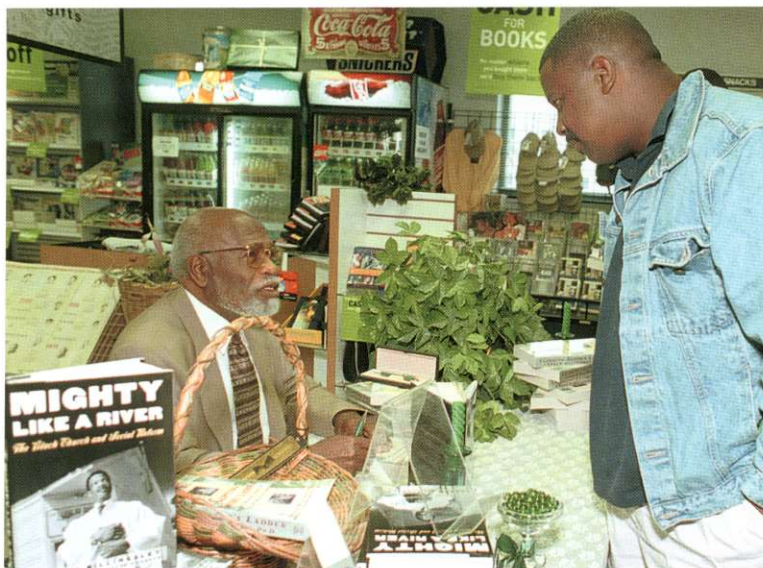


*The first of the Annual Lectureship Series of The Black Family Studies Program features noted author and scholar.*

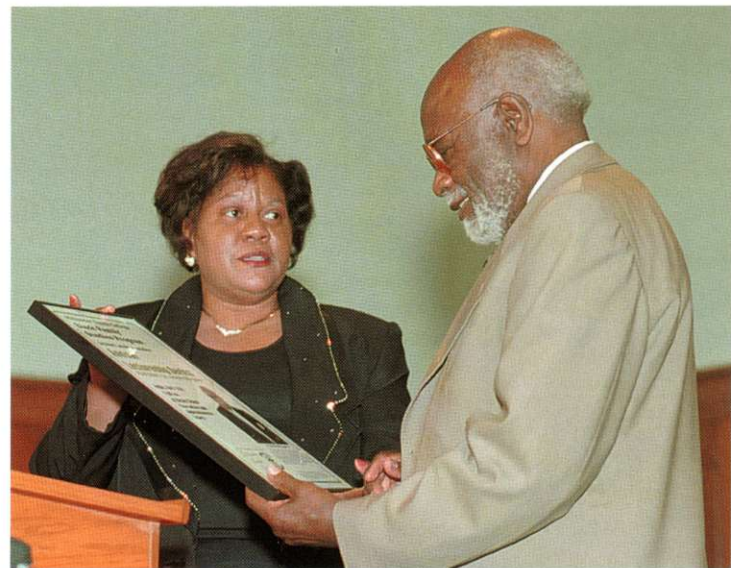


Noted author and lecturer Dr. Andrew Billingsley addresses audience on the plight of the Black Family in America, during the first annual Lecture Series held April 14 at Wesley Chapel Church. The Lecture Series is sponsored by the Black Family Studies Program at Philander Smith College.

Joe Franklin presents Dr. Andrew Billingsley with the Arkansas Traveler's Certificate, on behalf of Governor Mike Huckabee.



Dr. Billingsley discusses his book, "Mighty Like A River" with student Arzo Johnson during a book signing in the PSC bookstore.



Black Family Studies Program Director Dr. Wynona Bryant-Williams makes a special presentation to Dr. Billingsley following his lecture.



## *The Life of Martin Luther King Jr. Is Celebrated With Annual Vigil*

Philander Smith College opened the campus to the community on January 15 during "Vigil 2000", an ecumenical Memorial service in recognition of the birthday of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The candle-lit vigil is held annually on campus at the site of the Martin Luther King Memorial. Participants included representatives from the Governor's office and from churches and organizations across the state. Program Coordinator Dr. Carey Wynn, II led the procession from the memorial site to Wesley Chapel Church for speaker presentations and a performance by the Philander Smith College Choir.



SGA President Dekara Morris joins children in remembering Dr. King.



"Vigil 2000" A solemn moment



Ms. Delia Moore lights a candle during "Vigil 2000"



Vigil Coordinator Dr. Carey Wynn, II makes opening remarks.



The Philander Smith Collegiate Choir performs during "Vigil 2000"





The community gathers to pay respects to Mrs. Daisy Bates.



Lighting a candle in remembrance.

# Bates Honored With Service

Philander Smith College was the site of a "Candle-Light Memorial Service" for Civil Rights activist Mrs. Daisy L. Bates following her death last November.



President Trudie Kibbe Reed remembers a great leader.



Members of the Philander Smith Collegiate Choir during Memorial Service for Mrs. Daisy L. Bates.



# Excellence in Action

## INTERNS MAKE HISTORY

Philander Smith College made history this year with the selection of four Lina H. McCord Intern Scholars. The annual Black College Fund project, headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee, provides leadership during the United Methodist Annual Conferences. The four will attend and speak at twelve Annual Conferences during the summer of 2000. **Photo from left:** Joseph Jones, senior; William Frank Jones, III, freshman; PSC President Trudie Kibbe Reed; Rupert Thomas, Jr. sophomore; Tarnisha Adams, junior.



## BAROQUE MUSIC WINNERS

The Humanities Department of Philander Smith College hosted the 1999 winners of the Baroque Music Competitions during a special "International Baroque Music Concert" on campus April 7th. Winners from nine countries performed vocal, piano and musical compositions during the 2 hour program, and later joined guests for a reception. The Baroque Music competitions are held annually in Ragusa, Italy. The group was on tour in Arkansas as part of the Little Rock Sister Cities Program. This was the first time the group has performed at the college.



## NATIONAL FACULTY RECEPTION

Dr. Mary Beth Ross, Director of The National Faculty in Arkansas, headquartered at Philander Smith College, introduces key personnel from the National Office in Atlanta, during a welcoming reception in the PSC Administration Building on April 6. The National Faculty focuses on assisting teachers in mastering their subjects and helping to develop new approaches to teaching.





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## HONDA CAMPUS ALL-STAR TEAM

A PSC team participated in the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge, held March 22-26 in Orlando, FL, against students from 64 Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Team Captain Robert Plant, a PSC junior, tied for 6th place in overall scoring and made the All-Star team. PSC received \$3000 for competing, plus \$1000 for Plant's qualifying for the All-Star Team. **Photo from left:** Team coach Mrs. Ruth Nash, Dean of Student Affairs and Robert Plant II. Other team members not pictured: James Allen, senior, Allen Richardson, senior, Kinney Fields, freshman, Bernardus Craddock, freshman.



## RECEPTION HONORS LOCAL BUSINESS LEADERS AND PSC SUPPORTERS

President Trudie Kibbe Reed greets supporters during a reception sponsored by Elijah Harris of Entergy Corp and Board of Trustees Chair, Dr. Sherman Tate, held in the PSC Administration Building. Guests included community business leaders, members of the PSC Board of Trustees, and the Vision Validators.



## ENTERGY GIFT

Mr. Elijah Harris of Entergy Corp (2nd from left) presents a check for \$12,700 to Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed and PSC College Fund/UNCF Director Mrs. Sybil Bunn for The College Fund/UNCF. Philander Smith College is one of four historically black colleges in the Entergy service area to benefit from a \$75,000 contribution to The College Fund/UNCF for scholarships and programs. Mr. Kenneth St. Charles, (left) Area Development Director for the UNCF office in New Orleans, says the gift is an "investment in the future of students who otherwise can't afford to go to college."



# Upcoming Events at PSC

## MAY

- 12 Friday, Elijah Pitts Memorial Golf Tournament
- 13 Saturday, Baccalaureate and Commencement 2000
- 20 Saturday, Frederick D. Patterson/UNCF Banquet
- 30 Tuesday, Registration for Summer I Classes
- 31 Wednesday, Summer I Classes Begin

## JUNE

- 30 Friday, Final Examinations/Summer Session I Ends

## JULY

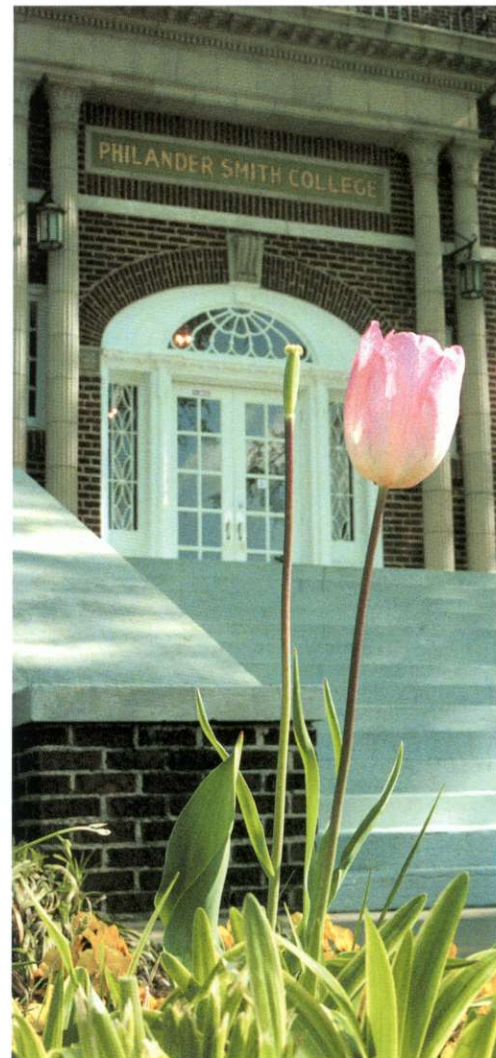
- 4 Tuesday, INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY
- 5 Wednesday, Summer Session II Classes Begin

## AUG

- 4 Friday, Final Examinations/Summer Session II Ends
- 11 Friday, Fall Faculty/Staff Institute
- 16-18 Wednesday-Friday, Fall Registration
- 21 Monday, Fall Classes Begin



Spring flowers bloom at the front gate, while the new Elijah Pitts Memorial Plaza can be seen in the background.



A tulip blooms in the garden in front of the Administration Building.

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