

The Philanderian

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FALL & WINTER
2006-2007



Kirsten Proctor
Miss PSC 2006-2007

Message From The President



Wanted: Academically Ambitious Students

As I completed my sophomore year as president of Philander Smith College, I learned a great deal. But unlike the honeymoon period during the first year, people are now waiting to see and hear what we are going to do. Robert Weisbuch of Drew University, also a second year president, stated, “It is time to move from rhetoric to action, time to produce.”

Malcolm X said the examined life is painful. And when you’re the new guy, it isn’t easy helping an organization face reality. But our reality is this: We are often viewed as the school of last resort, the place for kids who can’t get in anywhere else. In a short time I became aware that we needed a Renaissance to bring Philander Smith College back into prominence. We needed reactivation, revitalization, renewal, resurgence, rebirth and a revival.

Philander Smith College is in the business of graduating students. This is not a given, as only 40 percent of Black students graduate from four-year colleges in six years. The recent report by the Spellings Commission on the future of higher education calls for much more accountability with respect to graduation rates, rates that have not changed much over the past 100 years in higher education. And with all the bragging that we do in higher education, rarely do you hear people brag about improving the rate at which students graduate.

With that in mind we dusted off our policies, fine tuned them, and implemented them. The immediate result has been a noticeably smaller student body. In a perfect world, we would have phased this in, not to upset our overall planning. But as with a major medical problem, we needed aggressive, radical intervention—not another band-aid approach.

This was chemotherapy for our cancerous image, and we lost some hair. But it is growing back, and the new growth is promising. How can we tell? Well, our current freshman class brought an average high school GPA that was 17 percent higher than just two years ago, not to mention an average ACT score that was 16 percent higher. In fact, our average ACT increased by 2.2 points in one year, a greater one-year increase than any school in the state can claim in at least the past 15 years—maybe even ever. Our freshman class, in fact, scored *above* the national ACT average for African American students.

The new president of my graduate alma mater says something about the caliber of students at Miami University, something that I have recently adopted. At PSC, we, too, want “academically ambitious students” yearning to lead “intellectually vigorous lives.” Historically, that’s who we have been. During this renaissance, that’s who we will become again.

We are at a critical time in history. Historically Black colleges and universities face heightened scrutiny as more and more students seek brand name colleges for validation. Penn professor Marc Lamont Hill wrote that HBCUs are not valued “within the cultural logic of the neo-liberal marketplace, where formal education is reduced to a tradable commodity.” We have to think and operate differently to flourish when higher education is a commodity.

The renaissance era of PSC will not only secure the future of this institution but help turn around the image of small, private HBCUs as a whole—a group of institutions that struggle to survive on a daily basis. We’re definitely on the right track. Soon, you will hear about a new initiative that will solidify the renaissance.

Stay tuned.

Walter M. Kimbrough, Ph.D.
President

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On The Cover:

Senior Kirsten Proctor, Miss PSC 2006-2007 is from Kansas City, Mo., The coronation was held on Sept. 16 in the ornate ballroom of the Junior League of Little Rock building. Cover photo by Kendy Schimmel Photography

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Message From The National Alumni Association President

And the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him.
— Genesis 2:18 NKJ

Dear Alumni, Family and Friends,

As we look forward to all the promise the new year holds, please know that Philander Smith College faces some real challenges for 2007—one of which is the elimination of a \$477,000 debt to the federal government. However, my belief remains that relationship, teamwork and unity are the keys to successfully handling any challenges, including those of monetary nature.

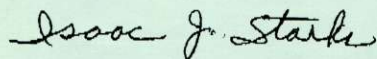
The aforementioned attributes are also keys to the continuance of the renaissance of the College and to the future of the National Alumni Association (NAA). I also believe that with the College's new leadership team, including the new chairman of the Board of Trustees, our College president and the new vice president for institutional advancement, collaborating on an approach to succeed, there is no doubt that great things are in store for 2007.

As you know, the mission, goals and challenges of the College are also those of the NAA. Therefore, your NAA leadership team is already on the front line, committed to the 2007 Unrestricted Fund campaign. But we can't do it alone. You must help, and please be assured that you are comparable. Please send your donation to the Unrestricted Fund campaign as soon as possible.

Then, meet your fellow alumni and friends in Columbus, Ohio, on July 26, 2007 at the NAA convention to receive your tools, armor and marching orders. You will not be alone. There is no stopping us.

BELIEVE IT, RECEIVE IT AND ACHIEVE IT. AND PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW.

Very truly yours,



Isaac J. Starks

39th Annual Greater Little Rock Christmas & Fellowship Breakfast Peyton family honored; Minnie P. Ross Scholarship Fund established

The Greater Little Rock Alumni chapter of Philander Smith College hosted its 39th annual Christmas Breakfast & Fellowship on Saturday, Dec. 9, in the Nugent Center of the Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center on campus.

Serving as keynote speaker was Rev. Larry W. Ross '69, newly elected chairman of the College's Board of Trustees. Rev. Ross's captivating speech was entitled "From Surviving to Thriving," and he used his address to challenge and inspire the capacity crowd of alumni and friends of the college.

The holiday fellowship also paid tribute to the 2006 honorees of The Generation of Families—an annual recognition of families that graduated from PSC—to the Peyton family. In turn, members of the Peyton clan presented a \$500 book scholarship to PSC President Walter Kimbrough. The Peyton family's PSC graduates, and their spouses, include Carolyn Peyton Slater '67 (Leroy); Gloria Peyton McAdoo '72 (Rev. C. E. '69); William Peyton '70 (Jewell); and Lorraine Peyton Mosby '72 (Jimmy '73).

Capping a spirited fellowship was a check presentation by Rev. Ross and his wife Lillian in the amount of \$20,000 from the Ross Family to establish the Minnie P. Ross Scholarship Fund. Rev. Ross followed that presentation to Dr. Kimbrough with a check from a fellow 1969 graduate, Robert Blue, in the amount of \$7500 that, after it is matched three times by the Exxon Mobile Corporation, will amount to a total contribution of \$30,000.

Chapter member Johnnie Branch was this year's event chair and Rev. Cleo G. Smith serves as president of the Greater Little Rock Alumni chapter.



JOIN US FOR THE 2007 NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CONVENTION
“AN INSPIRATIONAL CELEBRATION OF *BELOVED* ALUMNI”

To Fellow Alumni and Friends of Philander Smith College:

On behalf of the Columbus, Ohio Alumni Chapter, we are very excited and honored to serve as the host for the 2007 National Alumni Association Convention that will take place July 26th – July 29th, 2007.

To help ensure a successful 2007 Convention, the Columbus Chapter is collaborating with the Midwest Region to augment our resources, visibility, and fundraising capabilities. We are also fortunate to have the formal support of the United Negro College Fund’s Area Development Director.

In addition to the relevant NAA General Sessions and traditional Banquet activities, we have organized workshops that will better equip new and seasoned alumni as fundraisers and recruiters for PSC. We are planning a Corporate Luncheon as our primary fundraising event that will include corporate sponsored tables primarily comprised of promising high school students and a venue for Dr. Kimbrough to tell “the PSC story”. The keynote speaker for the luncheon is Columbus’ renowned and inspirational Bishop Timothy Clarke of the First Church of God. The 2007 Convention will also feature the Alumni Choir under the direction of Dr. Carl Gordon Harris, Jr., Director Emeritus of The PSC Collegiate Choir. We are also planning alumni bonding activities such as a golf outing, PSC Jazz Night, shopping sprees, and much more....stay tuned!

The 2007 Convention theme is “An Inspirational Celebration of *Beloved* Alumni”. Our various chapters are blessed to have *Beloved* Alumni that epitomize PSC’s history of exceptional alumni achievement and leadership in their respective careers and communities. To CELEBRATE the *Beloved* Alumni, each PSC Chapter is being asked to sponsor a *Beloved* Alumni or the memory of such an Alumnus. A segment of the Corporate Luncheon will include a special ceremony to acknowledge the *Beloved* Alumni and in doing so it is hoped that their example will be an INSPIRATION to “recent” and “not so recent” graduates to renew their engagement and financial support of PSC.

Overall, the 2007 Convention will strive to be consistent with Dr. Kimbrough’s September 24, 2005 Inaugural Address titled “The Renaissance of Philander Smith College”. Thus, our goal as a convention and alumni will be measured in terms of high expectations, empowerment and the engagement of others “to do the right thing”. Let’s be clear about it – our efforts must result in raising scholarship funds to help attract high achieving students, increasing alumni giving, and heightening PSC name recognition and support within the marketplace. All financial proceeds net of expenses derived by the Columbus Chapter will be given to PSC for scholarships.

Within the next few weeks each chapter will receive more details about the 2007 Convention and the *Beloved* Alumni ceremony. The Columbus Chapter and the Midwest Region look forward to a phenomenal turn out for the 2007 Convention. Let’s us prepare for your arrival by **registering early** and by your positive response as we reach out to various alumni for your support.

Sincerely,

Ronald Newsome

Ronald Newsome ‘71
President, Columbus Alumni Chapter

Veronica Nesbitt

Veronica Nesbitt ‘64
NAA Midwest Regional President

Ray Adams

Area Development Director
United Negro College Fund

HOTEL INFORMATION

2007 PSC National Alumni Association Annual Convention



July 26 - 29, 2007

at the

Columbus Airport Marriott

1375 North Cassady Avenue

Columbus, OH 43219

Telephone (614) 475-7551

Reservations (800) 491-5717

FAX (614) 476-1476

www.columbusairportmarriott.com



Reservations Cut-Off Date: Monday, July 2, 2007

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

A block of rooms have been reserved for the convention and the rooms are on a first-come, first-served basis, and are subject to availability, so don't wait.

Reserve now and register early.

Reservations must be made for the Event directly with the Columbus Airport Marriott at 800-491-5717 or 614-475-7551.

When making your reservations, please identify yourself as a participant in the 2007 Philander Smith College National Alumni Annual Convention.

Convention Rates (Per Night): Single - \$104, Double - \$104 and Triple - \$104. Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes.

Check-In Time is 3:00 p.m. and Check-Out Time is 12:00 noon.

Complimentary airport transportation, concierge level, 24-hour business center, valet service, complimentary parking, safe deposit boxes, room service, 24-hour gift shop.



Philander Smith College
2007 National Alumni Association Annual Convention
 Hosted by
The Columbus, Ohio Alumni Chapter
 in collaboration with
The NAA Midwest Region
July 26th - July 29th, 2007

REGISTRATION FORM

(Please PRINT or TYPE)

ONE Registration form per person

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| Name | | | |
| Address | City | State | Zip |
| Phone # | E-Mail Address | | |
| Chapter | Class Year | | |

REGISTRATION FEE

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| QUANTITY | EVENT | PRICE | TOTAL |
|----------|--------------------|-------|-------|
| | Corporate Luncheon | \$40 | \$ |
| | PSC Jazz Night | \$40 | \$ |
| | Alumni Banquet | \$60 | \$ |
| | Souvenir Booklet | \$25 | \$ |
| | Hospitality Room | \$25 | \$ |

TOTAL INDIVIDUAL EVENT TICKET PURCHASES

\$

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

\$

Refund Policy: Full refund less Administration Fee of \$50 will be made upon receipt of written cancellation postmarked no later than May 31, 2007. No refund after June 1, 2007.

Make checks payable to: PSC Convention 2007

Payment must be postmarked or delivered by the deadline for specified rates to apply. Early-Bird and General Registration may be paid by money order personal, cashier or commercial check. **No personal checks will be accepted after May 31, 2007.** Mail completed form with payment to:

Columbus Chapter NAA
 C/O PSC National Alumni Convention 2007
 P.O.Box 30764
 Gahanna, Ohio 43230

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**“An Inspirational Celebration of Beloved Alumni”
National Alumni Association Philander Smith College, Inc.**

2007 Convention Schedule

THURSDAY, JULY 26

- 1:00PM – 6:00PM Convention Registration
- 1:00PM – 2:30PM Executive Board Meeting
- 3:00PM – 4:30PM Opening General Session
- 5:30PM – Until - Dinner and Discover Columbus (shopping and entertainment) - On your own
- 6:00PM – Until - Alumni Choir Rehearsal – Dr. Carl G. Harris, Jr.

- 7:00PM – 10:00PM Hospitality

FRIDAY, JULY 27

- 8:30AM – 12:00PM Convention Registration
- 9:00AM – 10:30AM Second General Session
- 10:45AM – 12:00PM Workshop: Alumni Relationship Development
Speakers: Erma Williams and Francis Starks
- 12:15PM – 1:30PM Lunch – On Your Own
- 1:45PM – 3:00PM Workshop: Strategies for Alumni Fundraising
Dr. Shannon Fleming, VP-Institutional Advancement
- 2:30PM – 4:30PM Alumni Choir Rehearsal – Dr. Carl G. Harris, Jr.
- 3:15PM – 5:00PM Workshop: Alumni Relationship Development
Speakers: Erma Williams and Francis Starks
- 5:00PM – 6:00PM Open
- 6:00PM – 7:00PM Cocktail Reception
- 7:00PM – 9:00PM 2007 Convention Banquet
- 10:00PM – Until Hospitality

SATURDAY, JULY 28

- 8:30AM – 10:00AM Closing General Session – Installation of Officers
- 10:15AM – 11:15AM Workshop: Legacy Building
Speaker: Kathryn Worthen
- 11:30AM – Noon Memorial Service
- 12:15PM – 2:15PM 2007 Corporate Luncheon
Speakers: President Kimbrough and Bishop Timothy Clarke
- 2:30PM – 3:30PM Executive Board Meeting
- 3:30PM – Until Golf Excursion
- 3:30PM – 7:00PM Dinner and Discover Columbus (shopping & entertainment) - On Your Own
- 8:00PM – Midnight PSC Jazz Night
- 8:00PM – Until “After Hour” Hospitality

SUNDAY, JULY 29

- 10:45 AM Worship Service

**WANTED:
PSC CHOIR MEMBERS**

The Philander Smith College Alumni Reunion Choir delivered an outstanding performance during the 2006 National Alumni Convention in Little Rock, AR. The planners for the 2007 National Alumni Convention in Columbus, OH are requesting an encore. The Alumni Choir will again be under the direction of Dr. Carl G. Harris, Jr., Director Emeritus of PSC Collegiate Choir. We are calling upon all alumni who were a part of the 2006 Reunion Choir or who were members of the PSC Collegiate Choir, as students, to also participate. The Alumni Reunion Choir will perform during the 2007 Convention that will be held July 26-29, 2007 at the Columbus Airport Marriott in Columbus, OH. If you were ever in the PSC Collegiate Choir, then we would like for you to participate! To participate, please complete the form below, and submit it by April 1, 2007 to the mailing address on the form. If you have any questions, please contact Yvonne C. Alexander, Office of Alumni Affairs, at (501) 370-5271 or send an email to “yalexander@philander.ed.” Yes! I want to join other PSC choir members in performing during the Convention (July 26-29, 2007) in Columbus, OH.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____

Email _____

CLASS YEAR _____

PARTICIPANT LAST YEAR? _____

VOICE TYPE _____

Mail this form by April 1, 2007 to:
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Philander Smith College
One Trudie Kibbe Reed Drive
Little Rock, AR 72202

Celebrated thinkers, figures and authors 'Bless The Mic'

In its second season, *Bless The Mic: A Hip-Hop President's Lecture Series* has generated capacity audiences, stimulated thought-provoking dialogue, and provided Philander Smith College with some priceless and wide-ranging exposure.

The inaugural speaker, Class of 1943 Princeton University Professor **Dr. Cornel West**, did not disappoint the 800 who gathered this past September to witness his electrifying lecture and ruminations on race, class and democracy in America. Dr. West's address would prove to be a harbinger of what students, faculty, staff and the community could expect from *Bless The Mic*, as he urged those in attendance to "learn how to die by examining oneself" and reminding that we cannot "sidestep pain" because "we've got to work through it."

Following Dr. West was **AJ Calloway**, former co-host of one of the most significant programs in hip-hop culture, BET's *106 & Park*. Now a correspondent for the entertainment news show *Extra*, Calloway travels the country speaking to young people about the importance of education and explores some of the contradictions that are inherent to hip-hop culture, mostly in music and videos. Before his

Oct. 17 lecture, Calloway paid a visit to students at Little Rock's Central High School where a classroom of rapt teens probed him about the state of hip-hop and for the behind-the-scenes of the entertainment industry.

Calloway's keen insight into hip-hop was followed in November by award-winning journalist **Joan Morgan**, who took students behind the premise of her book *When Chickenheads Come Home to Roost*. Morgan's searing cultural analysis ably demonstrated why she has risen to become one of the most engaging young social commentators in America.

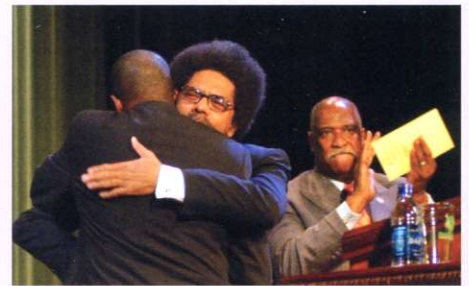
A contemporary spin on the traditional college president's lecture series, *Bless The Mic* offers a mix of speakers who are either central to the hip-hop generation or who have studied areas that are of importance to this group. Speakers like **Dr. Jonathan Kozol** and **Dr. Na'im Akbar** spoke this spring and kept the discourse going. **MC Lyte** (March) and **Ward Connerly** (April) will round out the spring schedule.

Come see why one local journalist and editor hailed *Bless The Mic* as "a jewel of a series." All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information call (501) 370-5279.



BlessTheMic
A Hip-Hop President's Lecture Series
PHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE

"Bless The Mic is about keeping the flow going."
Dr. Cornel West



Dr. Cornel West



AJ Calloway

MC Lyte, pioneering hip-hop artist and actress
March 27 — M.L. Harris Auditorium

Ward Connerly, author, "Creating Equal: My Fight Against Race Preferences." *April 11 — ML Harris Auditorium*



Joan Morgan





Dr. Michael Lomax, Mrs. Judy Green, Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough



Mrs. Adria Kimbrough, Dr. Barbara Kilgore and Dr. Jocelyn Elders



Dr. Michael Lomax and Dr. Sherman Tate exchange ideas

Dr. Michael L. Lomax, president and chief executive officer of the United Negro College Fund, was a main attraction of the 2006 Presidential Luncheon this fall. Held in the Nugent Center of the Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center, more than 300 attended the annual gathering that provides civic, corporate and business leaders an

opportunity to hear about the unique needs, challenges and upcoming initiatives of the venerable institution.

Following special remarks given by James L. "Skip" Rutherford, Dean of the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service, PSC President Walter Kimbrough introduced the keynote speaker—but not before addressing the college's current position



Rev. Larry Ross, Dr. Lomax and Bishop Charles Crutchfield.



Rev. Jeffrey Hampton, Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow, Rev. William Robinson and Congressman Vic Snyder.



Skip Rutherford, Bishop Felton E. May, Rev. William Robinson and Bishop Charles Crutchfield.



Alum, Mr. Bennie Williams and representatives of FedEx greet Miss PSC, Kirsten Proctor.

2006 UNCF Presidential Luncheon Sponsors

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Rev. Larry Ross and SGA president Kevin Cooper greeting other PSC students.



Mr. Lomax, Dr. Jocelyn Elders and Bishop Felton E. May



Ms. Karen Hunter with Miss PSC, Kirsten Proctor, and student Cherelle Lee



Board Member Robert Montgomery, Skip Rutherford, and Rev. Larry Ross

Raises Scholarship Funds

and future outlook. Dr. Lomax used his remarks to stress the importance of continuing donor support to UNCF member institutions such as Philander Smith College. The UNCF is the nation's largest minority higher education assistance organization, annually providing operating and program funds to its 39 member private historically Black colleges and universities.

The Philander Smith Collegiate Choir, under the direction of Lawrence Hamilton, provided the luncheon music. At the close of the event Dr. Kimbrough gave special recognition to a select group of outstanding PSC student scholars. Funds raised from the President's Luncheon benefited student scholarships through UNCF.



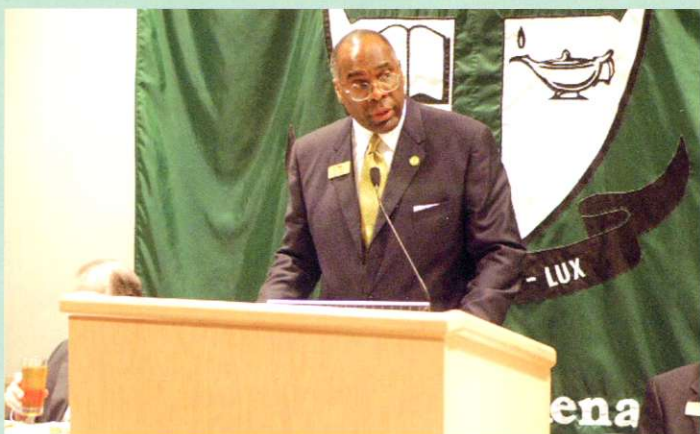
Special remarks were given by Skip Rutherford, Dean of UA Clinton School of Public during the President's Luncheon.



Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough introduces keynote speaker, Dr. Michael Lomax at luncheon.



Dr. Michael Lomax, president and CEO of UNCF addresses the luncheon crowd as Dr. Kimbrough ponders on his message.



Reverend Larry Ross, Chair, PSC Board of Trustees brings greeting to luncheon attendees.



Dinah Mande, PSC student from the Democratic Republic of the Congo wows the crowd with a special selection accompanied by Mr. Lawrence Hamilton.

THE CROWNING OF

by Sericia Rouse

Kirsten Proctor's *senior year will be forever frozen in time*—not only because she would bring to a close a successful collegiate career, but she will also remember it as the time she represented the institution as **Miss PSC 2006-07**.

The Miss PSC Committee, chaired by **Karen Hunter** in the Office of the President, worked for weeks alongside Kirsten to plan activities for Miss PSC Week 2006, Sept. 11-16, which culminated in an elegant coronation ceremony that celebrated her crowning. Miss PSC Week was busy and exciting. Students, faculty and staff were engaged for a number of events designed to coincide with the queen's platform of self-awareness. Things got started with a service project for a nonprofit rescue mission that feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless and assists those in need. Kirsten collected toiletries and non-perishable food to donate to women served by the Little Rock Compassion Center and personally delivered the items to the center. The community service project was followed by a rally to introduce Miss PSC and her court (comprised of campus organi-

zational queens) and at a special chapel service, students were given a chance to offer Miss PSC their specially prepared tributes.

The week concluded with the Coronation on Sept. 16 held in the ornate ballroom of the Junior League of Little Rock building. The program's theme, selected by Kirsten, was "Frozen in Time," which gave former campus queens (Carla Johnson, Carol Smith Green, Raven Alexander, Taco Williams and Rory Hill) an opportunity to share memories of their days as Miss PSC. With her parents and other close relatives watching, Kirsten was officially crowned by Dr. Walter Kimbrough and his wife Adria, but not before she and her court showcased their formal dance skills in a beautifully choreographed waltz sequence.



A CAMPUS QUEEN

Miss PSC 2006-07, who is from Kansas City, Mo., calls her chosen platform “fairly simple,” yet credits the title with helping her come to terms with her own self-awareness. “I’m somewhat of a reserved person, and holding such a position has required me to step outside of myself and reach out to my peers,” she reflected. “I have learned how powerful a warm smile or a kind word can be, how these little expressions can change someone’s whole outlook.”

The 21-year-old psychology major says self-awareness involves “realizing who you are and what your strengths and weaknesses are,” sound advice as she prepares for her future. Expected to graduate in May 2007, she is currently preparing

for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) and applying to graduate programs in the Midwest. She plans to become a clinical child psychologist and eventually open her own private practice.

During her tenure Kirsten will make numerous campus and public appearances on behalf of the College. She also looks forward to being featured in the popular spread published each year by Ebony magazine that highlights the nation’s Black college campus queens.

Best wishes to Miss PSC 2006-07, Kirsten Proctor!



Harry R. The Kendall Center Science and Health Mission

HOLISTIC HEALTH: CONNECTING THE PIECES
Mind, Body & Spirit

The **Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center (HRKSHMC)** is an integral part of the academic mission of Philander Smith College. The Center serves as an advocate for and a collaborator with the Division of Natural and Physical Sciences in seeking to promote health professions and allied health vocations. The Center is committed to promoting a healthy mind, body, and spiritual connection within the college, church, and community.

March 8th NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS

Preventable, Treatable, Beatable!

April 19th ARKANSAS MINORITY HEALTH AWARENESS

No Matter Who You Are!

May 17th NATIONAL MENTAL HEALTH
Bipolar Disorder and African Americans!

June – August SUMMER BREAK

September 20th PROSTATE CANCER AWARENESS
Awareness. Outreach. Advocacy

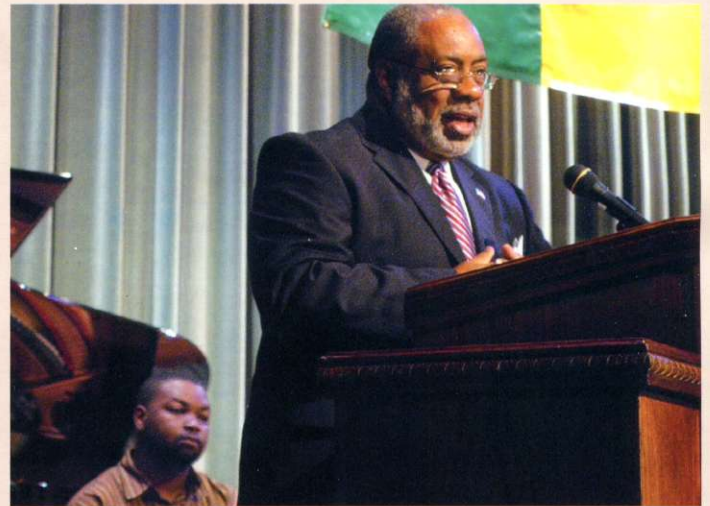
October 18th AMERICAN DIABETES AWARENESS

All About Diabetes!

The events will be held in the Harry R. Kendall Science and Health Mission Center/Nugent at Noon on the third Thursday of each month; except for the months of December and March. Everyone is invited to attend and it's FREE to the public; however, lunches are limited to 50 and we will distribute on a first come first serve basis.



The Kendall Center, along with other organizations, held a Homeless Outreach Project providing an array of services to more than 2000 of central Arkansas's homeless citizens. Services included dental and eye exams, immunizations and health screenings; legal services; free clothing and hot meals; as well as information on housing, job training and other prevention/intervention services.



Judge Marion Humphrey spoke to students during the Constitution Chapel Service.



New SGA Officers for 2006-2007 are sworn in during Chapel Service.



During Thanksgiving Chapel, students, faculty and staff display food baskets collected for the needy.



Students participate in the annual Graduate School/Career fair in Mims Gymnasium.



| No. | Name | Height | Position | Classification | Hometown |
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| 4 | Tommy Bozeman | 6'5 | F | So. | Little Rock, AR |
| 11 | Rodney Warren | 6'1 | G | Sr. | Philadelphia, PA |
| 22 | Wesley Henry | 6'0 | G | Sr. | Memphis, TN |
| 23 | Lynwood Greenwood | 6'2 | F | Sr. | Philadelphia, PA |
| 25 | Willie Henry | 6'0 | G | Sr. | Memphis, TN |
| 31 | Rashad Aleem | 6'3 | F | Sr. | Wynne, AR |
| 32 | Brandon Allen | 6'1 | F | Sr. | El Dorado, AR |
| 34 | Bobby Green | 5'10 | G | Fr. | Little Rock, AR |
| 33 | Darren Jamison | 6'5 | C | Jr. | Kansas City, MO |
| 44 | Johnny Lewis | 6'6 | F/C | Sr. | New Orleans, LA |
| 45 | Larry Porter | 6'2 | F | Fr. | Little Rock, AR |
| 55 | Thomas Stone | 6'4 | C | So. | Virginia Beach, VA |

Athletic Director: Tyrone McGraw
 Men's Head Basketball Coach: Tyrone McGraw
 Assistant Coach: James E. Johnson

PANTHER ATHLETIC BOOSTER CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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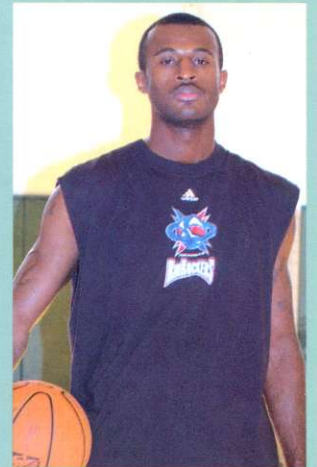


| No. | Player | Position | Classification | Home Town |
|-----|------------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|
| 12 | Raquel "Rockie" Bailey | G | Fr. | Arkadelphia, AR |
| 34 | Alicia Clark | F | Fr. | West Memphis, AR |
| 3 | Miracle Donnerson | G | Fr. | West Memphis, AR |
| 15 | Adrienne "Della" Dredd | F | | Junction City, AR |
| 33 | Jaime Griffin | C | Fr. | Little Rock, AR |
| 45 | Sekenia Hicks | F | So. | El Dorado, AR |
| 24 | Kemia Himon | G | So. | St. Paul, MN |
| 40 | Amika Lane | F | Fr. | Jacksonville, AR |
| 5 | Victoria Murdock | G | Fr. | Little Rock, AR |
| 10 | Shontaye Reed | G | Fr. | Sherwood, AR |
| 32 | Chesela Wilson | C | So. | Strong, AR |

Head Coach: James Johnson
 Assistant Coach: Gemessia Ford

Former PSC Hoopstar Joins D-League Team

Ryan Holmes '04, a former USCAA All-American, was drafted by the Arkansas RimRockers of the National Basketball Developmental League. In his final season at Philander Smith College, the Chicago Heights, Ill., native averaged 20 points per game and averaged the same last year while playing in the International Basketball League. Holmes, the first player from PSC to be drafted by an NBA D-League team, says his goal is to become the first player from Philander Smith College to join the NBA.



“In the Spirit...” With Della



Della Reese performs a soulful rendition as Lawrence Hamilton contemplates in the background.



Della Reese makes a life-sharing point before singing.

Evening of song celebrates the holidays and recognizes World AIDS Day

In celebration of the holiday season and in honor of World AIDS Day, Philander Smith College presented the legendary vocalist and actress **Della Reese** in concert at Robinson Auditorium on Dec. 1. Headlined by Reese and featuring Broadway star and PSC director of choral activities **Lawrence Hamilton**, the “In the Spirit” concert was an evening of song and awareness about the impact of HIV/AIDS.

Sharing the stage with Reese and Hamilton were the Philander Smith Collegiate & Alumni Choirs, the Jackson T. Stephens Episcopal Collegiate School Concert Choir, the West Memphis High School Choirs, and the Horace Mann Middle School Ensemble Singers.

The evening was sponsored in part by “One Special Angel” (an anonymous donor), the University of Arkansas Clinton School of Public Service, U.S. Rep Vic Snyder, U.S. Sen. Blanche Lincoln, U.S. Sen. Mark Pryor and Alltel. Following the concert Reese, accompanied by her husband/manager **Franklin Lett** and musical director **TC Campbell**, joined PSC President **Walter Kimbrough** and his wife **Adria** for a private reception hosted by **Cindy & Chip Murphy** at their Edgehill home. Others basking in the afterglow of Reese’s performance were **Congressman Vic Snyder** and his wife **Rev. Betsy Singleton**, **Congressman Mike Ross** and his wife **Holly**, **Ret. Gen. Wesley Clark** and his wife **Gert**, and members of the PSC administration.



Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough introduces the phenomenal entertainer, Della Reese.



Local HIV/AIDS activists receive recognition for their work.

Reese and Lawrence Hamilton



The combined choirs and orchestra perform under the direction of Lawrence Hamilton with soloist Vernon Harris and Tawanna Campbell.



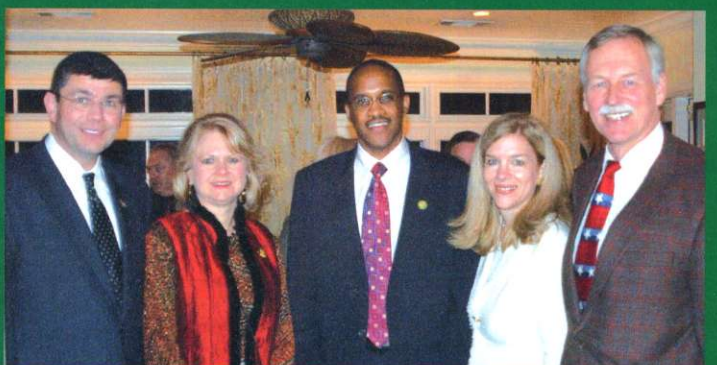
Della Reese and husband Franklin Lett arrive at private reception along with Lawrence Hamilton.



Cindy and Chip Murphy, hosts for the evening, enjoys a moment with Ms. Reese and Dr. & Mrs. Walter M. Kimbrough.



Dr. Juliana Mosley-Anderson, David Page, and Gen. Wesley Clark



Rep. Mike Ross and wife Holly, Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough, Rev. Betsy Singleton and husband Congressman Vic Snyder.



Dr. Walter Kimbrough speaks with Greater Little Rock Alumni Chapter members during the "Getting It Straight Forum" .



Dr. Walter Kimbrough swears in new officers of the Greater Little Rock Alumni Chapter .



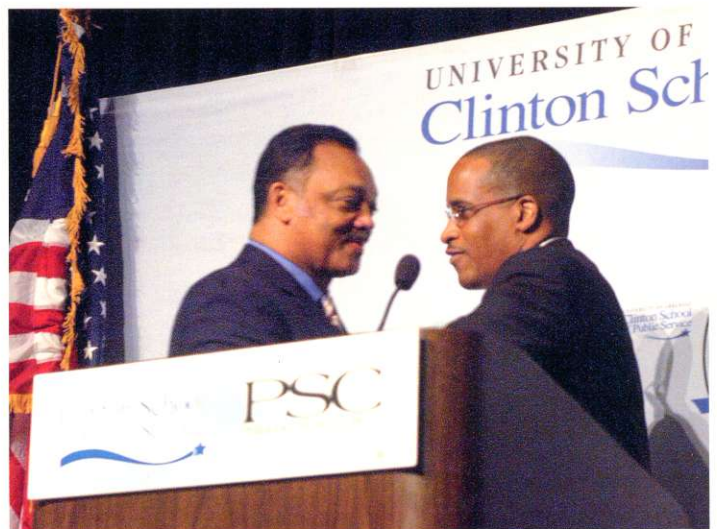
Dr. Kathryn Worthen, Chair of the Legacy Society, speaks during the Legacy Society planning meeting featuring consultant Larry Stelter.



An HBCU Forum was hosted by newly elected Governor Mike Beebe.



Candidates for Little Rock Mayor debate during a Candidates forum held in PSC's Kendall Center.



Dr. Walter Kimbrough introduces Rev. Jesse Jackson as part of the Clinton School Lecture Series.

PSC Board of Trustees

This fall the Philander Smith College Board of Trustees announced the addition of four new members: **Robert "Bob" Birch Jr.** of North Little Rock; **Arthur Montgomery '68** of Batesville; and **Pat Lile** and **Stacy Sells Pittman** of Little Rock.

Bob Birch is president and chief executive officer of Twin City Bank in central Arkansas. He earned a BS degree in marketing from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock

and graduated from the University of Colorado's School of Bank Marketing. Birch is the former chairman of the Philander Smith College Advisory Board.

Arthur Montgomery received a BA degree in sociology from PSC and is with the Batesville Office of the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services. Retired from the U.S. Army, he is a 33rd degree Mason and a life member of the Pi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

Pat Lile is president and chief executive officer of the Arkansas Community Foundation. She attended Hendrix College and sits on the boards of the Women's Foundation of Arkansas, City Year Little Rock and the National Conference for Community and Justice. She is an active member of First United Methodist Church in Little Rock.

Stacy Sells Pittman, a 1982 graduate of Hendrix College, is senior vice president of strategic planning at Cranford Johnson Robinson Woods. A United Methodist Foundation board member, Pittman served as

co-chairman of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Public Education, chairman of the board of the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and is a commissioner to Education Commission of the States.

Rev. Larry Ross '69 of Sherwood is the newly elected chair of the PSC Board of Trustees. He currently serves as presiding elder of the western district (Arkansas) of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church.

A native of North Little Rock, Ross graduated from Philander Smith College with a BA degree in elementary education. He earned his master's degree in early childhood education from State College of Arkansas (now the University of Central Arkansas). Ross currently serves on the National Board of Directors of SeniorNet International, and is a member of the North Little Rock Rotary Club. He is also the Past President of the Rotary Club, and a Rotary International Paul Harris Fellow. He was appointed to the Arkansas Ethics Commission in 2004. Before retiring in 2000, Ross was an executive with the SBC Corporation.



PSC President Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough and Rev. Larry Ross, the new chair of the Board of Trustees.

Judy Green Named UNCF State Chair

Judy Green of Little Rock has been named United Negro College Fund chair for the state of Arkansas. In this role, the PSC alum will preside over Philander Smith College's UNCF Advisory Board which helps to raise UNCF scholarship funds. **Andrea Simpson** is the UNCF Coordinator at PSC. Other UNCF Advisory Board members include: **Yvonne Alexander, Alvin Anglin, Rev. Kendall Ashley, Larry Buck, C. Diane Charles, Helen Davis, Bobby Gant, Lt. Johnny Gilbert, Sandra Joshua Givens, Marq Golden, Andre Good, Regina Hampton, Kennie Hicks, Beverly Hines, Dr. Morris**

Holmes, Charolett Martin, Patricia McCullough, Lettie Nicholson, Evangeline Parker, Verma Simmons, Rev. Larry Staggers, Timmons,

Ardelia Walker, Dena Washington, Lt. Tanya Washington, Dr. Linda Watson, Connie Whitfield and Marion Woods.



UNCF Advisory Board: Front Row from left: Captain Patrice Smith, Lettie Nicholson, State Chair, Judy Green; Yvonne Alexander; Connie Whitfield; Dena Washington Back Row Rev. Larry Staggers, Andrea Simpson, Dr. Shannon Fleming, Bobby Gant, Lt. Johnny Gilbert, Marq Golden, and Lt. Tanya Washington.

Alumni: Is something new springing up in your life? Let us know about it!

Life is full of changes and new directions. Share your latest personal or professional achievements, honors or other life-changing news with your PSC family.

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