

# **2015 HONORS CONVOCATION**

**Preparing for Tomorrow Today**



**Thursday, March 19, 2015**

**10:00 A.M.**

**M. L. Harris Fine Arts Auditorium**

**Philander Smith College**

**Little Rock, Arkansas 72202**



## 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). Philander Smith College, which has a rich Christian heritage and acknowledges a definite obligation to The United Methodist Church, was also chartered as a four-year college on March 3, 1883. The first baccalaureate degree was conferred in 1888. The Presidents of Philander Smith College are recorded as follows: The first president is the Reverend Thomas Mason who resigned in 1896. He was succeeded by Reverend James Monroe Cox, Professor of Ancient Languages. Dr. Cox who retired in 1924 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. Harris, who greatly enhanced the College, was succeeded by Dr. Roosevelt David Crockett, a graduate of the College on June 1, 1961. Dr. E.T. Dixon, Jr. took office on January 1, 1965 as Philander's Sixth President. Succeeding Dixon was Dr. Walter R. Hazzard who took office as the Seventh President of the College on July 1, 1969. Succeeding Hazzard was Dr. Grant S. Shockley who took office on January 1, 1980 as the Eighth President of Philander Smith College. Dr. Shockley was succeeded by Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr. who was elected unanimously by the Board of Trustees and took office August 20, 1983. When Dr. Carter resigned the presidency in August 1987, he was succeeded by Dr. Myer L. Titus, a 1954 graduate of the College. Dr. Titus retired as President on June 30, 1998. Elected by the Board of Trustees in February 1998 as the Eleventh and first female President of Philander Smith College was Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed. In 2004, Dr. Julius Scott succeeded Dr. Reed as Interim President. In 2004, the Board announced the selection of Dr. Walter M. Kimbrough as the Twelfth President of the College. On July 1, 2012, Dr. Johnny M. Moore, a 1985 graduate, became the Thirteenth President of the College. Following his resignation in February 2014, Dr. Lloyd Hervey, the class of 1968, became Interim President of the College. Succeeding Dr. Hervey is Dr. Roderick Smothers, the Fourteenth President of the College.

### About the Keynote Speaker

The first African American woman to become an ordained Elder in The United Methodist Church in Arkansas, The Reverend Maxine Allen also holds the Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and Religion from Philander Smith College and a Master of Divinity from the Interdenominational Theological Center's Gammon Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia.

Within the United Methodist Church, Reverend Allen has helped to implement the first Commission on the Status and Role of Women in Arkansas, serving as chair. In addition, she has chaired the Arkansas Commission on Religion and Race and currently serves as the Arkansas Conference Associate Director of Ministries for Mission Field Engagement.

Reverend Allen's social advocacy spans five decades. While she holds a Certificate in Executive Leadership from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, Reverend Allen is also a founding member of the *Sojourner Truth Players*, a Black Community Theater group. In addition, she is one of the first on-air personalities at KABF Community Radio, providing children's and public affairs programming. Reverend Maxine Allen's commitment to women led her to found the first battered women's shelter in Arkansas (now named Women and Children First) and she has successfully lobbied the Arkansas legislature to adopt stronger domestic violence laws.

Named "One of the 10 Women You Should Know" by PowerPlay Magazine (2006), Mrs. Allen also serves on the Arkansas Conference Board of Ordained Ministry as the Vocation and Discernment Coordinator. To these accomplishments, she is the National Secretary of Black Clergywomen of the United Methodist Church, a member of the Arkansas Women's Project Leadership Team, and Vice Chairperson of the Little Rock Christian Ministerial Alliance. Recently, Reverend Allen was voted a "Living Legend" by the Philander Smith College

## Order of Program

- PROCESSIONAL.....Sir Edward Elgar, *Pomp and Circumstances*, March No. 4
- GREETINGS AND RECOGNITION OF GUESTS.....Dr. Hazel A. Ervin, *Vice President Academic Affairs*
- INVOCATION.....Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow, *Chaplain*
- SCRIPTURES:
- Old Testament*.....Aminah Henderson
- New Testament*.....Vail Shaborn
- SELECTION: “*Lord, Hear My Prayer*” arranged by Moses Hogan .....*The PSC Chamber Singers*
- INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER.....Rev. Ronnie Miller-Yow, *Chaplain*
- KEYNOTE SPEAKER.....The Reverend Maxine Allen, *Arkansas Conference Associate*
- Director of Ministries for Mission Field Engagement*
- SELECTION.....Hope A. Dixon
- PRESENTATION CEREMONY OF AWARDS & PINS:
- 4.0 Scholars*
- Dean’s List and President’s List*
- Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society: Candidates*
- The H. Otis Tyler Scholarship Award*
- Certificate of Outstanding Service: The Undergraduate Research Coordinator*
- CLOSING REMARKS.....Dr. Roderick Smothers, *President of Philander Smith College*
- Alma Mater.....*The PSC Chamber Singers*
- BENEDICTION..... Lance Arnold
- RECESSIONAL .....Sir Edward Elgar, *Pomp and Circumstances*, March No. 4

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Ju'Marcus Lacy  
Omia Lang  
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Amber Calderon  
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Synthea Jones  
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## **Mission of Philander Smith College**

**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, the College's mission is as follows: To graduate academically accomplished students, grounded as advocates for social justice, determined to change the world for the better. 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.**

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*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.*

Written in 1968 by Dr. Carl Gordon Harris '52



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