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18th Annual Alumni Hall of Fame

You are cordially invited...

The 18th Annual Alumni Hall of Fame

Banquet & Induction Ceremony
for the
GALLERY OF DISTINCTION

Assembly Center
Friday, October 17, 2008
5:30 p.m.
at
Grambling State University,
Grambling, Louisiana

Tickets	
\$85	Individuals
\$165	Couples
\$656	Table (8)-NonProfit
\$1200	Table (8)-Business/Corp.

GSU

<http://alumni.gram.edu/hall/overview>

The **18th Annual Hall of Fame Banquet** is fast approaching — it will take place on Friday, October 17, 2008 at 5:30 P.M. in the Assembly Center. This event continues to embrace our theme, "Reclaiming Our Legacy and Claiming Our Place." We, again, encourage your support of this annual event as we recognize and celebrate noteworthy Grambling State University (GSU) Alumni for their lifetime achievements and contributions to society.

We invite and encourage you to reserve your table of eight (8) at a cost savings of \$25 per table. To benefit from this savings, we must receive you full payment of \$655 per table by **September 20, 2008**. After that date, seats are open to the public on a first-come/first-serve basis at \$85 per person.

President Judson has stated that "Our vision is to be a premier institution in the state of Louisiana and one of the best in the nation for carrying out its mission at the highest levels of quality." Your continued support to this annual event is greatly appreciated and helps to ensure that our vision is carried out by generating scholarship funds that benefit GSU students.

Please call Rose Wright at (318) 274-2217 to make your reservations or drop by the Office of Institutional Advancement located in the Old Baracks at 100 Robinson Rd (corner of RWE Jones Hwy & Robinson) to purchase your tickets.

Above: Official invitation for the 18th Annual Alumni Hall of Fame Banquet & Induction Ceremony



UPCOMING EVENTS

—SEPT. 27—
30TH ANNUAL
HIGH SCHOOL
DAY
GSU VS-
LANGSTON
GRAMBLING,
LOUISIANA
ROBINSON
STADIUM
3:00 P.M.

—OCT. 4—
STATE FAIR
CLASSIC
GSU VS-
PRAIRIE VIEW
DALLAS, TEXAS
COTTON BOWL
6:00 P.M.

—OCT. 15—
THE 18TH
ANNUAL
HALL OF FAME
BANQUET &
INDUCTION
CEREMONY
GSU ASSEMBLY
CENTER
5:30 P.M.

—OCT. 18—
HOMECOMING
GSU VS-
ALABAMA STATE
GRAMBLING,
LOUISIANA
ROBINSON
STADIUM
2:00 P.M.

—NOV. 29—
BAYOU CLASSIC
GSU VS-
SOUTHERN
UNIVERSITY
NEW ORLEANS,
LOUISIANA
SUPERDOME
1:00 P.M.

President Judson Continues Alumni Chapter Tours



Dr. Judson continued his visits with Alumni Chapters during the summer months. He is pictured (at the top) with the Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter along with Dr. Michael McKinley who accompanied him. During the month of June, a "Tiger Round-up" was held at the home of Drs. Richard & Edith Rayford in Jackson, Mississippi. In July, Dr. Judson and Mrs. Judson had breakfast with the Denver Alumni Chapter (Bottom Picture) in Denver, Colorado, and in the month of August, a breakfast was held in Reno, Nevada with the California Bay Area Chapter. He also visited the Chicago (Mr. Ron Childs and Seattle Alumni Chapters). During these visits, Dr. Judson presented an update on where the University stands and future plans.

2008 Homecoming Activities

Come Home

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2008

8:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

☞ Registration — Favrot Student Union Atrium (2nd Floor)

9:00 A.M.

☞ Alumni Convocation/College Displays (Black & Gold Room)

10:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

☞ Walking Tour

11:05 A.M. - NOON

☞ Dedication Ceremony for Art Collection donated by Ira W. McConnell (GSU Art Gallery-Dunbar Hall)

12:00 NOON

☞ Lunch on Your Own

1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

☞ Open House-Visitation of University Colleges, Favrot Student Union Atrium (2nd Floor)

☞ CLASS MEETINGS (1983 & 1998)

5:30 P.M.

☞ Alumni Hall of Fame Reception/Banquet Assembly Center

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2008

7:30 A.M. - 9:00 A.M.

☞ Alumni Breakfast - McCall Dining Hall

9:00 A.M.

☞ Parade

2:00 P.M.

☞ GSU vs. Alabama State - Robinson Stadium

5:00 P.M.

☞ Alumni Mixer - Assembly Center

9:00 P.M.- 2:00 A.M.

☞ Black & Gold Ole School Dance - Assembly Center

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008

9:00 A.M.

☞ Bookstore Finale



Alum Spotlight

"GSU - A Storied History: A Century of Success at Transforming Lives by Degrees"

Dr. Sandy Carpenter-Stevenson recently attended the GSU President's Breakfast in Reno, Nevada and shared "HER STORY" with an appreciative listening audience composed of GSU Alumni from Detroit, MI, Atlanta, GA, Northern California including Oakland, CA and a host of GSU Staff and friends. Proud of her humble beginnings, Dr. Carpenter-Stevenson admits her Grambling experience propelled her into a life-long journey of learning, success and happiness.

Dr. Sandy Carpenter-Stevenson graduated from Grambling College in 1964 with a degree in Home Economics. Over time, Dr. Stevenson-Carpenter realized the need to re-tool, since her field, Home Economics, was losing its luster and demand. She returned to college obtaining both a Ph.D. and Ed.D. from the University of San Francisco.

She has served in several positions including High School Principal, Assistant Principal, Dean of Students, Counselor, Middle and High School teacher — Oakland Unified School District and Emery Unified District; Educational Advisor, Adult Education; Program Nutritionist, HEAD START; Director of Career Awareness Program, MTA; and Facilitator, Parent Institute for Quality Education.

She is currently a Regional Coordinator for **GEAR UP** (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) — completing seven (7) years of work she enjoys immensely. **GEAR UP** was enacted as part of the 1998 Higher Education Act to give more low-income students the skills, encouragement, and preparation to enter and succeed in postsecondary education. GEAR UP grants have been awarded to 47 states and three territories. Program services are specifically designed to support the middle school reform effort in each State.

Grambling State University also has a GEAR UP program coordinated by Dr. Loretta Jagers. GSU's program was successful, again, this past summer.

We salute and congratulate Alumnae Dr. Sandy Carpenter-Stevenson on her outstanding accomplishments. You make us proud! If you wish to send your congratulations to Sandy you may contact her at the following email address: drcarp-steve@earthlink.net.



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Alumni Relations salutes Dr. Sandy Carpenter-Stevenson

TOM JOYNER FOUNDATION HBCU COLLEGE TOUR VISITS GSU



The Tom Joyner Foundation (TJF) HBCU Tour students pictured with their parent/guardians, Tom Joyner Foundation Representatives (Far Right Top Row) Melissa Holmes and Jahmel Terrell, and members of the GSU TIF HBCU Tour Committee: David "Rusty" Ponton (far left top row), Nikelyia Lard, Brenda Williams, and Valencia Clemons (all far right second row).

The Tom Joyner Foundation Historically Black College/University (HBCU) College Tour visited Grambling State University on August 21 & 22, 2008. The group consisted of high school students from Illinois, Texas, Florida, Virginia, Louisiana, California, Indiana and Maryland.

The visiting students maintained grade point averages of 3.0 to 3.8, and they were selected by a committee from the Tom Joyner Foundation Headquarters in Dallas, Texas.

A GSU Committee (consisting of employees from Institutional Advancement, Admissions, Student Life, and Academics) was chosen to plan activities for the tour participants. The students — along with a parent/guardian — enjoyed a two day visit at GSU. They were treated to a breakfast with Dr. Judson, his cabinet members, and deans along with students from the Student Government Association; an informative program — "A Little About GSU..."; a campus tour; and a KGRM Radio Show Live Remote at the University Bookstore.

High School Day Announced

*GSU Under Construction:
Building Toward a
Brighter Future*

Grambling State University
presents its
30th Annual High School & Transfer Day
Saturday, September 27, 2008
Registration Begins at 7:00 AM

Registration Fee
Early Bird Special—\$20 if paid by 9/5/08
\$25 if paid by 9/12/08
\$30 if paid after 9/12/08

<p>Registration Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admission to High School Day Program A delicious lunch Browsing sessions with academic departments Campus tour Unmatched entertainment by the World Renowned Tiger Marching Band & Orchestras Dance Troupe Game ticket to GSU vs Langston-University football game Door prizes High School "Battle-of-the-Bands" 	<p>For additional Information, Contact</p> <p>Christina Diaz—318-274-6095 (diazc@gram.edu) Renata Lockhart—318-274-6308 (lockhart@gram.edu) LaKeesha Kidd—318-274-6547 (kiddl@gram.edu) Nikelyia Lard—318-274-6303 (lardn@gram.edu)</p>
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—ATTENTION ALUMS—

Please inform all high school and transfer students that are interested in attending Grambling State University that the 30th Annual High School & Transfer Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 27, 2008 with Registration beginning at 7:00 AM. This year's theme is "GSU Under Construction: Building Toward a Brighter Future."

Registration fee is: \$25 (payment due by 9/12/08) and \$30 (if paid after 9/12/08).

Several activities have been planned — including: a delicious lunch, browsing sessions with academic departments, campus tour, entertainment by the World Renowned Tiger Marching Band & Orchestras Dance Troupe, Game ticket to the GSU vs. Langston Football game plus much more.

Contact the Admissions Office at (318) 274-6095/6308/6547/6303 for more information.

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this academic
year...



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Reclaiming Our Legacy and Claiming Our Place



Mission

THE ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE ASSISTS GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY (GSU) IN PROMOTING GOOD RELATIONS WITH ALUMNI, STUDENTS, PARENTS, FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF GSU, WHILE STRENGTHENING THE TIES OF LOYALTY AND DEVOTION TO GSU IN FURTHERING THE INTEREST OF THE UNIVERSITY.

Contact Us

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT AND UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ALUMNI, CONTACT MRS. GLENDA JONES, MRS. VALENCIA CLEMONS OR MR. RALPH WILSON IN THE OFFICE OF ALUMNI RELATIONS, GRAMBLING STATE UNIVERSITY.

[www.gram.edu/
alumni/news.asp](http://www.gram.edu/alumni/news.asp)

2008 STATE FARM BAYOU CLASSIC



GSU's Official Headquarters Hotel:

JW Marriott, New Orleans

614 Canal Street

New Orleans, LA 70130

Room Rates: \$159 (single/double)

Make reservations at (800) 771-9067 before Oct. 31, 2008

Ask for: **Grambling State/Black & Gold Foundation**

After-Game Party

JW Marriott, Ile de France Ballroom

Guest Artist: Tom Braxton, Saxophonist

Time: 7:30 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.