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12 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI INDUCTED IN THE 2007 HALL OF FAME, Gallery of Distinction

An evening of elegance and distinction are words used by many to describe Friday evening of Homecoming 2007. The room was decorated with towers of colorful gold and black flowers mixed with greenery symbolizing the tower of strength and pride depicted by each of this year's inductees in the Alumni Hall of Fame.

The evening began with the Master of Ceremonies, Christopher Moore, a 2006 Alumni Hall of Fame inductee, also known as "Moore of Pittsburgh", introducing each honoree as they walked the red carpet. The spotlight and all attention

focused only on each inductee. Later during the program, four endowed professorships were announced by Dr. Robert Dixon, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs. Accepting two of the professorships were the widow of the late Conrad Hutchinson, Jr., Dr. Hutchinson, and Ms. Petry, daughter of the late Mrs. Anne Petry.

Other professorships established were Ira Aldridge in the Department of Theater, Speech and Drama, and Edward Bouchet in the Physics Department.



Dr. Hutchinson and son acknowledge their appreciation to GSU and the Music Department for establishing the \$100,000 professorship in honor of her husband, the late Conrad Hutchinson, JR., the man whose legacy was the development of the high-stepping World-famed Tiger Marching Band.



- GSU Establishes Four Endowed Professorships
- HOMECOMING a Smashing Success: Alumni return in large numbers!!!



Dr. Richard Rayford '82

Two Alumni Hall of Fame inductees had two reasons to return to Grambling State University during homecoming. They not only were inducted into the Hall of Fame but also celebrated a significant milestone, their Silver Anniversary. Alumni and friends gathered for

breakfast in the President's Dining Room to listen to inspiring words by keynote speaker, Chris Moore. Attendees from the class of 1982 include: Ronald Childs, Dr. Richard Rayford, Russell Leday, Sherry Robinson, Kevin Sly, Cheryl Wheeler.



Atty. Rick Gallot '87 with Ronald Childs '82.

GSU Alumni Celebrate 25th Anniversary



Spectators watch the 2007 GSU Homecoming Parade coming down Main Street. Children, young and older adults scramble for candy thrown to them by participants riding in floats, cars or motorcycles.



Suzanne T-Mayo returns to 2007 Homecoming and updates her record for the Advancement Office.



GSU Tail-Gators

Letters of Appreciation from Alumni

Dr. Judson,

Several of us (alumni and friends) were on campus this past weekend for homecoming and it was quite enjoyable. We rented a 16 passenger van and had fun all the way from Houston. First, the campus looked great with all the new dorms/apartments and the new "welcoming structure" (for lack of a better term) as you come on the campus from I-20. Saw a lot of old

friends and generally had a great time. I was pleased that Otto Meyers, a longtime friend, was inducted into the GSU Hall of Fame.

Thanks for your good work and commitment to the university. It is very much appreciated.

Jackie Pope
Class of '70



New GSU Entrance

President's Alumni Mixer

President Horace Judson invited alumni to join him in the Assembly Center for conversation and dialog following the successful win over Texas-Southern University during homecoming weekend. Over 75 alums arrived, took photos and enjoyed an evening of fellowship. With all the traffic,

Aramark Caterers were late arriving with refreshments. However, when they did, everyone stopped talking and immediately headed for the food table.

Later that evening, the Old School dance was held with over 250 attendees enjoying fellowship, dance, food. At mid- night,

everything came to an end although alumni asked to continue the dance until 2:00 p.m.

Many letters from alumni were sent to President Judson thanking staff and others for the warm welcome and attractive campus. It was, indeed, a wonderful weekend.

Expressions of Gratitude to GSU Administration

Dr. Judson,

I would only like to say thank you for all the difficult but rewarding work and positive leadership you have given to Grambling. You are providing the same leadership that President Adams, President Jones and President Johnson provided for our University, moving forward with a respectful eye on the past. My

parents are 1956 & 1958 graduates, my sister a 1980 graduate and myself and brother in law 1981 graduates. My niece and nephew are presently enrolled at Grambling and I look forward to my children attending Grambling. We and many of our friends and fellow alums love and appreciate what you are doing at Grambling and look forward

to many more rewarding years with you as President of GSU. If there is anything I or we can do to assist you, please contact me. Again We Thank You Very Much.

Olori O.Ajamu '81
Memphis, TN



Alumni Help Prepare GSU for Future

"On more than one occasion, one can observe a number of GSU Baby Tigers in attendance at university events. Baby Tigers come to tailgating parties, homecoming parades and football games dressed like the university's mascot, the ferocious fighting Tiger. They stand on the sidelines with their parents, reach for candy thrown to them and watch the World-Famed Tiger Marching Band along with beautiful floats containing Miss Grambling State University and her court or fraternities, sororities, bike clubs and some 25 high school bands or more march down Main Street in Grambling, LA.

From the time these babies are born, GSU alumni start preparing them for a future at GSU. What if all HBCUs did the same thing? This weekend, many of these babies along with their parents will travel to New Orleans to the Bayou Classic adorned in their the black and

gold paraphernalia representing those colors Gramblinites proudly display where ever they go.

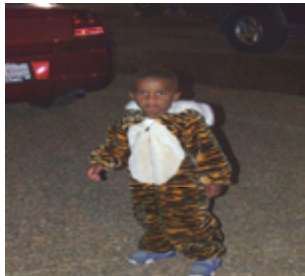
A few years ago, we provided an assortment of GSU paraphernalia to our daughters who attended other universities during undergraduate studies. When they wear their own university colors or sweatshirts, no one stops them to ask, did you attend Cornell, or Cal Poly, or...? But when they sport the Grambling Black and Gold colors with the famous "G" logo, invariably they are stopped and asked if they attended Grambling. When they answer "no", the next question is, "what is your connection to GSU?" They proudly talk about their connect to this great school and the times they visited or attended university games or other special events.

Many "friends" of GSU are spreading the GSU brand. We now have two

granddaughters who wear the black and gold and a grandson who will receive his black and gold at the Bayou Classic. We currently have a little cousin at GSU and a nephew interested in transferring.

President Judson and I are proud to be part of this historical institution. Recently we joined a small group of 44 alumni and friends of GSU by pledging our \$25,000 endowment to benefit the String program in the Music Department. I encourage all 18,000+ alumni to invest in GSU not only by sending your children to GSU, but also your financial support to guarantee an affordable education for all students who wish to attend this great institution in the future. Continue the legacy by investing in GSU!"

Dr. Gail Shorter-Judson, Volunteer GSU Comprehensive Campaign 2007-2012



Bayou Classic Weekend & Kick-Off Gala

Over the past 18 months, the Office of Institutional Advancement has worked diligently to rebuild their infrastructure in preparation for the comprehensive campaign. Many alumni have heard from Advancement by telephone, direct mail, or email; and several alumni stopped by the office

during homecoming. Alumni from Oklahoma, Ohio, Texas, New York, New Jersey, Louisiana, California have agreed to assist with GSU's campaign efforts for now and years to come. The Kick-Off Gala is November 24, 2007 at the JW Marriott, New Orleans starting at 6:00 p.m. JOIN US!



Alumni Hospitality Suite ~ OPEN ~JW Marriott Hotel Henri Room ~ BAYOU CLASSIC ~ WEEKEND

You and your families are invited to drop by the Alumni Hospitality Suite to rest, sit, catch up to long-time friends or listen to music during Bayou Classic Weekend, Friday, November 24, 2007 from 4:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Staff from Institutional Advancement will be on

hand to answer any questions you have regarding participation in the Comprehensive Capital Campaign, the Kick-off gala, donations or ticket purchases. Brochures, newsletters and other hand-outs designed to advance GSU will also be available.

HOSPITALITY SUITE
J.W. Marriott Hotel
Henri Room
(1st Floor)
New Orleans, LA
4:00 p.m.—11:00 p.m.





GSU ALUMNI NEWS

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*"Reclaiming Our Legacy and
Claiming Our Place"*



*GSU President Judson, Mrs. Judson and
Staff from Institutional Advancement*

*WISH YOU A JOYFUL HOLIDAY SEASON
AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR*



A Season of Giving

*On behalf of the
Grambling Black and
Gold Foundation and
GSU Administrations, we
extend our heartfelt
thanks for your
generosity over the
years to benefit
Grambling State
University. Because of
your kindness, many
students will benefit
from a Grambling State
college education. Thank
You! Dr. Horace A.
Judson*



November 1, 2007

Dear Grambling,
We, the distinguished women of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.—the Delta Iota Chapter, Spring 1997 line, are proud to present a check to the Black and Gold Foundation Inc. in the amount of four thousand ninety-seven dollars to be used towards the Grambling State University Child Development Center Lab School.

As Grambling alumni, we take pride in our university, its legacy and what it continues to strive to achieve in providing quality education for the next generation of leaders. As Delta women, we stand on the shoulders of our founders, twenty-two women

who courageously stepped up to stand apart and make a difference. It is upon this legacy of our sisterhood that we honor the university by giving back in a tangible way.

We "crossed" over into our beloved sorority on April 27th, 1997, and since then we have always been about the business of making a difference. Five years ago we started with raising these monies toward the GSU Daycare Center and since then we have stayed dedicated to the belief of shaping young minds. We believe in public service, and for us that means leaving this world a little better than we found it. This donation is just another way we honor our legacy.

Finally, we want to say "thank-you" to Grambling

State University—for our college experiences that shaped our minds and developed and enhanced our characters, and to the countless number of faculty and staff that nurtured and molded us. Just like the shoulders of our beloved twenty-two founders, we also stand on the shoulders of our ancestors who marched, fought, and died for our right to get an education. We thank you for celebrating our ten-year anniversary with us, and we look forward to bigger and better things to come.

Sincerely,
"Great Expectations"
Spring 1997 Line
Delta Iota Chapter
Delta Sigma Theta
Sorority, Inc

