



# Grambling Black & Gold Foundation Update

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## Shreveport Alumni Chapter Establish The Rev. E. Edward Jones, Sr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Jones Endowed Student Scholarship at GSU

In January of 2003, I, Joseph Carter, newly elected president of the Shreveport Alumni Chapter of the Grambling University National Alumni Association, Inc., a chapter that has always been a productive recruiter and strong financial supporter of Grambling State University, recommended to the Executive Council of Officers and Standing Committees chairpersons that our contributions to Grambling State University move to a new level.

It later received approval from the membership. A new theme to guide our action was also put into motion, "We Must Give and We Must Give More."

This giving would cover all areas and included establishing a major endowed student scholarship at Grambling State University in the amount of \$100,000 honoring two members who history best EMBODIED the spirit of caring and supporting Grambling.

**"We Must Give and We Must Give More!"**



Shreveport Alumni Chapter members: Janie Samuels, Dr. Anthony Nelson, Shirley Davis, GSU President Horace Judson, Dr. Joseph Carter

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## Dallas, Texas Alumni Chapter of Grambling Alumni Association Establish Professorship at GSU

In 2005, The Dallas, TX Alumni Chapter of Grambling Alumni Association notified Grambling State University of their interest in establishing a Professorship in the College of Business. This was a challenge the Dallas Alumni met. Their donation of more than \$60,000 with the Louisi-

ana Regents' match of \$40,000 made it possible for GSU alumni to meet their goal.

The new President of Dallas Alumni Chapter, Mr. Harold Cornwell, accepted a plaque on behalf of the Dallas Chapter at the 2006 Endowment Ceremony.

Board Members of Grambling Black & Gold Foundation extend their heart-felt congratulations and appreciation to all 2006 donors and honorees of GSU Endowments.

### Special points of interest:

- **Endowment Donations are on the Rise at GSU**
- **Planned Giving Vehicles**
- **Alumni Chapters Give MORE to GSU**
- **President & Mrs. Judson Thank GSU Volunteers**

**The GSU Advancement Team Stand Ready, Willing and Able to Meet University President and the Foundation Board's Charge: "Advancing GSU to Excellence"**

Members of the GSU Advancement Team are all relatively new to the Office of Institutional Advancement with the most experienced person working there a little over seven years. The rest arrived between two and eleven months ago but are putting in long hours to learn all aspects of Advancement.

A few will attend CASE workshops pertaining to their functional areas while others are scheduled to attend later in 2007.

**The line up follows:**  
Acquanette Mitchell, with

most seniority, is Advancement Services Coordinator and responsible for all aspects of the database including file integrity and ensuring staff are skilled and proficient Banner users. She also handles Endowments. Ralph Wilson joined the group under one year ago and has handled multiple tasks including Media and Alumni Relations. Help in these areas will arrive later this month. Rose Wright, Brenda Williams and Glenda

Jones are Administrative Assistants who basically run the office. Carolyn Collier arrived a little over six months ago and runs the student Phonathon. Glen Lewis continues to assist the entire campus with "photo opps". Dr. Shorter-Judson, a volunteer, has been on hand assisting the team in multiple ways. Over lunch, President Judson thanked them for their work and encouraged them "to get creative" in their jobs.

**Professional Studies Faculty and Friends Bid Farewell to Long-time Dean of the School of Nursing and Vow to Establish a \$1 million Chair in Dr. Smith's Honor**

Dr. Rhonda Hensley on behalf of friends of **Dr. Betty Smith** has pledged to establish a \$1 million Chair in honor of recent retiree and long-time Dean of the School of Nursing.

**Dr. Betty Smith** officially retired from a lifetime career in higher education with the state of Louisi-

ana. She began her teaching career at ULM in 1967 where she was later appointed program director in 1974. She was invited to Grambling State in 1983 to establish a School of Nursing graduating the first class in 1987. During her tenure as Dean, over 900 nurses have graduated and now

work all over the country. Many graduates have completed graduate degrees in areas of nursing education. Anyone interested in donating to the Endowed Chair should contact Dr. Hensley or the Office of Advancement.

**President and Mrs. Judson Thank GSU Volunteers at Holiday Reception Held in Their Honor**

Grambling State University has been blessed over the years with many dedicated volunteers who work diligently to ensure the campus and community collaborate to honor the University's legacy.

Annually, the University celebrates **Founder's Day** in honor of **Charles P. Adams**, the Founder and first President of Grambling State University, with week-long activi-

ties. Mrs. Pauline Lee and Mrs. Mildred Moss were co-chairs of the Breakfast Committee.

The *Grambling Black & Gold Foundation* established the **Charles P. Adams Heritage Society of 1901** to honor the past and recognize alumni and friends who have included GSU in their estate plans. Financial and estate planning involves some of

the most important decisions individuals will make in their lifetime. The University's Planned Giving program can help donors make those decisions in a secure and professional environment that benefits the donor. The **Society's** goal is to provide service and assist donors to achieve their personal financial and philanthropic wishes.



**Planned Gifts**

- **Bequests**
- **Life Insurance**
- **Real Estate**
- **Life Income Plans**  
*\*Annuities/ Trusts*



Co-Chairs of Founder's Day are Mrs. Lee and Mrs. Moss.

## Friends & Family Establish Mr. Truitt & Mrs. Eleanor Lowery Endowment at GSU

**Mrs. Eleanor Lowery** pledged to create a \$100,000 Student Scholarship Endowment to honor her husband, Truitt, for his dedication to education.

**Truitt Lowery** graduated from Grambling State University with a B.S. degree in business education and a minor in English. He later received an M.S. degree in Education from USC, a Business Management Certificate from

UCLA and enrolled in the doctoral program at the United States International University, San Diego, CA. A highly respected educator, Mr. Lowery's teaching experiences ranged from Homer, LA school district to the Los Angeles Community College, Los Angeles Unified School District and the Los Angeles Unified Adult Schools. He was viewed as an outstanding citizen, profound

educator and always had a desire to serve mankind.

**Eleanor Lowery**, also a GSU graduate, plans to increase the current donation to \$60,000 over the next five years. The University will match her donation with \$40,000. The Endowment is designed to award student scholarships to GSU students.



Mrs. Eleanor Lowery plans a gift of \$100,000 for GSU. Friends send donations daily to help raise the Endowment to planned levels.

## Alumni Hall of Distinction was Revitalized During Homecoming 2006 with 11 Honorees

**Grambling** – Restoring Grambling State University's (GSU) **Hall of Fame** is consistent with **President Horace A. Judson's** mission of "Reclaiming our Legacy and Claiming our Place". GSU has traditionally celebrated and honored the accomplishments of outstanding Alumni who have made substantial and unique contributions to society and the university. Gram-

bling State University's Alumni are recognized nationally and internationally as exceptional individuals who perform extraordinary feats within and beyond their areas of study and practice. These are the individuals who Grambling State University has traditionally celebrated by bestowing them with the honor of induction into the Hall of Fame's, Gallery of Distinction. 2006 Honorees: **College of Arts &**

**Sciences:** Honorable Robert Bob, Dr. Alvin Schexnider, Dr. Lynda Brown-Wright; **College of Business:** Dr. Penya Moses-Field, Jeffrey Hall, Thomas Moorehead; **College of Education:** Dr. Joseph Carter, Dr. Nelson Ivory; **College of Professional Studies:** Chief Clarence Bradford, Chris Moore, James Thrower. . . .Media Relations, Sept. 2006

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...Dr. Joseph Carter, former

President of Shreveport Alumni

Chapter of Grambling National Alumni

Association.

## University Honors Donors at GSU's 2006 Endowment Ceremony During Homecoming

**Dr. P. R. and Mrs. Sushila Kedia** donated funds to Grambling State University to establish an endowment.

**Dr. P. Ray Kedia** joined Grambling State University almost 35 years ago as a visiting law professor after leaving Bombay High Court in India where he practiced law. Under his leadership, Dr. Kedia established the Criminal Justice Department in 1979 with initial

academic programs that awarded an Associate's Degree (1976), a Baccalaureate's degree (1978) and finally a Master's degree (1985). **Mrs. Sushila Poddar Kedia** graduated from Grambling State University in 1974 as an honor student, Magna Cum Laude, double-majoring in computer science and applied math. She earned her M.S. degree in computer science

and MBA in accounting from Louisiana Tech University.

Mrs. Nora Taylor established an endowment to honor the memory of her mother, **Teriece Catherine Ivey Dyer Cyrus**, a graduate of Grambling College, Grambling, LA with a degree in Teacher Education.



2006 Endowment Donors and Honorees pose with President Judson

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## **Dr. Carter Rallies Shreveport Alumni Chapter to Support His Vision for “Giving”**

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From their college days to present, their love and support have remained true and firm for Grambling State University. They have been a part of, supported, and attended most of the significant events associated with this institution. Every time called upon, they (Rev. & Mrs. Jones) answered. They believe, and rightfully so, that the future of our community, country and world lies in the hands and heads of the youth we educate today. Therefore, their Endowed Student Scholarship which is perpetual, will ensure a student from Caddo Parish will enter (GSU) annually on a Freshman year scholarship. We know that by honoring them, we not only honor ourselves, but also Grambling State University. Please allow me to present members of Shreveport Alumni Chapter, included in the delegation is my wife, Thelma, and the Endowed Scholarship Chairperson, Shirley Davis, Advisory Board Members, supporters and friends, which include my brother, Wiley. THANK YOU.



Dr. Joseph Carter, former President of Shreveport Alumni Chapter, presents honorees and Shreveport Alumni at GSU's Endowment Ceremony.

***Permission was granted by Dr. Joseph Carter to publish excerpts of this speech on the Grambling Black and Gold Foundation Web-site.***