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## President's Corner: Houston Chapter Moving From History to Legacy



We are three months into our new year, in which we are realizing all of the goals we set in August 2010 for our chapter. It seems like yesterday we were in pursuit of our goals and today we have accomplished many. In the spirit of basketball March Madness the Houston Chapter maintains the heart of champions as we celebrate our commitment to the National Alumni Association's goals: Membership, Mentorship and Management. We have recruited several National Alumni Association Annual and Lifetime Members during the first two quarters. Locally, we have met our goal of 100 chapter members! Mr. Rodney Heath, Industrial Engineering major, class of 1975 is our 100th paid member, thank you for your commitment. When it comes to mentorship we are definitely on target. The 30th Annual Mardi Gras Luncheon, held at the Power Center, February 5, 2011 recognized our seven distinguished scholar-

ship students. Rev. Dr. Cosby provided a powerful and inspiring message to the attendees, *Moving From History To Legacy*. Dr. Cosby began with, "From History to Legacy, bequeath something to the next generation. Prairie View A&M University has a rich history and tradition. Young people are looking for someone to help them become better, who are you handing your legacy to?" In order to move from History to Legacy, we must explore great possibilities, sharing with immediacy. At some point someone will require legacy to bequeath a legacy that will last a lifetime. He concluded the message reminding us, although we have earned our degrees, we should not rest since we have accomplished our goals, instead we should pass on and grant possibilities to our legacy, Prairie View the next generation.

The message was dynamic and seamless, immediately after the keynote address we honored one of our most distinguished chapter members Mr. Roy Smith, class of 1948. He is one of the original members on Fundraising Committee. Mrs. Thelma Smith and Mrs. Geneva Sharp were co-chairs of the first Mardi Gras Event held at Brady's Landing. The planning meet-

ing was held at his home over 30 years ago and the legacy continues today. Special guests in attendance included: National Alumni Association President, Lynn Morris and Head Football Coach Heish Northern. Our chapter is *Moving From History to Legacy*, we bequeath "Our Dear" P-V-U:

**1. Participate:** Commit to attending one chapter meeting before we have our summer chapter meeting break.

**2. Volunteer:** We need assistance with planning the Spring Chapter Picnic. In addition, the National Alumni Association will need volunteers to assist in various capacities during the Convention July 20-23, 2011 in Austin, Texas.

**3. Unite:** Become financial with both the National (\$60 annual) and local chapter (\$25 annual), the first step. We want to continue to build on our rich *History Moving to Strong Legacy*, we can and we will with your continued support.

For details about forthcoming events, membership, and Houston Chapter Scholarship Application visit our website:

[www.pvamuhouston.com](http://www.pvamuhouston.com)

Your Chapter President,

*Wilbur McConico*

## Houston Chapter Upcoming Events

### Chapter Meeting Dates

Saturday

19- March 2011

16-April 2011

21-May 2011

### Chapter Meeting

Trinity United Methodist

Church

2600 Holman Street

Houston, Texas 77004

11:00 am-noon



### Chapter Activities

**Chapter Picnic**  
Date, time, and location To Be Announced.

If you are interesting in volunteering to assist on the planning committee please contact Mrs. Mildred Baszile via e-mail: [jbaszile@yahoo.com](mailto:jbaszile@yahoo.com)

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### 30th Annual Mardi Gras Scholarship Luncheon

#### Alma Mater

*“Dear Prairie View  
Our Song to Thee  
we raise.  
In gratitude,  
we sing our  
Hymn of Praise  
For memories dear  
for friends and  
recollections,  
For lessons learned  
while we’ve lived here  
with thee.  
For these we  
pledge our hearts  
full of devotion,  
To serve thee now,  
and through eternity.  
As days go by,  
our hearts will  
not grow cold,  
We’ll love thy purple  
royal and thy gold,  
We’ll through our lives  
exemplify thy teachings,  
We’ll always strive a  
blessing to be.  
Thy children we our  
love and pride  
confessing,  
We’ll love thee now and  
through eternity”*

**Words By  
O. Anderson Fuller**



The Houston Chapter’s 30th Annual Mardi Gras Scholarship Luncheon was held Saturday, February 5, 2011, at the Power Center. The annual fundraising event helps tremendously in awarding scholarships to deserving students attending Prairie View A&M University.

“The Mardi Gras Scholarship Luncheon was extremely successful, as usual, under the leadership of Mr. Roy Smith, Scholarship Luncheon

chairperson,” said Patricia Y. Mays, Scholarship Committee, Chairperson.

Rev. Dr. Marcus Cosby, Pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church was the Keynote Speaker. Dorceal Duckens, accompanied by Jean Townsend, and Tom Burton provided outstanding entertainment.

The following 2010-2011 scholarship recipients attended and shared information regarding their campus

involvement, community service, and other outstanding achievements:

Brandon M. Hynson, Junior-Biology Major, Alexandria Laws, Freshman -Pre-Med Major (not in attendance, represented by her mother, Mrs. Rhonda Conner); Wesley James Livingston, Freshman (Double Major) - Construction & Science Architecture; James Gilbert Montgomery, Jr., Freshman - Education Major; Dorothy Nicole Moon, Freshman -Nursing Major

Charity Nwankpa, Junior - Interdisciplinary Studies; and Magen P. Norwood, Freshman – Chemical Engineering.

Mark your calendars for February 2012 for next years’ Mardi Gras Scholarship Luncheon.

For more information about PV Houston Chapter Scholarship opportunities for the 2011-2012 academic school year please visit our website for an application: [www.pvamuhouston.com](http://www.pvamuhouston.com). The PV Houston Scholarship is available for Greater Houston area residents.

#### National Alumni Association News

**1901 Presidents Club** is symbolic of the year the National Alumni Association was established. President Lynn Morris developed the Club to encourage NAA Life Members to continue to make financial contributions over a bi-annual term, pledging to donate \$1901 in recognition of our organization’s existence. Payment plans are still available for the 2009-2011 term. For more details call: 936-857-5817.

#### Save The Dates

**May 13, 2011 @ 9:00 am  
NAA BOD Meeting**

Alumni Association Office  
Prairie View, Texas 77446

**July 20-23, 2011**

37th National Alumni Association Convention will be held in Austin, Texas, at the Westin Hotel. Hotel accommodations \$104. per/night, for reservations call 512-832-4197 Promo code: PVAMU Alumni Associa-

tion. Convention Early/ Regular Registration cost will be \$300.

The week will include State of the Alumni Association Address from President Lynn Morris, Mr. Ceasar Roy, class of 1954 is Chairman and Ms. Charlotte Jefferson-Huggins, class of 1990 is the Co-chair. For more information regarding the Convention contact The National Alumni Association Office at 936-857-5817 or visit the website: [www.pvualumni.org](http://www.pvualumni.org)

#### Panthers 2011 Basketball Schedule Ends in March

Date	Event	Location	Description
3/3/11	Alcorn State	Prairie view Texas	Women 5:30 pm Men 7:00 pm
3/5/11	Southern University	Prairie View, Texas	Women 5:30 pm Men 7:00 pm
3/8/11	SWAC Tournament	Garland, Texas	
3/9/11	SWAC Tournament	Garland, Texas	
3/10/11	SWAC Tournament	Garland, Texas	
3/11/11	SWAC Tournament	Garland, Texas	