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President's Corner



Wilbur Mc Conico, c/o 1961
Houston Chapter President

The new administration has had a good start thanks in part to your help. Many of you are unable to attend meetings however, have provided your financial support throughout the year. One of our goals is to increase paid membership, the lifeline of our organiza-

tion. We need your help to perpetuate our University, which has been instrumental in our career endeavors and successes. Your tax deductible contribution of Local Membership \$25 and \$60 to the National Alumni Association, a total of \$85, a small sacrifice to help another PV student and future alum in pursuit of their dream. I would like your commitment to **P-V-U, Participate Volunteer Unite** with the Houston Alumni Chapter in 2010. Let's become active, give back your time,

talent and treasures! Membership fees are due August 31, 2010. You may pay on-line: www.pvamuhouston.ning.com or return the attached membership form, if you are not financial. Anticipate more communication and reminders of our events. I am looking forward to your participation in 2010! Who are you rooting for? **P-V-U!**

Best Regards,
W. McConico

Houston Chapter News

Chapter Meeting

Chapter meetings take place on the third Saturday of each month. The May meeting date been be rescheduled for **May 22, 2010 at Trinity United Methodist Church located at 2600 Holman, 77004.** The meeting date was changed to eliminate conflict with the 2010 Graduation held on campus on May 15, 2010.

Chapter Shirts

We will be ordering Chapter shirts that will include the Houston Chapter logo. Samples of the shirts will be available for viewing and final decision at the May 22, 2010 meeting.

Scholarships

Fall 2010 we will award 8 students with a \$500 scholarship to attend Prairie View A&M University. The deadline for applications is May 31, 2010 postmark. To obtain a copy of the application Contact Ms. Patricia Mays or visit our website: www.pvamuhouston.ning.com

Fund Raiser Update

The Houston Chapter has hosted two major events during the 2009-2010 Fiscal year. The first event for the fiscal year was the **SWAC Football Championship Kick-off Reception** which was held at the Crowne Plaza Downtown Houston

on December 6, 2009.

Mardi Gras Scholarship Luncheon was held on February 6, 2010 at the Jesse Jones Power Center. The Keynote Speaker was for Dr. A.I. Thomas, PVAMU's third President.

Both events were well attended and lead to additional paid memberships. Photos for the events are available on the website: www.pvamuhouston.ning.com

Fall 2010 the chapter will host an **Athletic Season Kick-Off Reception** and Labor Day Classic event. Details are forthcoming.

Bus Trip to New Orleans

The PV Athletic Club is organizing a bus trip to the NAA Convention departing on Wednesday, July 21 and returning on Sunday, July 25, 2010. The cost is \$125 round trip. The deadline for submitting payment is June 30, 2010. The bus trip will depart from Prairie View at 8:30 am on Wednesday, July 21, 2010 and make a pickup in Houston at the Crown Plaza Brookhollow Hotel located at 12801 Northwest Freeway at Pinemont at 9:15 am. For more details contact George Higgs at (936)857-5817



36th National Alumni Association Convention

The NAA is proud to present to you the 36th National Alumni Convention that will convene in the city known worldwide as "The Big Easy," New Orleans, Louisiana, July 21-24, 2010. We want your experience here to reflect the spirit of New Orleans, so come prepared to have a good time!

The early registration fee is \$300, per member. Late registration for members (begins **July 1, 2010**) and **registration of all non-members is \$350.** We will be staying at the New Orleans Marriott Convention Center Hotel (859 Convention Center Boulevard: 70130). The convention room rate is \$89, per night (single or

double). **The cut off date for room registration is June 30, 2010.**

You can register for your room by calling, **(800) 305-6342 (or 504-613-2888, direct)** or at the hotel website link as follows:

http://cwp.marriott.com/msync/prairieviewamuniversity
Group Code: PVAPVAA

Panther Beyond The Hill

The Prairie View A&M University National Alumni Association Convention Committee is planning a "**Panther Beyond The Hill**" Ceremony to acknowledge the passing of PVAMU Alumni. The tribute will take place during the Awards Dinner on Friday, July 23, 2010. The

NAA is requesting Affiliate Chapters and National Alumni Association Members to provide information regarding Alumni in their area who have passed away between July 12, 2009 - July 12, 2010. The information provided will be displayed on screen during the cere-

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SUBMISSIONS

All mail-in information must be received by July 12, 2010. Please contact the National Alumni Association office (936) 857-5817 or a local Affiliated Chapter for additional information.

Commencement 2010

Graduation will be held on the campus of PVAMU in the Billy Nicks Gymnasium on May 15, 2010. There will be two ceremonies, at 9:00am and 1:00 pm. Congrats to the Class of 2010!

Happenings on "The Hill"

Academics

PVAMU recently competed against 47 other HBCU in the Honda Academic competition. The PVAMU team won the competition over other notable HBCU like Hampton, Howard Morehouse and FAMU. The prize for winning the event was \$ 50,000.

Athletics

PVAMU Tennis Team SWAC Champions will face Texas A&M in NCAA first round. Head Women's Basketball Coach **Cynthia Cooper-Dyke** announced the signing of six student-athletes to National Letters of Intent to play basketball for the **Lady Panthers** next season. This year's

crop of recruits address a variety of needs for **Cooper-Dyke** and staff as they signed top players, including two post players with solid credentials and two high-scoring guards who ranked among the top five prospects in their respective states and among the nation's best by **ESPN.com**.