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## President's Corner: Reflections 2009-2011 Term



As we approach the summer months and the last quarter of the Chapter's fiscal year we can look at the previous three quarters and see that the Chapter has accomplished many of its objectives.

We are currently sponsoring seven students with scholarships and looking forward to awarding new students for the 2011-2012 academic year. We have had a

two successful fundraisers this fiscal year the Labor Day Classic Soiree and excellent Madri Gras Scholarship Luncheon. We have exceeded our goal for membership for the year. Now we will be looking forward to the National Alumni Convention in Austin on July 20-23, 2011 at the Westin Domain Hotel.

In moving forward we must find ways to increase our Membership. The reputation of a great University is directly correlated to the accomplishment and participation of its Alumni. Each of our careers are a direct result of the stimulus provided by Prairie View A&M University.

My challenge to you today is a repeat of a previous newsletter let's put PVU into the Chapter. That Participate Volunteer and Unite with the Houston Alumni Chapter. I am looking forward to your support another term as we continue to grow. As fiscal year is coming to an end we are beginning preliminary planning for the upcoming year to assure we maintain a legacy of excellence on behalf of "Our Dear Prairie View." Please make plans to attend our next chapter meeting, bring your energy and innovations to take our chapter to the next level.

*Your Chapter President,  
Wilbur McConico*

## Houston Chapter Upcoming Events

### Chapter Meeting Date

**Saturday  
21- May 2011 \***  
**Wear PV Paraphernalia  
for Chapter picture  
10:30 am - noon  
Trinity United Methodist  
Church 2300 Holman 77004**

**Saturday  
18-Jun 2011**  
**10:30 am - noon  
Trinity United Methodist  
Church 2300 Holman 77004**

### Chapter Activities

**May 14, 2011  
NAA Board Meeting**  
George Higgs Alumni Bldg.  
148 University Blvd  
Prairie View, Texas 77446

**May 21, 2011 Houston  
Black Expo, George R.  
Brown Convention Center**  
Houston Area Black Colleges &  
University Alumni Associations  
College Recruitment & Chapter  
Membership Information

### **May 31, 2011 Houston Chapter Scholarship Application Deadline.**

For an application visit the website  
[www.pvamu-houston.com](http://www.pvamu-houston.com)  
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Application Deadline. For an  
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**June 3, 2011**  
HBCU Happy Hour Mixer  
Drake Bar  
**July 21, 2011 Houston  
Co-Hosts Hospitality Suite**

## 2011 National Alumni Association Convention Schedule Highlights

The 37th NAA Convention will take place July 20-23, 2011 at the Westin Domain, Austin, Texas, room rates are \$104 per/night, for reservations call the hotel direct 512-832-4197, mention promo code: PVAMU Alumni Association for the group rate. Early Convention registration is \$300. For more details and registration payment visit the website:  
[www.pvualumni.org](http://www.pvualumni.org).

**20- July**  
Registration 2:00-6:00 pm  
Board Meeting 5:00-6:30 pm  
Reception 7:00-9:00 pm  
**21-July**  
Registration 8:00-11:00am  
Opening Session 9:00-11:00 am  
President Luncheon Noon  
Business Meetings  
Dinner Cruise\* \$50.00  
Hospitality Suite  
**22-July**  
Registration 8:00-11:00am

General Session 9:00-10:00 am  
University Updates 10:00-Noon  
Panther Luncheon Noon  
Awards Banquet 7:00-10:00 pm  
Hospitality Suite  
**23-July**  
Plenary Session 8:00 am  
Election Results  
State of the University  
NAA Golf Tournament\* \$100  
Registration 10:00 am  
Tournament 11:00 am  
Alumni Dance 7:00-11:00pm

## 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 Supporting Role: Changing the Way We Do Business

Serving as the Vice President of the PVAMU Houston Alumni Chapter has been truly a privilege. Our team consisted of a new administration with innovative ideas to take our chapter to another level. Instituting change in an organizational consists of: Forming, Storming, Norming, Performing and Adjourning. During the 2009-2011 Term, we have experienced them all, with change of administration comes resistance (*Forming*) because we often fear the unknown. While developing a new vision (*Storming*) we often reflected on things done in the past. As the team began unveil our vision for the chapter we began to establish some expectations that would support the vision (*Norming*). Our *performance* has set new standards for our chapter and our national

counterparts which include: website updates, facebook.com page, newsletters, automated notices and Executive Board teleconferences all have become our standard way of conduct our business. Change is inevitable, we have changed how we do business and have reaped the benefits of increased membership, incorporating a variety of social activities including watch parties in support of athletics, and fundraising events that support scholarship opportunities for students. Supporting change has made me wiser. My philosophy is “Embrace change and insist on excellence,” as we to strive for excellence on behalf of “Our Dear Prairie View”. I have served diligently allowing my philosophy resonate in everything we have done.

As we *adjourn* this term meeting all of the goals we set this fiscal year, know that it could not have been done it without everyone’s support: attending meetings, leading committees, and paying annual membership dues, everyone’s role contributed to our overall success. No one person could have accomplished what we have done as a team. As we share our many accomplishments with the National Alumni Association in hopes of becoming Chapter of the Year, I would like to congratulate each of you in advance for embracing change and insisting on excellence.

Faithfully Yours,

LaShonda R. Williams  
Houston Chapter V. P.  
2009-2011

## PVAMU Campus News



The Miss Prairie View A&M University Scholarship Pageant

was held April 27, 2011 on campus in the Memorial Student Center, Opal Smith Auditorium. The evening included ten talented young women vying for the title Miss Prairie View A&M. In the photo the judges and Miss Prairie View Court: Mr. Fred Newhouse, Prairie View Alumni and Olympic Medalist, Ms. Mary Jackie

Washington, Miss Prairie View 1974; Ms. Lindsey Slay, Miss Prairie View 2006; Camille Smith, 1st runner-up; Lakesha Shanee Clark, Miss Prairie View 2011-2012; Triston Varnado, 2nd runner-up; Ms. LaShonda Williams, Houston Chapter Vice President; and Mr. Asad Abdul-Salaam, Mr. Prairie View 2006.

## Panther Sports Update

Panther fans get ready to pack your bags, it’s official Prairie View A&M University first game of the season will be against Bethune Cookman. The traditional Labor Day Classic played against Texas Southern was rescheduled to assure the Panthers participation in the Southern Western Athletic Conference vs Mid Eastern Athletic Conference Challenge. The football game will take place, Sunday Septem-



ber 4, 2011 at the Citrus Bowl, Orlando Florida. The MEAC/SWAC Challenge will be pre-

sented by Disney. Special Disney weekend packages will be made available in upcoming weeks. The Shelton Safari Hotel, located 12205 Apopka Vine-land, Orlando Fl, 32836, is noted as the Alumni host hotel, room rates are \$79.00 per/ night. For game tickets and other travel information visit the official website for more details: meacswacchallenge.com.