



Houston Alumni

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President's Corner: Houston Chapter Mid-Term Report



As we approach a new year, we often reflect on the current year's accomplishments and challenges. The Prairie View Houston Alumni Chapter has made significant progress, however we still have some challenges. We have maintained our commitment to the National Alumni Association's goals: Membership, Mentorship and Management. I am pleased to share our membership numbers have increased overall by thirty percent. Fifty percent of last years members have renewed. Seventy percent of our current members have joined for the first time and we have reclaimed some members who were not active during the previous year.

We currently have eight scholarship students enrolled at Prairie View we are mentoring. You may find their biographical information on our website. In addition, we recently participated in College Spirit Day at Ft. Bend Church. The event afforded the opportunity to connect with students who are interested in attending our Alma Mater as well as meet PV Alums with hopes of them affiliating with the Houston Chapter. Management of the chapter has been lead by the Executive Board. We have been working closely to develop measureable goals, monitor our progress, and modify our strategic plan as needed. Communication is paramount to an organization's success. The following measures were instituted to increase communication: automated recorded messages (to current and former members; newsletters (electronic, website, Facebook and via mail); website and Facebook updates. We need everyone to become involved in order to reach our full potential and show our love

for P-V-U. Below are some ways to help our chapter grow:

- 1. Participate:**
Chapter Meetings: attend and bringing two Alums with you.
Fundraisers: support our events and share your ideas.
- 2. Volunteer:**
We have several committees to appeal to all interests. They include: Membership, Scholarship, Hospitality, and Fundraising among others.
- 3. Unite:**
Show your love for our "Dear Prairie View" by becoming financial with both the National (\$60 annual) and local chapter (\$25 annual). Please renew your commitment annually. We are in the middle of our fiscal year and thus far, the Houston Alumni Chapter has accomplished over half our goals for the 2010-2011 year. We can and will exceed our goals with your collaboration. For details about forthcoming events, membership, and Houston Chapter scholarship application visit our website:
www.pvamuhouston.com

Chapter Officers 2009-2011

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Houston Chapter Upcoming Events

Chapter Meeting Dates

December 2010

18-Saturday

Chapter Meeting
Trinity United Methodist Church

2600 Holman Street
Houston, Texas 77004
11:00 am-noon

January 2011

15-Saturday

Chapter Meeting
Trinity United Methodist Church

2600 Holman Street
Houston, Texas 77004
11:00 am-noon

Chapter Activities

January 2011

8-Saturday

Prairie View vs Texas Southern
@Prairie View
5:30 pm Women's
7:30 pm Men's

15-Saturday

Prairie View vs Grambling
@ Prairie View
5:30 pm Women's
7:30 pm Men's

17-Monday

@ Prairie View
Prairie View vs Jackson State
3:30 pm Women's
6:00 pm Men's Televised ESPNU

February 2011

5-Saturday

Scholarship Luncheon

Power Center Houston
12:00- 2:00 pm
\$40.00 contact: Roy Smith,
Chairperson at 713-529-2445
or pay on-line
www.pvamuhouston.com

19-Saturday

Pantherland Day

Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View , Texas
9:00 am-3:00 pm
For details contact:
Sheila Robinson
skrobinson@pvamu.edu
936-261-1083

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**

Fort Bend Church College Spirit Day

The Fort Bend Church, located at 1900 Eldgridge Rd, where Reverend Byron Stevens is the Pastor hosted their Annual College Fair, Sunday November 14, 2010. Pastor Stevens is a Southern University graduate, there were over twenty colleges and universities present including Texas Southern. Congregants wore their university shirts and had an opportunity to collect information about several institutions. The Prairie View A&M University Gospel Choir performed during the church services. The event was well attended, the congregants were thrilled to see their Alma Mater “Dear Prairie View” participating in College Spirit Day.



Ft. Bend Church Pastor Byron Stevens, Ms. LaShonda Williams, Houston Chapter Vice Mr. Wilbur McConico, Houston Chapter President



Ms. Gloria Armstrong, PVAMU Financial Aid/Scholarship Dept. Wilbur McConico, Houston Chapter President Mrs. Glenda Jones, PVAMU University Career & Outreach Dir.



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

The next NAA BOD Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at the Alumni House, Prairie View, Texas 77446.

37th National Alumni Association Convention will be held July 20-23, 2011 in Austin, Texas, at the Westin Hotel.

Convention registration cost will be determined during the

February 2011 BOD meeting.

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. As details are finalized they will be available on the National Alumni Association website: www.pvualumni.org or call the Alumni Office 936-857-5817.

Panthers 2011 Basketball Schedule At-A-Glance

Date	Event	Location	Description
1/4/11	Alcorn State	Alcorn State, Miss	Women 5:30 pm Men 7:30 pm
1/6/11	Southern	Baton Rouge, La	Women 5:30 pm Men 7:30 pm
1/8/11	Texas Southern	Prairie View, Texas	Women 5:30 pm Men 7:30 pm
1/15/11	Grambling State	Prairie View, Texas	Women 5:30 pm Men 7:30 pm
1/17/11	Jackson State	Prairie View, Texas	Women 3:30 pm Men 6:00 pm* ESPNU
1/22/11	Mississippi Valley	Itta Bena, Miss	Women 2:30 pm Men 4:30 pm
1/24/11	Arkansas-Pine Bluff	Pine Bluff, Ark	Women 5:30 pm Men 7:30 pm
1/29/11	Alabama State	Prairie View, Texas	Women 5:30 pm Men 7:30 pm
1/31/11	Alabama A&M	Prairie View, Texas	Women 5:30 pm Men 7:30 pm
2/5/11	Texas Southern	Houston, Texas	Women 5:30 pm Men 8:00 pm
2/11/11	Grambling State	Grambling, La	Women 5:30 pm Men 8:00 pm* ESPNU
2/14/11	Jackson State	Jackson, Miss	Women 5:30 pm Men 8:00 pm* ESPNU

For the full schedule visit: www.pvamu.edu/athletics