

# TIGER HAPPENINGS

*"Where everybody is somebody."*



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## 50K of the Greatest Hands



Coach Fobbs is asking that everyone participate in "Campaign 50k" to aid in the survival of the GSU football program. The goal is to sell 50,000 posters of GSU's legendary football Coach Eddie Robinson. This one of a-kind poster is a keepsake that any GSU and Coach Robinson fan can display in their home or office. Proceeds generated through "Campaign 50k" will go directly to benefit the GSU football program as well as the Eddie Robinson Foundation. For a more detailed breakdown and to support by purchase, Visit [Greatest Hands](#).

A message from Coach Fobbs:

It has truly been an honor and a blessing to be your head coach. I have asked for your support and repeatedly I have gotten it. This staff and this team appreciates your support more than you'll ever know! There's just nothing else like the GramFam! But now is not the time to take our foot off the pedal and rest assured, this team is looking forward to Saturday's kickoff. Looking forward to a packed house and an incredible atmosphere this Saturday! Let's continue to build together!

## 41st Annual Bayou Classic - RED OUT

Support our G-Men by wearing [RED](#) for the game against Southern University.  
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## Accounting Alum Passes CPA Exam Without Hesitation



The determination of one of GSU's fall 2013 valedictorians continues, as he strives for academic and career success. Mr. Landry Kopdjous, a College of Business alum, graduated with a B.S. degree in accounting in fall 2013 with a cumulative GPA of 4.0. His accomplishments didn't stop there, whereas Kopdjous began to prepare for the CPA exam upon graduation and has successfully passed the exam this fall. The Uniform CPA Examination is a professional licensing examination used by all state accountancy boards to ensure CPA applicants possess at least a threshold mastery of technical knowledge needed to enter the CPA profession.

Kopdjous' work ethic not only helped him to pass the exam successfully, but it helped him to pass the exam on the first try. In addition, Kopdjous is currently pursuing his master's degree in Master of Professional Accountancy at Louisiana Tech University. During the summer of 2015 he will have an internship with PricewaterhouseCooper (PwC), a firm that offers auditing, accounting, and assurance services. In the fall of 2015 he will hold a full-time position as an auditor with Deloitte. Deloitte is the brand under which tens of thousands of dedicated professionals in independent firms throughout the world collaborate to provide audit, consulting, financial advisory, risk management and tax services to select clients.

Kopdjous came to Grambling State University with certain goals and expectations, and through his efforts and hard work those goals are becoming distinguished accomplishments.



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## Three Students Attend Thurgood Marshall College Fund Leadership Institute



*Smith, Gray, Shobowale pictured with Beck and Dr. Warrick*

From Nov 9th to Nov 14th, Joiya Smith, Karlin Gray, and Mosunmola Shobowale attended the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Leadership Institute accompanied by Garnesha Beck, office of career development & placement. The students were selected by TMCF to attend based on their GPA's, resume, and an interview. TMCF only selects 500 elite students from public HBCUs to attend. As a result of attending, the students received job offers, scholarships, and valuable career development training.

On the last night of the conference, they attended the TMCF Gala. This was an excellent opportunity for Smith, Gray and Shobowale to receive unfiltered but necessary career

development training. The students were taught the soft skills and unspoken rules required to become global leaders in corporate, governmental, and not for profit industries. In addition, they were able to network with their peer HBCU scholars and representatives from top employers such as NBC Universal, WalMart, the NBA, and CitiGroup Financial. Joiya Smith will be Grambling State University's TMCF student ambassador for 2015.

## Miss Black Louisiana- Victoria Saleem



*(l to r) Victoria Saleem, Chelsea Smith*

The moment was truly royal, as Victoria Saleem, Grambling State University senior digital art major, accepted her crown as the reigning Miss Black Louisiana. Saleem said "I am incredibly grateful to have won the Miss Black Louisiana title, and I feel as though God is taking me through a breakthrough period in my life."

The newly crowned Miss Black Louisiana said "Participating in a pageant is something I've always imagined since I was younger, but competing in pageants was never an option until recently. This was Saleem's first pageant. The three-hour pageant was held November 15 in Baton Rouge, La. Saleem felt that the talent portion was both her strongest and weakest area of the competition. She wanted to showcase a talent that was meaningful to her so she chose speed-painting as her talent.

The Mansfield, La native is set to graduate December 19, and is more than happy that Grambling State University will become her alma mater. She chose to attend Grambling State University because it was where her entire family had gone to college. "I wanted to continue the legacy and share some of the same experiences they had at a HBCU," Saleem said. Saleem is the current secretary and Miss Art Guild 2014-2015 for GSU Art Guild Club, an art organization on GSU's campus, and a member of the Alpha Theta chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

"My platform is about promoting and celebrating the positive impacts that art reflects on communities," Saleem said. I want to encourage schools to reintegrate art programs back into school curriculums so that it can be available to all students and to demonstrate how municipal involvement in the creation and implementation of art policies enriches communities." Saleem hopes to be an inspiration through her title and encourage others to believe that education comes first and that your service to the community starts locally, but can eventually change the world.

**Giving back is your best gift, [donations accepted here.](#)**