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Revenue Generating Breakfast

Local mayors and bankers from the northern Louisiana region gathered at Grambling State University on January 7th for a 'Think Tank' breakfast, to discuss potential partnerships and business opportunities. John Rosenthal, VP for Research, Advancement and Economic Development spearheaded this initiative to inform the local business community of opportunities to partner and revenue share with GSU. The many projects that need partnerships include the following: reopening the Day Care facility to service up to 55 children, repurposing the Sonic building to include eateries with healthy food options such as smoothies and yogurt, and

reopening the Catfish ponds to restore our Aquaculture program. Additional projects include: utilizing West Campus to restore green houses, opening a medical lab, and developing farm operations such as a community garden. Some remaining projects, such as the Drew Hall Apartments are still in need of a partnership for renovation and leasing opportunities. Lastly, but certainly not least, the recycling effort throughout Grambling and neighboring communities. The group was excited to hear Dr. Warrick speak about future GSU partnership opportunities.



Dr. Warrick pictured above with guests.

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Dr. Cynthia Warrick, Ph.D., RPH
Interim President

President's Corner

Happy New Year! Grambling State University made significant strides in 2014, and we are well on our way in 2015. Thank you to GSU Alumni, Faculty, Students, and Friends for contributing to the University. In just 6 months' time, we have exceeded the private funds raised in 2013-2014. More than \$470,000 cash was donated to support GSU.

We have already kicked off 2015 with a number of activities. Thank you River Parishes' GSU Alumni and especially Mrs. Bernetta Ambres, for organizing and implementing an Alumni "Meet and Greet" at Fifth Ward Elementary School on January 8, hosted by Principal and GSU Alumna Kendria Spears; and high school visits on January 9 at West St. John High School and East St. John High School. ([read more](#))

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The Tigers captured 35% of the vote to win Allstate's \$50,000 scholarship donation.

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GSU Receives Service Honor Roll

Grambling State University has been named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll again. The award was established in 2006, after thousands of college students traveled across the country to support relief efforts along the Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina. ([read more](#))



(Pictured above) student assisting with community service.

Upcoming 2014-15 SWAC Men and Women Basketball Home Games



JACKSON STATE
UNIVERSITY
01.24.15
3:00 P.M. & 5:00
P.M.



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS -
PINE BLUFF
01.31.15
3:00 P.M. & 5:00 P.M.



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Students Volunteer Services At the 2014 Duck Commander's Independence Bowl



(l to r) Dr. Obadiah Simmons, Johnathan Wallace, Chastity Levingston, Ryan Burton, Justin Miller and Darren Iverson

Grambling State University's Department of Kinesiology, Sport and Leisure undergraduates, and graduate students volunteered their services on December 26th and 27th at the 2014 Duck Commander's Independence Bowl College Football game in Shreveport, LA. The Independence Bowl's new title sponsor, Duck Commander's via the Duck Dynasty Group, has provided opportunities for (KSLS) majors to assist with such items as the set up and breakdown of media and team hospitality rooms, field and stadium signage, sponsor and/or vendor stadium hospitality tents, and fan-fare pre-game events in the Hirsch Memorial Coliseum. Students have also had the task of reporting and distributing press box game-time statistics, pre-game time ticket sales operations, and post-game field breakdown.

Several GSU alumni and supporters have assisted in providing lodging arrangements for the GSU student volunteers since 2013. Dr. Obadiah Simmons, Interim Head/Director and Associate Professor stated, "This arrangement has just completed its fifth consecutive year and has served as an invaluable experience for our graduate and undergraduate student volunteers in the (KSLS) Department and SPA Graduate Program".

Doctoral Students Host Session At the SACSA Conference



(l to r) Myree Burrell, Rudolph Ellis, Brittany Hoskin

On November 2, 2014, Grambling State University Doctoral students, Mystee Burrell, Rudolph Ellis and Brittany Haskin presented — Cultural Considerations: Strategies for Developing an Inclusive, Supportive and Safe Environment for LGB College Students at an HBCU. The SACSA Annual Conference was held in Louisville, Kentucky. The purpose of the session was to discuss the reality of the changing demographics on college campuses nationwide, specifically Historically Black Colleges and Universities who have had a history of being behind the wave of change on controversial issues such as sexual orientation. The session spotlighted the need for a safe, supportive campus climate and culture for sexual and gender minorities attending an HBCU. While students are seeking a safe environment, Grambling State University will be providing an academic climate that promotes acceptance, diversity, and student success.

GSU Awarded \$5,900 Check For Recruitment



Lt. Col. (R) Ewing Collier presents check to Mr. John Rosenthal (l) and Dr. Damon Wade (R) along with 3 cadets at GSU

Col. Ewing Collier, retired commander of AFROTC Det 311, presents a check to Mr. John Rosenthal, VP Research/Advancement and Economic Development and Dr. Damon Wade, VP Enrollment Management. The funds are earmarked for recruiting. The \$5900 was contributed by members of the former detachment at a reunion held at their inaugural reunion, on Nov. 15-16. Monies were also contributed to the three cadets that are enrolled at Grambling State University. The Air Force Cadets are Perxia C. Bobb, Edward Jackson, III, and Andrew White.

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