## TIGER HAPPENINGS

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Grambling State University and the Friends of the Eddie G. Robinson Museum are hosting a special reception following the 2015 Spring Commencement featuring former members of the Atlanta Braves, including Henry "Hank" Aaron, to raise money for the Eddie G. Robinson Museum. The reception will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 8 at the Squire Creek Country Club in Choudrant.

"I just think that every individual needs to make sure they get an opportunity to come and see this great American, Hank Aaron. He's the king of baseball as far as I'm concerned," said Wilbert Ellis, president of the Friends of the Eddie G. Robinson Museum. (<u>read more</u>)

Henry "Hank" Aaron

### Vote for Miss GSU in Ebony's Campus Queens Competition



Ginia Smith (Ms. GSU)

Only 10 of the best campus beauty queens from Historically Black Colleges and Universities around the country will reign over the pages of the September 2015 issue of EBONY magazine, and Miss Grambling State University, Ginia Smith, needs your vote to make it to the Top 10!

EBONY magazine's annual Campus Queens competition features videos on the reigning campus queens from the country's HBCUs. Visit <u>www.ebony.com/campusqueens</u> to read about Smith, watch her two-minute campaign video detailing her campaign and charity work, and cast your vote for Miss Grambling State as your favorite queen. (<u>read more</u>)

**GSU Track and Field Team Wins 7th Straight SWAC Title** 



NORMAL, Ala. - The Grambling State Tigers claimed their seventh straight conference title on Sunday at the 2015 Southwestern Athletic Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Louis Crews Stadium. GSU scored 170 points to earn their 11th title overall, earning Bertram Lovell Coach of the Year honors. (read more)

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Congressman Ralph Abraham

#### **Commencement Speaker**

Congressman Ralph Abraham will deliver the commencement speech at Grambling State University's 2015 Spring Commencement at 10 a.m. Friday, May 8 at the Frederick C. Hobdy Assembly Center.

Abraham was elected to represent Louisiana's 5<sup>th</sup> District in December 2014. He represents Grambling, Lincoln Parish and 23 other parishes in north, central and southeastern Louisiana.

Though he is a new member, Abraham has already become one of the leading voices in Washington in calling for reforms to the Department of Veterans Affairs. He is the chairman of the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs, a rare post for a freshman to attain.

He also serves on the Agriculture Committee, an important assignment since Louisiana's 5th District is one of the largest row crop districts in the nation. (<u>read more</u>)



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**Kindrell Plains** 

## GSU Student Leading On a National Level

The National Black Graduate Student Association (NBGSA) elected Grambling State University's Kindrell Plains as the South Central Regional Representative at the organization's 27th national conference in Jacksonville, Fla., on April 11, 2015.

The National Black Graduate Student Conference is a non-profit, student-run and operated organization that helps students develop professionally. This year the NBGSC invited students from around the world to provide opportunities for students to network with employers and recruiters from across the nation. (<u>read more</u>)

### **GSU Opens Center for Student Professional Development**



The Center for Student Professional Development (CSPD) in the College of Business held its grand opening on April 9 in the Jacob T. Stewart Building. CSPD is a comprehensive resource focused on preparing students for successful entry into the global, professional business environment. The CSPD offers preparation workshops, networking sessions, mentoring and internship opportunities.

Forty-two students who were nominated by College of Business faculty members will participate in CSPD's professional development program during the 2015-2016 school year, where they will participate in workshops in communication, professionalism,

interpersonal skills, decision making and experiential learning to prepare them for their future careers. "Our students have participated in many beneficial professional development seminars and networking opportunities, such as the appropriate use of social media, managing your own personal brand, how to wow employers during interviews, dinner with GSU President Dr. Warrick, business etiquette, and project management certifications and career options," said Greta Carter, director of CSPD. (<u>read more</u>)



### Have You Taken the Challenge?

Grambling State University kicked off its I'm a G 10 for \$10 Challenge today and is inviting alumni, students, staff, faculty, parents and friends to take up the challenge to build a strong and sustainable future for the university.

The 10 for \$10 Challenge is simple. You donate \$10 or more to Grambling State University, challenge 10 other people to match your gift, then challenge those 10 people to recruit 10 more people to donate to Grambling and get 10 people to repeat the process. (read more)

### Giving back is your best gift, donations accepted here.