

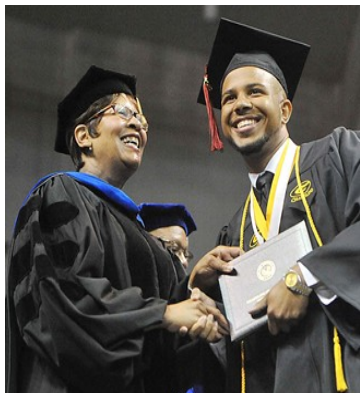
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Over 500 GSU Students Graduate in Spring Commencement

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GSU Interim President Cynthia Warrick and Senior Class Pres. Corey Howard

Henry "Hank" Aaron encouraged Grambling State University's Class of 2015 to pay it forward by helping those who cannot help themselves during the Spring Commencement on May 8.

"I'm proud to stand here this evening before you because you graduating students are our future," Aaron told the class of 505 graduates. "I have tried, in my lifetime and in the 23 years I played baseball, to have what we call the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation. My wife and I started it many years ago, and you too can do things like that."

GSU Interim President Cynthia Warrick presented Aaron, who is currently the senior vice president in the Atlanta ([read more](#))



The Class of 1965 Celebrate Their 50th Class Reunion

A Note from the Class of 65'



Golden Graduates of 1965 seated with Dr. Warrick

Netria Anne Joe's fondest memory of attending Grambling State University 50 years ago is of sneaking into a peach orchard across the street from her dormitory.

"A group of us sneaked over to the orchard and got some peaches, and we got caught by the dormitory matron. Yes, we did, so that was the most fun thing and the scariest thing, because I thought I was going to get sent home," ([Read more](#))

Thank you very much to everyone involved in planning and carrying out the 50TH GOLDEN REUNION. I had so much fun!

I especially enjoyed watching you all *watching us* having fun. A great team was put together; the gifts, the tour, lunch, Tiger Torch Night, reception, 60's dinner and dance and finally COMMENCEMENT.

Hank Aaron Reception Eddie Robinson Museum



Henry "Hank" Aaron and wife, Billye Aaron, donated \$10,000 to the Eddie G. Robinson Museum

A reception honoring baseball great Henry "Hank" Aaron and former members of the Atlanta Braves to raise money for the Eddie G. Robinson Museum ended with a surprise donation of \$10,000 from Aaron.

Due to the \$1.6 billion deficit in the state budget, funding for the museum was cut forcing the museum to only be open one day a week beginning in April. The Friends of the Eddie G. Robinson Museum (EGRM) do not believe that is nearly enough time for visitors to experience the historic significance of Coach Robinson's impact on college football.

The museum is named after one of American's greatest, Eddie G. Robinson, who coached at Grambling for 57 years and is in every Hall of Fame you can name," said Wilbert Ellis, president of the Friends of EGRM. ([read more](#))

I owe you all. If you're ever in Beaumont call me.

Thank you!

With love,

Ms. Bobbie



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Vote Miss GSU in EBONY Queens Competition



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!

4 p.m. on Friday, May 15, to watch Smith during the live episode. Smith, who recently graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree, will discuss her mission to win the EBONY Campus Queens contest on the next episode of *Louisiana Living*. Tune in to KARD Fox 14 at 4 p.m. on Friday, May 15, to watch Smith during the live episode.

To vote ([click here](#))

Grambling State University Class Helps Local Couple



When D.C. Hoard says that he and his wife, Inell, own a “few” potted plants, he is vastly underestimating. The Grambling couple loves gardening and own well over 100 potted plants housed in a storage building during the winter months. This year, the Hoards had the benefit of 20 Grambling State University students to help them spread their green thumbs.

As people grow older, they cannot always complete the same physical tasks they could when they were younger. This is a concept that students studying Human Growth and Development know well. As a service learning component to her class, Mary Ghongkedze,

assistant professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, has her students volunteer at the homes of older members of the Grambling community. “After seeing how adults age and how they cannot always do the same things, we want to promote and help them in whatever way we can. It’s a little bit of service learning for the students, to know that they can give back to the community and just (ake a difference in someone’s life,” Ghongkedze said. ([Read More](#))

Ten for Ten Challenge



Grambling State University kicked off its “I’m a G” 10 for \$10 Challenge last month 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, and then challenge those 10 people to recruit 10 more people to donate to Grambling and get 10 people to repeat the process. “In light of the budget implications on Grambling State University, it is critical that all members of the GSU family participate in fundraising.

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

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