Grambling Presidential Search Narrowed to Five Candidates

Dr. Cynthia Warrick, Ph.D., RPh

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Prayers for Dr. Warrick

Please keep Dr. Cynthia Warrick and her family in your prayers. Dr. Warrick’s father, Joseph A. Scott, Jr., passed away Thursday morning. A funeral service for Mr. Scott will be held Thursday, June 4 at 10:30 a.m. at New Covenant Missionary Baptist Church, 1107 S.E. Loop 410, San Antonio, TX 78220. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to: Joseph A. Scott, Jr. Scholarship Endowment, PVAMU College of Business, P.O. Box 519, MS2300, Prairie View, TX 77446.

GoFundMe Page Set Up for Grambling State University Television Center

Grambling State University's Television Center was flooded with several inches of water on May 18. When Alan Blakeney waded through storm waters to reach his office on May 18, the director of Grambling State University's Television Center was faced with about seven inches of flood water that had damaged hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of television production equipment and studio furniture. “It was just a little bit shocking to see all that water,” Blakeney said. “It was immediately apparent that stuff needed to be done. I wanted to get everything off the ground as immediately as possible. I was trying to get as much stuff saved as possible. That was the only thought in my head.” Prior to the storm, most of the television center’s production equipment had been laid out on the floor in preparation for the equipment inventory that Blakeney conducts at the end of every semester.

The Grambling State University Presidential Search Committee has selected five candidates to interview for Grambling’s next president. Candidates will sit for public interviews Tuesday, June 2 and Wednesday, June 3 on Grambling’s campus. The Search Committee will meet at 8 a.m. Thursday to narrow the field of candidates from five to two. Finalists will interview with the University of Louisiana System Board in a public meeting at 11 a.m. The board is expected to announce a decision around noon Thursday. The semifinalist candidates will also be available for interviews with the media following their public search committee interviews. The search committee interviews will be held in the Betty Smith Nursing Building Auditorium, while the media interviews will be held in the Nursing Building Room 168.
Former Grambling Track Team Member Earns Award for Service as Volunteer Track Coach

Grambling alum George Temple was awarded the 2015 Crystal Apple Award for his extraordinary volunteer service as an assistant track coach on May 5. Volunteers in Public Schools (VIPS) recognizes outstanding persons and organizations who have volunteered in East Baton Rouge Parish’s public schools for at least 10 years.

Temple was a member of the track team while he attended Grambling, and he has used his knowledge to help students excel as athletes. He has served as a volunteer track coach for more than 20 years with Scotlandville Magnet High School, Glen Oaks High School and Second Chance Academy. He started volunteering back in 1995 when his daughter attended Scotlandville Magnet High School.

A full 20 years later and Temple is volunteering again as his grandson now attends the same high school. He coaches boys and girls running 800, 1,600 and 3,200 meters. According to The Advocate, Temple is a devoted track coach who routinely misses birthday and anniversary celebrations to coach. He spends hundreds of dollars a year of his own money to help the team he is coaching, including purchasing awards for teams that did not get an award ceremony and raising money for a team that did not have enough uniforms for each member.

An alumnus of Grambling State University has been honored with a Book Award from the Massachusetts Black Judges Conference. Christopher Hughes is a 2010 graduate of Grambling with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. He is currently a second-year law student at New England Law in Boston.

The Massachusetts Black Judges Conference was founded in 1977 to represent the interests of African American judges in Massachusetts. The MBJC sponsors an annual Book Award program, which recognizes outstanding African American law students in Massachusetts. It also advocates on behalf of the African American judiciary in public forums.

According to the New England Law website, Hughes serves as evening chair of the Black Law Students Association and is a member of the University of Chicago Law School’s Law Review. He received the 2015 Book Award from the Massachusetts Black Judges Conference.