

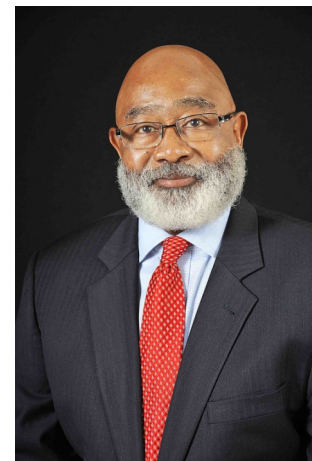
# TIGER HAPPENINGS

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## Grambling State University Welcomes President Larkin!

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**Dr. Willie D. Larkin, Ph.D.**  
**President**

### President's Corner

Greetings Grambling Family!

I am extremely honored to have been selected as the 9<sup>th</sup> President of Grambling State University! As you ALL know, Grambling is an exceptional, innovative, creative, and outstanding university. I know our university will only get better and better!

I call upon each of you to work with me as a team and embrace and confront the challenges and expand and create new and innovative opportunities to return our beloved institution to the highest level of greatness. ([read more](#))



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**Friends, faculty, staff, students and supporters of Grambling State University welcomed President Willie Larkin, who began his tenure as Grambling's ninth president on July 1, upon his arrival to Louisiana at Monroe Regional Airport on June 30. Photo by Glenn Lewis.**

## I'm a G 10 for \$10 Challenge Breaks \$10,000 Mark!



The Grambling State University 10 for \$10 Challenge has now broken its first fundraising goal of \$10,000, thanks to the generous support of the Grambling Family! The fundraising campaign has raised a total of \$11,257 from 327 donators. Let's keep the momentum going in order to reach our next campaign goal of \$100,000 by Homecoming 2015! Visit <http://www.gram.edu/giving/events/10for10.php> to donate now!

"We are so pleased that two of our thoughtful and giving alumni, Angelee Rhyne and Marva Nichols, decided to bring the 10 for \$10 Challenge Campaign to our attention and to promote this initiative," said John Rosenthal, vice president for Research, Advancement and Economic Development. "They are spearheading the 10 for \$10 Challenge Campaign Advisory Board that will provide direction and guidance for this effort, as we endeavor to raise \$100,000 by Homecoming 2015. Reaching \$10,000 is the first milestone. This campaign is an excellent example of the University and alumni working together seamlessly."

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## Wife Establishes Scholarship at GSU for Long-Time Educator and Pastor Clifton Lewis



**Shirley Lewis established a \$1,000 scholarship in honor of her husband, Clifton Lewis. Shown from left to right are Lewis' son, Everette, grandson, Clifton, Brianna Cotton, the first scholarship recipient, and Shirley Lewis.**

Clifton Lewis served as a dedicated educator and pastor for more than three decades. His wife of 39 years, Shirley Lewis, remembers him as a deeply spiritual man whose life was defined by giving back to the community he loved so much.

"He knew no limits to reaching out to his fellow man and showed a genuine kindness and love to all who knew him. He was propelled forward by an incessant desire to be a servant in whom God was well pleased," Shirley Lewis said.

Shirley and Clifton Lewis were both dedicated educators. Shirley Lewis, who worked as the K-12 curriculum coordinator at Grambling Laboratory Schools until her retirement in 2014, felt the best way to honor her husband's memory was to help young people attend the university they both attended and loved by establishing a \$1,000 scholarship in his honor. The Rev. Clifton E. Lewis Non-Endowed Memorial Scholarship is given annually to incoming freshman from Claiborne, Jackson, ([read more](#))

## Ford Named Dean of Natural Sciences and Physical Education at Georgia Highlands

A Grambling State University alumnus has been chosen as the new dean of natural sciences and physical education at Georgia Highlands College. Greg Ford holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology with a minor in chemistry from Grambling State University and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee.

Ford was also a post-doctoral fellow at Morehouse School of Medicine through the American Psychological Association Neuroscience Program. Ford will be joining GHC from Morehouse College in Atlanta, where he lectured, conducted laboratory courses and directed research laboratory experiments for students across the terms. ([read more](#))



**Greg Ford**

## New Legislation Will Allow More Students to Attend Grambling State University

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More students will now have the opportunity to attend Grambling State University thanks to two pieces of legislation recently passed by the Louisiana State Legislature. HB 129 and HB 171, sponsored by Rep. Patrick Jefferson and Sen. Rick Gallot, Jr., will help increase enrollment by waiving out-of-state fees and allowing students to take remedial courses at historically black colleges and universities in Louisiana.

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

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