

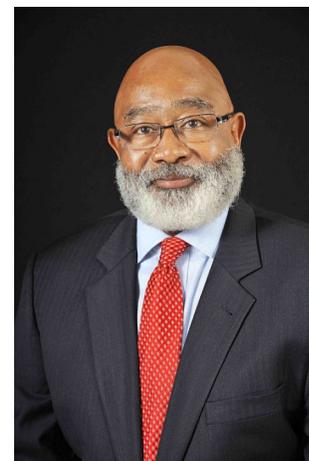
# TIGER HAPPENINGS

*"Where everybody is somebody."*



## GSU Featured on KTBS Morning News

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

### President's Corner

**Members of the Student Government Association perform the GSU Chant with meteorologist Brian Fowler on the KTBS 3 morning news program on Aug. 27.**

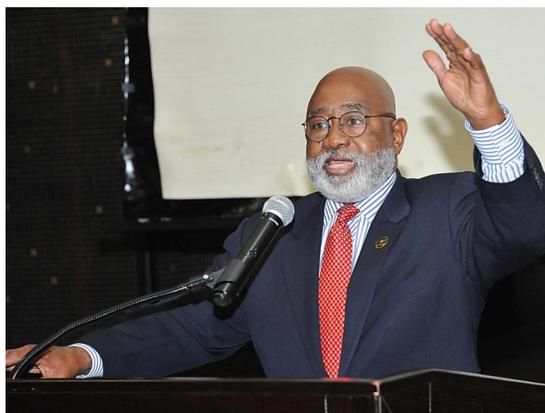
Many Gramblinites had an early morning on Aug. 27 as they gathered in the Yard to represent Grambling State University on KTBS 3 morning news from 4:30-7 a.m. KTBS has been traveling around the Ark-La-Tex to promote local universities.

"It's a new idea to promote the spirit of college life around the Ark-La-Tex and showcasing each student body and who they are as a college," KTBS Meteorologist Brian Fowler said. "Grambling is an outstanding college with an amazing history, and we are grateful to be a part of their history this morning." ([read more](#))

When I accepted the presidency at Grambling State University, I immediately knew it was a special and unique place; not only for the wonderful teaching and learning, but as a place where the word *family* is not just a slogan, but also a living example of how people should care about one another. The belief that family is important continues to be born out each day at Grambling by numerous acts of kindness. On last Thursday, August 27, Tropical Storm Erika ravaged the beautiful Caribbean island nation of Dominica, causing flooding and mudslides as over 10 inches of rain fell on the island in just six hours. ([read more](#))

## ALL-IN University Giving Campaign Raises Over \$25,000

President Willie Larkin has issued a challenge to the employees of Grambling State University for the ALL-IN University Giving Campaign. Can you raise \$50,000 in 45 days for the love of Grambling State University? Grambling's employees answered in a big way by raising more than \$25,000 since the campaign's kickoff breakfast on Aug. 28. President Larkin answered his own challenge with a \$1,000 donation. ([read more](#))



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## Genia Smith Wins EBONY Magazine's Campus Queens Contest

Miss Grambling State University 2014-2015 Genia Smith beat out dozens of beauty queens from Historically Black Colleges and Universities around the country to reign as one of EBONY magazine's Top 10 Campus Queens who will grace the pages of September's issue of EBONY.

Since Smith was one of the top 10 HBCU beauty queens who received the most online votes, she traveled to Howard University in Washington, D.C. in June for a 12-hour photo shoot with hair and makeup stylists and lots of wardrobe changes.

"I want to give a really huge thank you to the people at Grambling for all the support and voting," Smith said. "It probably got frustrating because they pushed back the end of the contest, but I want to thank everyone for sticking

with me. I am especially appreciative of the alumni, because they really voted for me a lot, and they are good at supporting the students. At the end of the day, I was lucky because I got to represent my school." ([read more](#))



**Miss Grambling State University 2014-2015 Genia Smith (second from left) is shown with three other winners from EBONY magazine's Campus Queens contest during a photo shoot at Howard University.**

## Grambling Prays for Dominican Students and Their Families



Students, faculty and staff at Grambling State University gathered around the Eddie the Fighting Tiger statue on Aug. 31 to pray for the Grambling students from Dominica, their families and loved ones, and the people of Dominica. The small Caribbean island nation was hit by Tropical Storm Erika last week, leaving 20 people dead, 50 missing and a land devastated by nature's destructive forces. Forty students from Dominica are enrolled here at Grambling State University, and there are others who are still in the country and trying their best to return to school. Grambling State University officials are currently organizing relief efforts to assist the students from Dominica and their families. The specific details of the relief effort will be forthcoming.

# SHOW YOUR STRIPES

*Showcasing Gramblinites who shine.*



## Brown Honored for Decades of Service to Grambling State University



**Annie McConnell Brown**

Annie McConnell Brown, professor emerita of business, was taken by surprise as friends, family, former students and co-workers threw her a surprise party on Aug. 24 in celebration of her 80th birthday and her legacy of giving back.

To honor Brown for more than 35 years of dedicated service and continued support to Grambling State University, Erick Valentine, interim dean of the College of Business, presented her with a plaque recognizing that the Center for Student Professional Development (CSPD) conference room in the Jacob T. Stewart building will be named in honor of Brown.

President Willie Larkin also presented Brown with a resolution celebrating her contributions to Grambling State University and wishing that her "lifetime of

service and commitment be embraced by future generations of Gramblinites." ([read more](#))

## GUNAA Awards 20 Book Scholarships in Tiger Pride Selfie Challenge

Twenty Grambling State University students have won a \$500 book scholarship from the Grambling University National Alumni Association (GUNAA). GUNAA challenged Grambling's students to submit photographs via Instagram and Facebook to showcase their Grambling pride in the Tiger Pride Selfie Challenge.

GUNAA President Melissa Bickham said that the alumni association was proud to be able to donate \$10,000 to deserving students to help with the cost of books, which can be one of the largest expenses for college students as the school year begins.

The winning students include Astra Watts, Kristen Jackson, Gregory Carey, Dalvin Adams, Samara Flowers, Robynn Hadley, Kaysha Broussard, Paige Johnson, Genesis Williams, Jasmine Ayatey, J'aime Griffith, Dawn Clements, Allison Atkins, Jeffery D. Harris II, Diamond Monique Nicholson, Kayla McClellan, LaTerra Smith, Caleb Ford, DeTrice Gaines and Amanda Marish. Winning students should contact GUNAA at [pr@gunaa.net](mailto:pr@gunaa.net) with their email address and contact number.



**Astra Watt's post was one of 20 student entries that won a \$500 book scholarship in the Tiger Pride Selfie Challenge.**

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

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