

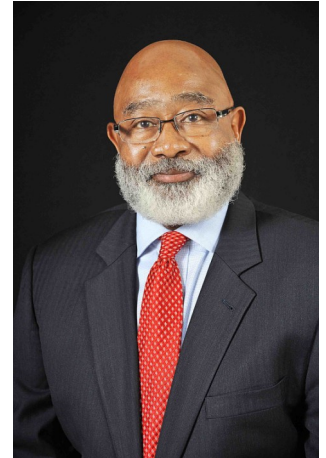
# TIGER HAPPENINGS

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## GSU Leads Recruiting Trip to California High Schools

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

### President's Corner

During the last two months, I have heard many concerns about the need for improved customer service at Grambling State University. Customer service excellence is never optional at our beloved Grambling State University. Instead, it is a 24/7 expectation and priority. In order to grow Grambling as we plan, we all need to take good customer service to heart. Those of us who work for Grambling should always strive to be professional and courteous. No matter what job you are responsible for doing, you should master and practice the art of good customer service. ([read more](#))

## GSU Professor Receives \$54K Cancer Research Grant

An endowed professor at Grambling State University has received a \$54,000 grant to research cancer prevention.

Waneene Dorsey, the Ernest Everett Just Endowed Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences, received the grant from the Louisiana Board of Regents to fund cancer research on toxicogenomics.

This field of science combines toxicology and genomics to understand the collection, interpretation and storage of information about gene and protein activity within a particular cell or tissue of an organism in ([read more](#))



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## Gramblinite Publishes Article in Sheen Magazine



**E'Vonne Gipson**

E'Vonne Gipson is used to seeing her byline in the school newspaper, on websites and even on college awards, but the first time she saw her name printed in a magazine that is distributed nationally and internationally was "incredible."

"When I first received a copy of the magazine, I looked at the page my story was on several times and just smiled," she said. "It is absolutely amazing to me how the help of my mentors at Grambling State University, my education, dedication and determination has provided me with so many opportunities."

The senior mass communication major was introduced to an opportunity to write for the South Carolina-based publication, Sheen Magazine, by her supervisor, Tracy Wright, director of University Communications at Grambling State University.

"E'Vonne is such a bright and engaging student," said Wright. "I knew it would be a great opportunity for her to receive hands-on experience, and I am so proud of this young lady. She epitomizes what every student should aspire to be."

Sheen Magazine is a Southern national lifestyle and beauty publication. The magazine is the preeminent voice for the American beauty on new trends, techniques and products. ([read more](#))

## GSU Student Selected as National Sales Network Sales and Marketing Fellow

Kenneth Tanner, a senior majoring in marketing and computer information systems at Grambling State University, has been selected to participate in the National Sales Network (NSN) Annual Student Sales and Marketing Fellow Program in Atlanta.

The NSN Student Sales & Marketing Conference is the most powerful sales and marketing development program available to diverse students interested in marketing and/or sales. The conference will be held October 3-5 in Atlanta and will bring together the top diverse undergraduate and graduate student talent from more than 20 universities across the United States for a three-day, hands-on sales and marketing experience.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to represent my school in Atlanta," Tanner said. "I feel like it will be a great experience to learn more and network with people that I wouldn't normally get to meet. I think what I learn at this conference will also help me when I go back to Grambling to pass my knowledge onto other students and faculty."

Tanner will have the opportunity to participate in events designed to enhance skill development in sales and marketing, including meeting high-level executives, attending sales and marketing training workshops and panels with executive-level speakers, competing in a case competition, being mentored by seasoned sales and marketing professionals, and interviewing with companies hiring for full-time positions and internships.



**Kenneth Tanner**

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## Grambling Alumnae Alicia Ivory Pursuing Career in Neuroscience



A 2015 graduate of Grambling State University has been accepted into medical school at the Medical College of Wisconsin and has begun her journey to become a neurologist. Alicia Ivory earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Grambling State University in May, which she credits as laying the foundation for her future in neuroscience.

"Prior to coming to Grambling, I had little knowledge of Ph.D. careers in research and academia," Ivory said. "I came to get my Bachelor of Science degree and continue on to medical or pharmacy school to do clinical research. While at Grambling, I was encouraged initially by Dr. Paul Kim, an assistant professor of biology, and Dr. Ben Martin, an associate professor of biology, to look into a Ph.D. program.

"Later, I became a MARC program participant (a scholarship program for biology, chemistry, math, physics or computer science majors committed to pursuing an M.D./Ph.D. in

biomedical sciences). The MARC program rocked my world! I was exposed to so much research at conferences and in my subsequent research experiences. It was then that I decided to pursue a career as a physician scientist with an M.D./Ph.D. program," Ivory said.

The single mother of two is now pursuing a M.D./Ph.D. program at the Medical College of Wisconsin, where she is researching how aphasia, a group of speech disorders caused by brain damage, correlates to specific brain lesions after ischemic stroke, which occurs when an artery to the brain has been blocked. ([read more](#))

## Duckett Named Director of Video Operations for Miami University Basketball Team

Grambling State University alumnus Philip Duckett has been named the director of video operations for Miami University's men's basketball program and will be responsible for coordinating all aspects of the team's video needs.

"We are very excited to have Phil join our program as our director of video operations," said Miami University's head men's basketball coach John Cooper. "He's been around Miami and is very familiar with our program. He has a great relationship with our players, he really has a very good personality, and I think he will be a valuable asset to our program on a lot of fronts."

Duckett graduated from Grambling with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in 2010. While at Grambling State, he was a member of the men's basketball program from 2008-2010. He joined the RedHawk men's basketball program in August 2013.



**Philip Duckett**

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