

## ACADEMIC VIEWBOOK 2017/2018





Richard J. Gallot, Jr., JD President

**Ellen D. Smiley, Ed.D.** Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

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## THE UNIVERSITY

Agricultural School. It was founded by the North Louisiana Colored Agriculture Relief Association, organized in 1896 by a group of African-American farmers who wanted to organize and operate a school for African Americans in their region of the state. In response to the Association's request for assistance, Tuskegee Institute's Booker T. Washington sent Charles P. Adams to help the group organize an industrial school. Adams became its founding president.

In 1905, the school moved to its present location and was renamed the North Louisiana Agricultural and Industrial School. By 1928, after becoming a state junior college and being renamed the Louisiana Negro Normal and Industrial Institute, the school began to award two-year professional certificates and diplomas. In 1936, the curriculum emphasis shifted to rural teacher education; students were able to receive professional teaching certificates after completing a third academic year. The first baccalaureate degree was awarded in1944, in elementary education.

In 1946, the school became Grambling College, named after P.G. Grambling, the white sawmill owner who had donated the parcel of land where the school was constructed. In addition to elementary educators, Grambling prepared secondary teachers and added curricula in sciences, liberal arts and business, transforming the college from a single purpose institution of teacher education into a multipurpose college. In 1949, the college earned its first accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

In 1974, the addition of graduate programs in early childhood and elementary education gave the school



a new status and a new name, Grambling State University. The university expanded and prospered between 1977 and 2000. Several new academic programs were incorporated and new facilities were added to the 384-acre campus, including a business and computer science building, school of nursing, student services building, stadium, stadium support facility and an intramural sports center.

Following Founding President Charles P. Adams, who served for 35 years, Ralph Waldo Emerson Jones became the second president in 1936. Dr. Joseph Benjamin Johnson became the third president of Grambling State University in 1977 and served in this capacity until 1991. During that period, the university increased the number of students enrolled and its degree offerings. Several capital outlay projects were also realized under the Johnson Administration.



Four presidents served from 1991 to 2001: Dr. Harold W. Lundy, Dr. Raymond Hicks, Dr. Leonard Haynes III and Dr. Steve A. Favors.

Grambling State University's first female president, Dr. Neari Francois Warner, served a three-year interim term until the selection of Dr. Horace Judson, who became the institution's seventh president in 2004. After leading an ambitious five-year campaign to rebuild the institution's facilities, Judson resigned in 2009. After Judson's departure, Frank G. Pogue, Ph.D., a highly respected educator and administrator with a distinguished 47-year career in higher education assumed the role of interim president and was later named the university's eighth president. Prior to his selection as president, Dr. Pogue served as the president of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, interim president at Chicago State University and State University of New York (SUNY)-Cobleskill. Dr. Pogue retired after serving a five-year term as president.

Dr. Cynthia Warrick, Ph.D., R.Ph. was named as interim president in 2014 during the presidential search. Warrick ventured into higher education 16 years ago serving in multi-faceted leadership roles as an administrator, public servant, healthcare professional, environmental research scientist, faculty member, and accreditation reviewer.

Dr. Willie D. Larkin, Ph.D. was named ninth university president in 2015 (May) and served a one-year term. Dr. Larkin had previously served as Chief of Staff to leaders of Morgan State University and the University of Wisconsin Colleges, where he worked directly with the chancellor, and the president at Morgan State University, to provide oversight of nearly 3,000 employees and an operating budget of more than \$300 million. At Auburn University, he was the faculty advisor to the university's Board of Trustees and the first African American to chair the university's 90-member University Senate.

Our current president is Richard J. Gallot, Jr.







On July 26, 2016, the University of Louisiana System (ULS) Board of Supervisors announced the tenth President of Grambling State University (GSU) as former Louisiana state senator, and state representative, Richard J. Gallot, Jr.

Gallot is a 1987 GSU graduate where he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Arts and History. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the Southern University Law Center in 1990.

From 2000 to 2012, Gallot held the District 11 seat in the LA House of Representatives. He served three terms in the house before winning his first term in the Senate in 2011. Gallot did not seek reelection.

Gallot stated, "My lifelong roots in the Grambling community, combined with my record of serving this university and community as an attorney, City Councilman, State Representative, and State Senator provide the type of leadership needed at this critical time. I do believe the core and "brand" of GSU remain strong and with the right leadership, we can achieve the stability and growth that we all

know is possible. Higher education in Louisiana faces challenges unlike any time in our past. The relationships built over the past 15 years with the governor, legislature, congressional leaders and corporate sector will serve Grambling State University well. Furthermore, my service on the Board of Directors at CLECO has provided valuable training and experience in organizational governance."

Gallot is married to the former Christy Cox, and is the father of four sons. He is the son of former Grambling mayor, Richard Gallot, Sr. and Dr. Mildred Gauthier Gallot, former head of Grambling State University's History Department and member of the UL System Board of Supervisors.







Dr. Ellen D. Smiley was born in Homer, Louisiana. At an early age she began singing and playing piano. As a young performer, she and her sister performed concerts throughout the United States and recorded several gospel selections. While in high school, she worked at the Claiborne Parish Clerk of Court Office and became the first black Deputy Clerk of Court for Claiborne Parish, Louisiana.

After graduating from Homer High School a number of universities sought Smiley because of her academic record and her musical gifts. Her parents, the late Charlie J. Smiley and the late Etta H. Smiley – both Gramblinites, encouraged her to attend Grambling State University. Smiley believes that this was one of the best decisions she ever made. She earned the baccalaureate and master's degrees from Grambling State University and the doctorate from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in Higher Education Administration.

She was recruited to Grambling State University to assist with the development of the Honors College in 1990, but did not transition from her job until 1991. Over the span of her career, Smiley has

served in many capacities in addition to her work with the honors college. She has served as the Assistant Dean of the Honors College, Assistant Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Executive Assistant to the President. She is a member of the President's Executive Council, the University's Budget and Priorities Committee, and numerous other university committees. Dr. Smiley also served as President of the Grambling State University Faculty Senate for a number of years. In this capacity, she assisted with the establishment and dissemination of faculty merit increases and drafted the document "The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly" which assisted with the justification for building the new performing arts building, known as the Conrad Hutchinson, Jr. Performing Arts Center.

Currently, she serves as Dean of the Earl Lester Cole Honors College, Associate Professor of Education, where she teaches for the Educational Leadership Program, and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Dr. Smiley was a member of the inaugural class of Kellogg Fellows, a program that prepares university administrators for service as university vice presidents or presidents. Her professors during the year-long Kellogg fellowship included Dr. Fred Humphries, Dr. Marie McDemmond, Dr. Portia Shields, Dr. William DeLauder, Dr. Joseph B. Johnson, and other current and former Historically Black College and University presidents.

Dr. Smiley has published book chapters, written grants, and served as a consultant and guest speaker for various educational institutions, alumni chapters, community organizations and churches. She continues to work to enhance opportunities for both undergraduate and graduate students. Dr. Smiley is the former President of the Louisiana Collegiate Honors Council (LCHC). She is married to Dr. Rory L. Bedford. They have 3 children – Joi, Prentiss, and Samantha.





#### Miss Grambling State University, Jimmitriv Rayjette Roberson,

is a native of Arcadia, LA. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Triveria Roberson; the maternal granddaughter of Esther Vernon and the late Huey P. Vernon; and the paternal granddaughter of Alberta Roberson and the late Jessie Roberson. She is currently a senior matriculating in the field of biology, with aspirations to practice family medicine after graduation.

Since enrolling at Grambling State University (GSU), "Jimmi" has received numerous awards and recognitions and is an active member of various organizations including the Earl Lester Cole Honors College, the Center for Mathematical Achievement in Science and Technology (CMAST), the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Society of Distinguished Black Women, Inc., the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Sigma Alpha Pi, Alpha Lambda Delta Honor Society, and Tiger Dolls recruitment team for GSU football. With a passion for serving others and her university, she previously served as a Student Ambassador, Student Government Association (SGA) Freshmen Class Secretary/Treasurer, SGA Sophomore Class Vice President, the Favrot Student Union Board (FSUB) Hospitality Chair and FSUB President.



**Adarian Williams** is a native of Ruston, Louisiana, matriculating in his third year as a music (vocal) and visual and performing arts (theatre) major at Grambling State University (GSU). He has been greatly involved during his time at GSU.

Adarian served as the 2014-2015 Student Government Association (SGA) Freshman Class President, the 2015-2016 SGA Sophomore Class President, and the 2016-2017 SGA Chief of Staff. He has also represented Grambling State University as a Student Ambassador and as a member of the University Concert Choir, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and the Floyd L. Sandle Players. Adarian is a brother of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity of America, Incorporated and currently serves as the **2017-2018 Student Government Association President** and **Student Member to the Louisiana Board of Regents**.

Mr. Williams has aspirations to become a professional performer, lawyer, and political figure. Following graduation, he plans to attend law school and to pursue graduate studies in the performing arts.



The mission of the Division of Academic Affairs is to ensure delivery of quality degree and certificate programs that provide students with knowledge, skills, and competencies that prepare them for success in their chosen careers; motivate them to pursue graduate and advanced study; and equip them for meaningful interactions in a global society and diverse world.

The Division of Academic Affairs is committed to providing faculty with opportunities and activities that enhance teaching; foster involvement in research and other scholarly endeavors; and promote participation in university and community services.

The Division of Academic Affairs is comprised of the following four colleges:

Arts and Sciences, Business, Educational and Graduate Studies, Professional Studies

Other units within the Division of Academic Affairs include:

Army ROTC/Military Science Band/Choir/Orchestra Distance Learning Earl Lester Cole Honors College Enrollment Management and Institutional Effectiveness Faculty Professional Development Center Continuing Education and Service-Learning University Library Student Success and Retention Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) University College





The **College of Arts and Sciences (COAS)** is composed of twelve (12) academic departments: Biological Sciences, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering Technology, English and Foreign Languages, Family and Consumer Sciences, History, Mathematics and Physics, Music, Political Science and Public Administration, Sociology and Psychology, and Visual and Performing Arts. The College of Arts and Sciences strives to (1) provide an environment that fosters and encourages excellence in scholarship by students and faculty; (2) prepare students for graduate and professional schools as well as for careers related to their fields of study; (3) promote faculty research and creativity; and (4) prepare students for living in a dynamic global society.

The degree programs offered in the college are listed below.

#### **Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degrees**

English History Music Psychology, General Sociology Visual and Performing Arts

#### **Bachelor of Science (BS) Degrees**

Biological Sciences Chemistry Child Development & Early Literacy Computer Science Engineering Technology Mathematics and Physics

#### **Masters Degrees**

Master of Public Administration Master of Art in Social Sciences

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**David Aubrey** serves as Louisiana's Director of External Affairs for AT&T. Former executive director of the Strategic Action Council of NWLA, he was the founding managing director of the Minority Supplier Institute. Mr. Aubrey previously directed community development programs at Southern University-Shreveport. David began his professional career as a math teacher, followed by a stint as special assistant to the interim president of Grambling State University. At the age of 24, he was elected the first African American mayor of his hometown, Homer, LA, making him the state's youngest mayor.

Mr. Aubrey graduated with honors, earning a Bachelor's degree in Public Administration from Grambling State University, where he was elected president of the SGA and selected as a student member of the ULS Board.

Once heralded by Ebony Magazine as one of the nation's Top Future Leaders, Aubrey holds memberships and affiliations in numerous professional, civic, community and philanthropic organizations among which are the Grambling University Foundation Board of Directors and the Committee of One Hundred (Northwest Louisiana's CEO Roundtable).

David is married to the former Millicent Maiden, along with his endearing marriage and relationship with his alma mater, Grambling State University.



**Nikki Skies'** first love is theater. She has been in theater as well as writing in journals since she was a little girl and continued both while studying theater as an undergrad at GSU and throughout her graduate studies at Howard University Film School, where she focused on screenplay writing.

When she first moved to Los Angeles, Nikki tried the acting track with getting an agent, auditions, etc. but things weren't moving fast enough. To stay sharp with her craft, she took her poetry writing to the stage as a performer and the rest is history. Nikki has been slated featured performer at notable poetry venues across the country as well as a speaker and literary workshop facilitator at colleges and universities. She has shared panels with literary legends such as Sonia Sanchez, Nikki Giovanni and the late Amiri Baraka just to name a few. She recently wrote poetry for the first season of the BET series, "Rebel" as well as having a guest starring role on the drama. Nikki was also a writer and digital producer for BET's "Rebel Yell."

Nikki has stated that the HBCU environment provided her with the cultural tools to explore and express herself as an artist. She has written several books

including *Mississippi Window Cracks*, a collection of six stories based on different locations in Mississippi; a novel, *The Town Dance*, which was published in 2015; and two books of poetry and prose, *Pocket Honey, Wind & Hips and Yardwork*. Her latest play, *Hope's Return*, has been produced a few times over the past couple of years. Nikki insists that all writers write responsibly and leaves them with this quote, "Write your truth with no explanation before someone tells your story and you have to explain."





Chief Warrant Officer 2 **Andres Gustavo Navarro** was born in Caracas, Venezuela. Following high school, he attended Grambling State University in Grambling, Louisiana. After earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Performance, he became the Director of Bands at Stranahan High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Navarro joined the United States Marine Corps in 2004 as a Marine Bandsman. Upon completion of Basic Training, Combat Training, and the Armed Forces School of Music, he reported to Marine Band San Diego for duty as a French Horn Instrumentalist. While serving at MCRD San Diego he earned a master's degree in Instrumental Conducting from San Diego State University. In 2008, he reported to the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing Band and continued serving as a French Horn instrumentalist. In 2010, Mr. Navarro requested orders to Marine Corps Drill Instructor School. As the honor graduate of class 2-11, he was assigned to 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Golf Company where he served as Drill Instructor, Senior Drill Instructor, and Operations Chief. In 2012, his tour on the Drill Field was abridged upon his selection to become a Warrant Officer. Mr. Navarro began his assignment as the Officer in Charge of the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing Band, June 2013.



"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act, but a habit." These are words from Aristotle that echo throughout Raegan's mind daily.

**Raegan Nicole Nation** is a native of Farmerville, Louisiana. She is the daughter of Tyrin and Melissa Gatson and Reginald and Nicole Bilberry. Raegan is a rising junior majoring in biology with a concentration in pre-medical studies. She was accepted into the Bachelor of Science/Doctor of Medicine (BS/MD) Program at Grambling State University. As part of the BS/MD program, Reagan interned at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee during summer 2017. She currently holds a 3.76 overall grade point average.

Ms. Nation is a member of the Orchesis Dance Company and Black Dynasty Modeling Troup. She is a member of the Earl Lester Cole Honors College. Raegan was selected as Miss Academic Excellence 2017-2018 and Miss January 2018 at the 49th Annual Grambling State University Calendar Girl Scholarship Pageant during spring semester 2017. She tackles life with Proverbs 31:30, "Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised."

Upon graduation, Raegan plans to further her education at Meharry Medical College to earn a doctorate in medicine. She believes, "You cannot knock a girl off a pedestal she built for herself."





**Alexis S. White** is a native of Arcadia, Louisiana. She is the proud daughter of Dr. Donald and Lt. Col (Ret) Valerie S. White. She is currently a junior at Grambling State University (GSU), pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Biology. At GSU, Alexis is the 2017-2018 President of the Earl Lester Cole Honors College and the SGA Director of Academic Success. She is also a member of the National Society of Leadership and the Delta Iota Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated.

Alexis was selected as the 2016-2017 Louisiana State Facilitator of Delta Sigma Theta, Incorporated. She is also a member of the Center for Mathematical Achievement in Science and Technology (CMAST).

Alexis has also had the opportunity to travel abroad on multiple occasions. One particular trip was with GSU's History Department.

She immersed herself in the culture and history of London, England. Alexis explored Stonehenge, Windsor Castle, Buckingham Palace and many more historical sites. She has interned at Meharry Medial College in Nashville, Tennessee for the past three summers in the BS/MD Program. This program awards those students selected with a conditional acceptance into the Meharry Medical College. She has had first hand experiences in dental and medical simulations.



**Randy Huggins** is currently a Consulting Producer on BET's hit show The Quad, as well as the showrunner of Rebel, which he executive produces with John Singleton. Prior to running his own show, Huggins spent the first three seasons on the STARZ hit drama *Power*, writing numerous episodes and eventually serving as the show's Co-Executive Producer. He began his writing career on FX's groundbreaking police drama The Shield, where he served as the writers' assistant for four seasons. In 2006, the series' showrunner bought an idea and gave him a "story by" credit for an episode titled "Cut Throat." The same year, he followed that showrunner to The Unit and the show's Creator, David Mamet, hired him as a staff writer. Huggins wrote five episodes and assisted on countless others during the four seasons he was there. He went on to become the Executive Story Editor on STARZ's first scripted drama, Crash, until the show ended. Huggins then became a Co-Producer on NBC's medical drama Trauma. In 2010, he served as a Producer on Criminal Minds and wrote three episodes before returning to NBC as the Supervising Producer on their police drama "Prime Suspect."

Born and raised in Detroit, Huggins graduated from St. Martin DePorres High School and received his B.A. in History from Grambling State University. He taught third grade and fifth grade in the Detroit public school system prior to relocating to Los Angeles, where he currently lives.

### **Biological Sciences**

The Department of Biological Sciences provides excellent educational preparation in the pre -professional areas of study for students interested in medicine, dentistry and other allied health professions, or graduate study in biomedical sciences. The Department also prepares students for **CAREERS** as environmental scientists and secondary school biology teachers.

**BS/MD Program** is a component of the Meharry Medical College

Center of Excellence (COE) supported by a grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). The purpose of the program is to increase the number of culturally competent African American physicians serving medically underserved populations as well as to assist with alleviating health care disparities.



Biology students conducting water quality analysis of various water samples

### Chemistry

The Chemistry Department offers a wide variety of undergraduate courses and programs in chemistry to prepare students for careers in chemistry and to provide the chemical understanding required for a variety of other fields. Chemistry faculty maintain a program of excellence that provides foundations and support for several different concentrations including: (1) the General Chemistry Concentration, which is tailored towards preprofessional **CAREERS**, such as pre-medicine or prepharmacy; (2) the ACS Certified Professional Concentration in Chemistry that is accredited by the American Chemical Society; and (3) the Forensic Chemistry Concentration.



Chemistry students using Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer to analyze structure of a chemical compound

### **Computer Science**

The Department of Computer Science seeks to meet the computer science needs of the State of Louisiana and the nation by producing graduates who possess the skills and knowledge necessary to be productive computer scientists. The department provides the basic education necessary for **CAREERS** in computer science and related fields, such as software development, security, network and systems administration, support specialist, database



Vex Robotics Workshop

administration. The department seeks to prepare students for graduate study in CS and to provide the fundamental knowledge and skills in CS that will allow students to pursue careers in these disciplines and closely related disciplines.

### **Engineering Technology**

The Department of Engineering Technology seeks to meet the engineering technology needs of the State of Louisiana and the nation by producing graduates who possess the skills and knowledge necessary to be productive engineering technologists. The department provides the basic education necessary for CAREERS in engineering technology and related fields. The department offers concentrations in electronics engineering technology, and drafting and

design engineering technology. Both programs are accredited by the Engineering Technology Accreditation Commission of ABET (ETAC/ABET, www.abet.org). A concentration in construction engineering technology is also available in the department.



Engineering Technology Department Clayton A. Wiley "Engineers Week" – Faculty, Staff & Students

### **English and Foreign Languages**

The Department of English and Foreign Languages seeks to promote the literary heritage of language and to provide instruction in written and oral communication skills that underlie all disciplines. Seeking to help students expand their horizons, clarify their thoughts, develop their imaginations and their abilities, while enhancing their ethical sensitivity and promoting an appreciation of diverse cultures through literature, the department also aims to have students better understand other cultures and civilizations. Additionally, the department prepares students to minor in French and Spanish in the fields that extensively use languages. All students who take foreign language courses are better prepared for the job market and to understand other cultures and civilizations.

English majors may choose to further their studies in graduate school or pursue CAREERS in law, education, and/or writing.

### **Family and Consumer Sciences**

Family and Consumer Sciences prepares students to discover, create, and disseminate new knowledge about individual and family development and behavior over the life span, as well as educate professionals who will provide educational, counseling, and advocacy services needed for children and families to function more effectively. Family and Consumer Sciences graduates are professionals in teaching the emergent child and promoting family awareness. The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences is dedicated to improving the quality and standards of individual and family life. Graduates in child development work with children from prenatal through age eight as teachers, administrators, or specialists in **CAREER** settings including Head Start Centers, Family Child Care Homes, Pre-School and After-School Programs, Early Intervention Programs, Community Agencies, and Child Health Services.

### History

The Department of History seeks to develop and broaden general and specific historical, geographical, and philosophical knowledge of the multi-cultural clientele. European, Asian, and American History, as well as a variety of courses in Philosophy and Geography, are offered.

The undergraduate program in History currently offers concentrations in General History and Social Studies Education and a minor in Black Studies. Also, the program has the Accelerated Master's Program (4+1 Program) where students earn both the BA and MA in five years.



History and Political Science majors march for Victor White

### **Mathematics and Physics**

The Mathematics and Physics Program at Grambling State University is the first one in the State and, currently, the **only** program that offers careeroriented concentrations: Material Science, and Biomedical Science; besides a core in Mathematics and Physics. The Department of Mathematics and Physics strives to provide students with the knowledge and skills necessary

for lifelong learning, an understanding of the physical aspects of the universe, and the ability to comprehend advancements in the physical and mathematical sciences. The Mathematics and Physics program offers a firm undergraduate foundation for **CAREERS** in material science, pure and applied mathematics, physics, and biomedical sciences. It also plans to provide excellent preparation for an actuarial science career to carryout statistical analysis for insurance and other financial industries.



Ashirah Simpson working on Scanning Electron Microscope to magnify material surface

### Music

Music has been an integral part of Grambling's history and development since the founding of the institution. The Music Department, accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM), views its role at the University as both an academic and a service unit whose mission is to provide programs of study for both music majors and nonmusic majors; and to educate future music professionals through appropriate curricular offerings leading to a bachelor's degree in music or music education.



Annual President's Concert

### **Political Science and Public Administration**

The Department of Political Science and Public Administration aims to enable students to engage in critical thinking and analysis of social, political and policy problems and issues important to our nation and the world. The department offers political science courses and prepares professionally qualified persons to serve as generalists and specialists in administrative careers in government, public service agencies and related areas. At the graduate level, the Master of Public Administration (MPA) degree program offers concentrations in Public Management, State and Local Government, Human Resource Management, and Health Services Administration.

The program provides students with the intellectual insights, professional competence, and analytical techniques. It also provides in-service professionals with the opportunity to upgrade their management skills and administrative training, thereby enhancing their possibilities for career advancement

The MPA program prepares individuals from diverse and multicultural backgrounds for administrative **CAREERS** in federal, state, and local government services, public finance, human resource management, and other public and non-profit organizations.

### Sociology and Psychology

Programs in the Department of Sociology and Psychology prepare students for graduate study and **CAREERS** in the community and social services sector as counselors, mental health workers, psychiatric aides, and case managers; in social science research; or in criminal justice/forensic psychology as correctional and police officers, parole and probation officers and interviewers for various criminal justice agencies; and in closely related fields.



PowerShift Southeast Conference in Orlando, Florida

### Visual and Performing Arts

The Department of Visual and Performing Arts, includes Theatre, Art and Dance. These areas of concentration inform, enlighten, inspire and entertain. Visual and Performing Arts has produced artists, movie writers, novelists, Grammy winners, movie stars, choreographers, designers, as well as educators and social and political leaders.



Self Portrait by Art Major

Floyd L. Sandle Players



The **College of Business (COB)** is composed of the Department of Accounting and Information Systems and the Department of Management and Marketing. The college seeks to educate and nurture students to become technically competent, socially conscious, and culturally sensitive leaders for a dynamic and global business environment. The college offers a variety of academic programs and activities to assist students in developing ethical, intellectual, and professional values and skills. The college seeks to uphold the tradition of the University by being faithful to its historical commitment of educational opportunity.

The College of Business' quality management education program exposes students not only to high academic rigor but also to business experiences and is accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International. As such, students who study in the college are well-prepared for graduate school and for careers in business, government, and other selected fields of endeavor. The college emphasizes close student-professor relationships in which students are helped to identify their area(s) of interest and to acquire the knowledge and skills to achieve in their chosen fields.

The degree programs offered in the college are listed below.

#### **Bachelor of Science (BS) Degrees**

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**Thomas A. Moorehead** is president and CEO of Sterling Premier Group and Moorehead Properties, Inc. His diverse career has taken him from corporate America to higher education to entrepreneurship. In 2007, he took on the hospitality industry and became the only local minority investor/owner in the Marriott Residence Inn at the National Harbor Resort and Convention Center, making him the first African American with ownership in a hotel at National Harbor of Price George's County, MD. Since 2007, his portfolio has grown to more than 40 properties.

In December 2013, Moorehead became the first African American awarded a Rolls-Royce franchise. Rolls-Royce Motor Cars Sterling is the only full-service dealership between New Jersey and North Carolina. A year later, he purchased Harley-Davidson of Washington, D.C.

Moorehead and his wife, Joyce Anne, formed a charitable foundation to support underserved communities in the Washington metropolitan area. It has provided more than \$400,000 in scholarships and emergency grants.

Moorehead is a graduate of Grambling State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. He also earned a master of social work degree from the University of Michigan.



**Murphy Cheatham** is a Portfolio Account Manager in Mohr Partners' Corporate Office in Dallas, TX. He joined Mohr Partners in June 2015 and brings over 10 years of experience in real estate finance and business development.

Murphy's professional growth has enabled him to articulate problems, identify effective solutions and capitalize on opportunities. Throughout his career, he has created value in the business of real estate. Murphy has created global economic impact while consistently delivering meaningful change whether it is evaluating a commercial lease, increasing a business's profit margin, matching a real estate product with the funding source(s) or establishing a market where there has not been an investment for decades.

Prior to joining Mohr Partners, Murphy was a Real Estate Agent for Vanguard Commercial Real Estate Services where he was responsible for originating, coordinating and closing multiple real estate transactions through identifying scope, benchmark timeframes, funding capacity, financing methodology, project management procedures and successfully closing the transaction.

Murphy combines his master's degree in Real Estate Development with certificates in Economic/Housing Development, Construction/Production Management and Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design Accredited Professional. He is a long standing advisory board member of Business Community Lenders of TX, GSU's Foundation and the College of Business. Murphy earned the B.S. in Accounting from GSU. He holds numerous certifications and recognitions.





**Ja'Qualan Ja'Mall Keal** is a senior from Jeanerette, Louisiana. He is a double major pursuing Bachelor of Science degrees in Accounting and Economics with a minor in Management. He is a member of the Earl Lester Cole Honors College.

While at Grambling State University, Ja'Qualan has participated in many campus organizations. He is a member of the Grambling State University "World Famed" Tiger Marching Band and currently serves as a Drum Major. Ja'Qualan is the president of Kappa Kappa Psi National Honorary Fraternity, Incorporated. He is also the president of Phi Beta Lambda Business Fraternity, Incorporated and a member of Gamma Psi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated.

Ja'Qualan was selected as one of the University's distinguished Student Ambassadors, an esteemed and essential role for student leaders to assist the Enrollment Management Team with recruitment of future Gramblinites. He is a member of the Favrot Student Union Board (FSUB) and a former member of the Student Government Association (SGA).

Keal was selected as an intern for the City of Lafayette's Auditing Department during summer 2016 and summer 2017.



**Martin Lemelle** currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer and Interim VP for Finance and Administration at GSU. In this capacity, his major focus is to lead and improve university operations. Prior to his current role, Martin worked for IRG (Industry Retail Group) where he led and developed the Business Administration department. In this capacity, he was responsible for managing client and vendor relationships and ensuring favorable agreements and terms. The Business Administration team manages the prequalification of client sites, generation of sales orders, and analysis of pricing.

Martin is a competent practitioner of fiscal management and transformative business leader. His career began at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the audit practice; he then transitioned to the consulting field with IBM where he led the development of the cooperative orientation program for the consultant practice. He is a certified Green Belt in Lean Six Sigma and graduate of General Electric's Financial Management Program where he excelled in various finance roles including supply chain, controllership, and financial planning and analysis. Prior to IRG, Martin was the Director of Sales Information and Analysis at Dean Foods and a 2010 recipient of the Chief Executive Officer's award for excellence in finance.

Lemelle is a Magna Cum Laude Graduate of GSU with a B.S. degree in Accounting. While a student at Grambling, Martin served as student body president and polemarch of the Gamma Psi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. He earned the Master of Business Administration (MBA) in Strategic Management and Public Policy from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.





**Chester Rogers**, a native of Huntsville, Alabama, is an American football wide receiver for the Indianapolis Colts of the National Football League (NFL). He signed with the Colts as an undrafted free agent on May 2, 2016.

He earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Grambling State University, where he played college football. By his sophomore year, Rogers led the GSU Tiger Football Team in receptions. He served as Grambling's leading receiver in 2013 and 2014.

Chester, a walk-on at Grambling, beat out four other undrafted rookie receivers for the final wide receiver spot on the roster with the NFL's Indianapolis Colts.

In November 2016, Rogers returned to Louisiana for the 43rd Bayou Classic with his family and a big check for the Chester Rogers Perseverance Scholarship Award he established for non-scholarship football players at Grambling State University.



**Prentiss Smiley** is from Homer, LA and is a graduate of the Grambling Laboratory High School. He is the past President of the Earl Lester Cole Honors College and a member of the Executive Council. Prentiss is a double major in Computer Information Systems and History 4 + 1. Upon graduating, he will have earned two bachelor degrees and the masters in social science with a concentration in history. Prentiss has been involved in a number of community service projects including building communities with Habitat for Humanity and the Fuller Center. Most recently, he worked with people over 50 to help them learn more about technology.

On the President's List each semester since enrolling at GSU, Prentiss is a Lexus Verses and Flow HBCU Scholar, Thurgood Marshall College Fund/Wells Fargo Scholar, National Association of HBCU Title III Administrator, Inc. Scholar, SGA Senator, and the LA Legislative Black Caucus Top Scholarship Recipient. He is also a member of the Century Link Inaugural Class and the Center for Professional Development Inaugural Class.

Prentiss has earned internships with Data Today, a computer technology solutions business, the Biomedical Research Foundation ~ Entrepreneurial Acceleration Program and the AFRL Minority Leaders Program. He is a recipient of the Carter G. Woodson Award, the W. E. B. DuBois Undergraduate Paper Award, and the Organization of Parish Administrative Officials of the Police Jury Association of LA

Scholarship. He was also an on-air personality and host of Good Morning Grambling on KGRM 91.5 FM.

Prentiss is an associate minister of Starlight Baptist Church in Swartz, LA, where his father is the pastor.

### **Accounting and Information Systems (AIS)**

The Department of Accounting and Information Systems provides students with the foundation for graduate study and/or career pursuits in Accounting or Computer Information Systems. The department assists students in the development of problemsolving, effective communication, and the use-of-technology skills.

The department offers various activities aimed at involving the students and exposing them to various career opportunities in accounting, economics and information system, including the National Association of Black Accountants, the Economics and Finance Club, and the Association of Information Technology Professionals.

Possible **CAREERS** in accounting include work as a certified public accountant, chief financial officer, budget analyst, or controller.

The knowledge and skills acquired by financial economics

majors can be applied in many career directions, including government, private industry, international trade, investment banking, and numerous business applications.

Career path positions in information systems include computer systems analyst, database administrator, and network and computer systems administrator.

### **Management and Marketing**

The Department of Management and Marketing assists students in the development of knowledge and skills essential for successful entry into business-related **CAREERS** and professions, such as entrepreneurship, human resources, public relations, advertising, sales, management operations, and market research. The department offers a concentration in Hospitality Tourism Management. Careers that may be pursued in this field are management of hotels, restaurants, retail food sales to include catering, and managing entertainment venues such as resorts, spas, convention and visitor bureaus, conference centers, and cruise lines. The department sponsors and supports the American Marketing Association, which sponsors the Annual Marketing Career Conference; the Students in Free Enterprise organization; and the Management Club, which sponsors professional development activities such as seminars on how to start a business, job search strategies, surviving corporate politics, and field trips.



Intermediate Accounting Class & Nonso Okpala, Instructor/NABA Advisor

Cisco Invitational Sales Competition (CISComp) on the campus of GSU



The university's oldest college, the College of Education, granted the first Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education in 1944. The first Secondary Education Teachers graduated in 1953. The college seeks to produce Knowledgeable, Skilled and Compassionate Educators and Other School Professionals "Where Everybody is Somebody." Upon program completion, these Educators and Educational Leaders are Masters of Subject Matter Content; Facilitators of Learning, Enhancers and Nurturers of Affective Behaviors and Catalysts for Change.

Faculty members in the college endeavor to ensure that candidates acquire the knowledge, skills and dispositions that reflect best practice in teaching, leadership, research, and service. The service units of the college include the Educational Resource Center (ERC), the Office of Professional Laboratory Experiences, and the Centralized Advisement, Referral, and Evaluation Center (CARE).

The **College of Educational and Graduate Studies (COEGS)** is composed of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, the Department of Educational Leadership, the Department of Kinesiology, Sport and Leisure Studies, and the School of Graduate Studies.

The degree programs offered by the college are listed below.

#### **Bachelor of Science (BS) Degrees**

Elementary Education, Grades 1-5 Elementary Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate, Grades 1-5 Kinesiology Leisure Studies Secondary Education and Teaching

#### Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) Degrees

Elementary Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate, Grades 1-5 Secondary Education and Special Education Mild/Moderate, Grades 6-12

#### Master of Science (MS) Degrees

Developmental Education Sports Administration

Master of Education (M.Ed.) Degrees Curriculum and Instruction

Special Education

#### **Post-Masters Certificate (PMC)**

**Developmental Education** 

#### Doctor of Education (Ed.D.)

Developmental Education

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**Matthew Mitchell** was born in Shreveport, LA, the son of Breanke P. Mitchell. After graduating from C. E. Byrd High School in Shreveport, he enrolled at Grambling State University and earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education (Mathematics).

He then started teaching mathematics at C. E. Byrd High School and assisted in coaching the girls' basketball team. Throughout his tenure of seven years at C. E. Byrd High School he taught Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, and tutored students taking Advanced Mathematics and Calculus. Also during this time, he entered the Graduate School in the Department of Educational Leadership at GSU and earned an M.Ed. degree in Educational Leadership in July 2010.

Upon completion of his master's degree, he decided to pursue his doctoral degree in Educational Leadership. He was offered the position of Graduation Coach at Woodlawn Leadership Academy in November 2011 and served there until moving into the position of Professional Development Specialist in Secondary Mathematics for Caddo Public Schools in October 2012. After completion of his Doctoral studies in May 2014, he accepted the position of Secondary Transformation Specialist. This assignment allowed him to support and coach four historically failing schools through the mission of true school

turnaround. After a successful first year, he accepted the position of Principal at one of those schools, Lakeshore Middle School, where he is currently serving.



**LaSadie Monique Dixon** is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She is the daughter of Steven and Victoria Dixon. LaSadie graduated Cum Laude from Grambling State University (GSU) in May 2017 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education, Grades 1-5.

While at GSU, LaSadie was a member of the Earl Lester Cole Honors College. Additional memberships included the Iota Tau Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, where she served as Treasurer, and Secretary of the Grambling State University Chapter of the Louisiana Association of Educators.

As an undergraduate student at GSU, LaSadie's overall grade point average was a 3.63. She was named as the "Top Student" in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, and served as Miss Senior Class at Grambling State University.

Ms. Dixon is currently a third grade teacher at Audubon Elementary School located in the East Baton Rouge Parish.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with close family, friends, reading, and shopping!

### **Curriculum and Instruction**

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction, the oldest department at Grambling State University, is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE)/Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP). The department is committed to preparing students for CAREERS as teachers and other school professionals who possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to become successful career educators.



Kick-off Activity for the Global Delegation to Jamaica-Collaborative International Literacy Project

### **Educational Leadership**

The Department of Educational Leadership offers graduate degree programs in Developmental Education.

Graduate programs in the field of Developmental Education are designed to prepare administrators, researchers and practitioners at the postsecondary level, as well as personnel that can work with non-traditional populations in other human service settings.

The graduate program for Educational Leaders prepares visionary leaders who have the skills and commitment to lead teachers and other public school personnel in the improvement of student learning.



Doctoral Graduates

### **Kinesiology, Sport and Leisure Studies (KSLS)**

KSLS programs allow students career paths through concentrations including Sport Management, Health Promotion and Pedagogy, General Recreation and Therapeutic Recreation, leading to **CAREERS** in health education, coaching or substance abuse counseling.

The Sports Administration Program prepares graduates to become administrators of amateur, high school, college, professional or recreation/leisure programs, or administrators of other public/private sport, athletic or education related programs.



GSU-LA Tech sponsored KSLS Annual Spring Fling competition



The **College of Professional Studies (COPS)** is composed of the Department of Criminal Justice, the Department of Mass Communication, the School of Nursing, the School of Social Work and the School of Graduate Studies. The College of Professional Studies provides students, faculty and the community with challenging academic and real world experiences through the traditional classroom setting, clinical/laboratory work and distance-learning technology.

Through a program of rigorous teaching and extensive community outreach and service, the college prepares students to pursue professional advanced studies. Graduates of departments/schools in the College of Professional Studies are competitive in their fields, in addition to being socially conscious, and committed to lifelong learning.

The degree programs offered in Professional Studies are listed below.

#### **Bachelor of Arts (BA) Degrees**

Mass Communication Social Work (BSW)

#### **Bachelor of Science (BS) Degrees**

**Criminal Justice** 

#### **Masters Degrees**

Criminal Justice (MS) Mass Communication (MA) Master of Nursing (MSN) Master of Social Work (MSW)

#### **Post-Masters Certificate (PMC)**

Family Nurse Practitioner

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**Dustin Barnes** is the public information coordinator/spokesman for the Arkansas Department of Career Education (ACE). In this role, he helps to oversee all communication efforts and to enlighten Arkansans about the services offered by the state agency through its four divisions: Arkansas Rehabilitation Services, Adult Education, Career & Technical Education, and the Office of Skills Development. He has been in this role since May 2014.

Before joining ACE, Barnes enjoyed a successful 7 years as a television news reporter in Monroe, LA, Jackson, MS., and Little Rock, AR. His reporting allowed him to tell a plethora of stories, ranging from crime to education. Barnes' investigative skills won him recognition from the Society of Professional Journalists (Arkansas Chapter), winning first place for continuing coverage. His series of reports on the disappearance of a Pine Bluff teenager prompted authorities to search for clues in areas that had not been conducted.

A native of Jonesboro, LA, Barnes graduated summa cum laude from GSU in spring 2007. He studied mass communication with an emphasis in broadcast. While at GSU, Barnes was the voice of KGRM, serving as an on-air personality and host of *Good Morning Grambling*. He was also active in the National Association of Black Journalists, SGA, the Earl Lester Cole Honors College, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (Delta Sigma Chapter). Recently, Barnes earned a Master of Arts degree in Journalism with a focus in Public Relations from Kent State University. He also serves as a captain of the "Bring It Home Campaign," a \$1 million initiative to support continued institutional growth and the executive of the mission of Grambling State University. Barnes is forever indebted to GSU for serving as a training ground to hone communication skills that have taken him to places he never imagined.



In May 2017, *Riki Burroughs* earned the Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Grambling State University, where she is currently pursing a master's degree in Criminal Justice. As an undergraduate student, she was a member of the Earl Lester Cole Honors College. She was also on the President's List and was the recipient of an academic scholarship from Ellis Law, New York, NY. She was a member of StrutLA Modeling Troup and served as a big sister in the Big Sister-Little Sister Program on the GSU campus.

Burroughs was selected as Miss July 2017 at the 48th Annual GSU Calendar Girl Scholarship Pageant. In Fall 2016, Riki became a member of the Alpha Theta Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

Riki is active in service activities in the community. She serves as a member of the Anonymous Angels of Monroe, Louisiana, an organization that provides services to the less fortunate and persons in need. Riki is also a phlebotomist at a plasma donation center.

She is currently an intern with Heath Hattaway, Attorney and Counselor at Law, at Gallot Law Office in Ruston, Louisiana. She is aspiring to be a criminal defense attorney who plans to attend law school after earning the master's degree. Riki is from Las Vegas, Nevada.





**Denise Young-Smith** currently serves as the Vice President of Inclusion and Diversity at Apple, Inc. She reports directly to Apple CEO Tim Cook. Since joining Apple, Denise has served in a number of key roles at the company, including Vice President of Worldwide Human Resources where she was responsible for attracting and retaining top talent at Apple. For more than 10 years, Denise sat on the leadership team that built Apple's retail organization, which now welcomes more than one million people every day. As a result of Denise's leadership, Apple donated \$40 million to HBCUs to increase diverse talent in the computer sciences and engineering. These funds were distributed through the Thurgood Marshall College Fund as scholarships and training opportunities for students and faculty.

She is a graduate of Grambling State University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in communications. Denise later earned a master's degree in organizational management. While at Grambling, she was a member of the Orchesis Dance Company and a photography student with Grambling's photographer Glenn Lewis.

Young-Smith is also an accomplished performer and soprano singer, having performed twice at Carnegie Hall and various European venues. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and is currently completing work on a recording of classics songs, featuring jazz standards, arias and spirituals.



**Chad Williams** is a wide receiver for the Arizona Cardinals of the National Football League (NFL). A Criminal Justice major at Grambling State University (GSU), Chad is from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was selected by the Arizona Cardinals in the third round of the 2017 NFL Draft. Williams impressed scouts with strong showings at the NFLPA Collegiate Bowl and at the Senior Bowl in Mobile, AL. At his pro day, Williams posted a 35.5-inch vertical, did 21 reps on the bench press and ran the 40-yard dash in 4.37 seconds.

On his way to earning FCS All-American honors as a senior with the Grambling State University Tigers in 2016, Chad hit the SWAC Triple Crown in receiving by leading all conference players in receptions (90), yards (1,337) and touchdowns (11). Throughout his college career at GSU, Chad appeared in 47 games (41 starts) from 2013-2016 and finished his career with 210 receptions for 3,062 yards and 28 TDs. He was named a FCS All-American in his final season.

He was recruited to Grambling State by former head coach and Super Bowl MVP Doug Williams. Chad became the first Grambling State University player selected in the draft since 2006.

### **Criminal Justice**

The Department of Criminal Justice is dedicated to providing students with a sound educational foundation in Criminal Justice and Legal Studies. Graduates of GSU's Criminal Justice degree programs are positioned to succeed as career professionals, making meaningful contributions to the communities they serve while upholding and fostering the principles and ideals elucidated in the Constitution of the United States. The department offers activities aimed at involving the students and exposing them to the various career opportunities in criminal justice, including the include National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice and Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honor Society.

The CJ graduate program is designed for students

interested in **CAREERS** in law, law enforcement, justice, and institutions associated with these concepts.



Gamma Beta Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Sigma Criminal Justice Honor Society

### **Mass Communication**

The Department of Mass Communication provides a broad understanding of the role of communication and mass media in society and prepares students for **CAREERS** in the areas of mass communication, including multimedia, broadcasting, public relations and sports journalism.

Housed in the Department of Mass Communication, GSU's

Tiger Radio Station, 9.15 KGRM-FM, has a dual purpose: it functions as a laboratory for students and provides a service to

the community.

The Television Center, operated by



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students under the guidance of

faculty and staff, broadcasts public service programming and provides educational, cultural, entertainment, news and information for the campus community.

The Gramblinite, an awardwinning publication written, edited, and designed by students is also housed in the Department of Mass Communication.



CJ Dept. Head, Dr. M. Singh & CJ Majors at GSU High School Day

Gramblinite student staff interviews President Gallot

### Nursing

The graduate nursing programs offered by the School of Nursing provides nurses with advanced skills and knowledge for advanced roles in nursing including advanced practice clinical specialties in Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (PNP) and in Nurse Educator roles.

The FNP and PNP programs prepares graduates to deliver primary health care to individuals, families, and aggregates with a focus on the promotion of wellness and disease prevention for clients in underserved rural and community areas. Additionally, PNPs provide quality health interventions for infants, toddlers, school aged children and adolescents.

The Nurse Educator Program prepares nurse educators for the nurse educator role in university, college, or health care agency. The clinical foci for the Nurse Educator course of study are Adult/Geriatric or Maternal/ Child.

The Post Certification FNP Program is designed for nurses who currently hold an earned MSN degree and national certification as a nurse practitioner in a specialty area other than family; i.e. pediatric, adult, women's health.

### Social Work

The Social Work programs offered by the School of Social Work seek to develop culturally sensitive students who appreciate human diversity and the global perspective.

Graduates of the undergraduate program in social work are prepared to work in agencies dealing with various populations and social issues such as child abuse, aging, mental health, probation and parole, adoptions, foster care, older adults and other diversity-related issues. Graduates of the BSW program are prepared for work in community service organizations, correction facilities, hospices, hospitals, schools, and other public and private human service agencies. The MSW program provides the knowledge and skills of social service delivery across settings including child welfare, health care and mental health, rural settings, substance abuse, gerontology, and people of color.

The graduate program also prepares students for advanced direct practice with individuals, families and groups in rural communities.



MSN student presentation

Social Work hooding ceremony

MSN students learning to suture



The Grambling State University, "Tiger Battalion," Army Reserve Officer Training Corps (ROTC) program is 100% focused on providing the Army with quality, competent, agile and adaptive leaders as commissioned officers. Students who participate in the military science program enhance their understanding of leadership and have a greater appreciation for excellence. Army ROTC is one of the best leadership programs in the country and can be a part of your college curriculum. Learning to become a leader makes your college experience even richer and prepares you for the future.

Academic excellence is the "first priority" for all students enrolled in the Grambling Army ROTC program. Students learn how academic success is a priceless career builder at every academic level. By using academics effectively and committing to quality training and good decision making Army ROTC students build the desire to exceed standards in other areas of leadership development and academics in the classroom.



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## BAND/CHOIR/ORCHESTRA

When Conrad Hutchinson Jr. arrived here in 1952, he had a plan to make the Grambling College Marching Band the best in the land. It didn't happen overnight and it certainly wasn't easy, but "Hutch" and his staff began molding embryo noise-makers into superb musicians and magnificent marchers, and today, his prized unit is frequently labeled, "The Best in the Land." "The World Fame" Tiger Marching Band.

Grambling State University events that utilize the performance of the university choir include convocations, lyceums, and commencement exercises. The Choir also participates in a number of musicals, tours, festivals, and concerts throughout the academic year.



The Grambling State University Symphonic Orchestra, another musical group housed in the Department of Music, further showcases the talent of GSU students.



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The mission of the Office of Distance Learning is to provide students with the delivery of quality instruction through technology which gives students: 1) access to courses at the university from remote locations, 2) access to web-enhanced courses on campus, and 3) support to use and access electronic learning technology.

Additionally, the Office of Distance Learning provides faculty with effective and appropriate support for utilizing distance learning technology. This support includes assistance in designing, developing, implementing, and evaluating effective instructional and learning technologies that will improve learning outcomes in technologically-enhanced traditional and nontraditional learning situations.





**Our Mission:** The Earl Lester Cole Honors College was established in 1990 to increase challenges for academically talented students, who desire additional intellectual and unique educational experiences, and who show readiness to take greater individual responsibility for extending their academic, personal, and social development while completing requirements in their chosen degree.

**Our Method:** The Honors College enhances self-development by offering challenging Interdisciplinary Seminars that promote leadership, cultural diversity, career and graduate school preparation. Through a variety of related experiences that are implemented through non-traditional modes of teaching and learning students become trailblazers who promote scholarship, leadership and comradeship. In addition, the Honors College paves the way for students to become productive citizens by engaging them in servicelearning and research opportunities.

**Our Pledge:** Members of the Honors College are keenly aware of their personal and academic obligation to be exemplary scholars, leaders, and role models. They pledge to take advantage of and pursue every opportunity to grow, develop, and excel. Members of the Honors College always try to be an inspiration to others. They take this pledge without coercion or reservation and faithfully and enthusiastically accept the challenge inherent in becoming a member of the Earl Lester Cole Honors College. The ultimate goal for a member of the Honors College is to distinguish himself/herself and Grambling State University with honor.



Earl Lester Cole Honors College Senior Scholars 2017/2018





The mission of the Office of Continuing Education and Service-Learning is to enhance the preparation of our students towards becoming more productive citizens in a democratic society. Through service-learning, we strengthen learning and engagement opportunities for our students. Through continuing education, we deliver courses, workshops, and camps that develop competencies, advance skills and enhance areas of expertise. The staff provides educational resources and training for faculty that supports the development and implementation of service-learning projects and continuing education activities. These initiatives boost the academic quality of the curriculum.

Grambling State University students are required to complete at least 160 hours of service-learning activities. Eighty (80) hours through "pure" service-learning activities and eighty (80) hours of approved civic engagement activities or community service projects. Serving as the hub of academic and community service service-learning and continuing education activities, the staff approves projects, courses, workshops, camps, reviews syllabi, records service-learning data and monitors service-learning engagement and continuing education courses.

Each year students average over 210,420 hours of service-learning activities. The economic impact of their service hours average over \$1,525,545 annually. Because of its impact in the community, Grambling State University has been named to the president's Higher Education Honor Roll numerous times.



GSU students engaged in service-learning project.



Professor Frances Staten (left) leads a service-learning project to replace flower vases at Grambling Memorial Gardens honor of Grambling's founders, Charles and Martha Adams.



The University Library serves as the information hub and knowledge repository system for Grambling State University (GSU) students, faculty and staff. The library allows patrons to stay connected and informed, and to continue to have access to current research information.

The primary purpose of the library is to provide quality services and equitable access to resources that support the undergraduate, graduate, professional, and continuing education programs. The library's mission is to lead the collaborative development of an academic information infrastructure that meets the changing needs of information creation, preservation, dissemination, and the application of knowledge to help support research needs of the greater Grambling community.

The library pursues its mission through shared resources, agreements and cooperation with other libraries, and inclusive access to electronic resources. The library is committed to excellence in meeting the information needs of a diverse clientele through a competent and courteous staff, student and faculty involvement, and a total commitment from the university.

The library strives to follow the standards recommended by the Association of College & Research Libraries, a division of the American Library Association. The library is guided in its operation by standards recommended by the Association of Colleges and Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA), as well as the guidelines from Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

Library electronic resources are accessible to patrons from any computer, iPhone, or related devices with internet access on or off campus 24/7 regardless of time, day, or location. Electronic resources include full-text journals, electronic books (e-books), and newspapers as well as bibliographic citations, indexes and abstracts, and numeric data.

Grambling Online Public Access Catalog (eLibrary) provides bibliographic access to all GSU library resources and all academic library resources statewide. EBSCOhost Discovery Service (EDS) and eLibrary: EDS provides thousands of direct links to full-text electronic books and journals. Through Louisiana Library Connection, the GSU Library has equitable access to the Library of Louisiana Integrated Catalog Portal System (LOUISiana Union Catalog) powered by SirisDynix.

The University Library is a member of the State academic library consortium called Louisiana Academic Library Information Network Consortium (LALINC), the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC), LYRASIS, which is the nation's largest regional non-profit membership organization serving libraries, the Louisiana statewide library consortium (LOUIS), and the Louisiana Library Network. The consortium is a partnership of participating libraries and organizations joined together under the general governance of the Board of Regents.

Additionally, there is a written agreement between Grambling State University and Louisiana Tech University under which students at both institutions can access each other's resources. Under this program, students at Grambling State University have full access to all the library resources at Louisiana Tech University.



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