

### **Grambling State University Alma Mater**

Lyrics by: Ralph Waldo Emerson "Prez" Jones

Ole Grambling, dear Grambling,  
We love thee dear, Ole Grambling  
We're loyal to thee, our dear ole School,  
We'll fight for thee forevermore.  
And when life's game is fought and won,  
The hills will ring with victory's song.  
Ole Grambling, dear Grambling,  
We love thee dear, Ole Grambling. Ole Grambling, dear Grambling,  
We love thee dear, Ole Grambling  
Long may thee stand 'till all the land  
Has felt the worth of thy great hand.  
And when thy sons to battle go,  
The hills will ring from shore to shore.  
Ole Grambling, dear Grambling,  
We love thee dear, Ole Grambling.

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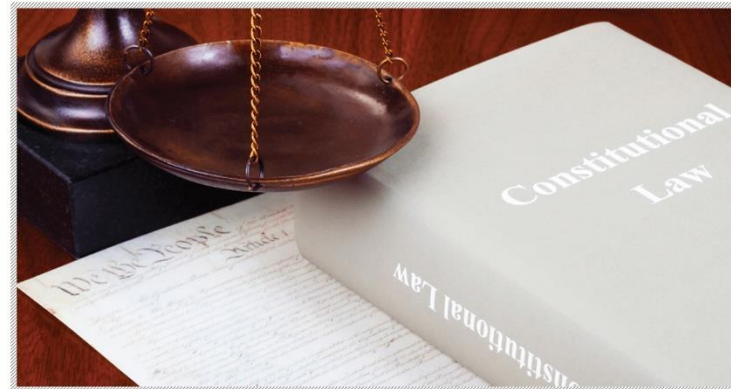
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## **Constitution Day Observance at Grambling State University**



#### **THEME:**

*"We the People..."*

**Dr. Martin Lemelle, Jr., President**  
**Thursday, September 12, 2024**  
**11:00 a.m.**

**T. H. Harris Auditorium**  
**Grambling State University**  
**Grambling, Louisiana**





SHERIFF HENRY L. WHITEHORN, SR.

BIOGRAPHY



Henry Whitehorn has been married to Waverlyn Whitehorn, the love of his life, for 48 years. They have two children, Henry Jr. and Natasha, and three grandchildren, Alaina, Brayden, and Ashleigh.

He currently serves as the Sheriff-Elect for Caddo Parish. He was elected on March 23, 2024. Prior to this he served as the Chief Administrative officer for the City of Shreveport from February 2020 to December 2022.

He retired as the United States Marshal for the Western District of Louisiana after almost 10 years of service on January 31, 2020. He was recommended for this key federal position in Louisiana's Western District by Senator Mary Landrieu and nominated by

President Barack Obama. The nomination was unanimously confirmed by the United States Senate. Marshal Whitehorn served in that position beginning July 12, 2010, after previously serving as the Chief of Police for Shreveport Louisiana. Whitehorn served as the Chief of Police for the City of Shreveport from August 2007 to July 2010.

Prior to being appointed Chief of Police he served as the Deputy Secretary for Public Safety Services and the Louisiana State Police Superintendent. A member of the State Police force from 1978 to 2007, Whitehorn served as a Trooper, Narcotics Trooper, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain, Major, Lieutenant Colonel and finally Superintendent.

Prior to his State Police service, he also served as a patrolman with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. He is a United States Air Force veteran who served his country honorably from 1973 to 1977. Whitehorn graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice from Louisiana State University - Shreveport and a Master of Science in Criminal Justice from Grambling State University. He has completed numerous law enforcement schools, including the FBI National Academy (170 th Session) and the FBI National Executive Institute (28 th Session). In addition, he has completed coursework at Harvard Kennedy School.

During his years of law enforcement service, he has received many awards and honors from his community and state. He has also received numerous commendations for outstanding performance of duty.

Whitehorn's career is a testament to his leadership skills and dedication to serving this country and the people of our state. His 40 plus years of experience in law enforcement is truly unparalleled. His deep knowledge of criminal justice issues makes him well-qualified to serve our Parish as Sheriff.

PROGRAM

Presiding	<b>Dr. Roshunda Belton-Cardoza, Associate Vice President</b> <i>Academic Affairs</i>
The Posting of the Colors	<b>Grambling State University Army ROTC Tiger Battalion</b> <i>Under the leadership of LTC Tyrek Swaby, Professor of Military Science</i>
The National Anthem	<b>Grambling State University Tiger Marching Band</b> <i>Under the direction of Dr. Nikole Roebuck</i> <i>Music Department Chair/Assistant Professor of Music &amp; Director of Bands</i>
Greetings	<b>Dr. Connie Walton</b> <i>Provost &amp; Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Purpose	<b>Ms. Tiara Freeman</b> <i>Graduate Student Association President</i> <i>(Major~ Mass Communication) Mansfield, LA.</i>
Introduction of the Speaker	<b>Miss Makayla Dowdell</b> <i>Member of the Earl Lester Cole Honors College</i> <i>(Major ~ Criminal Justice) Los Angeles, CA</i> <b>&amp;</b> <b>Miss Makyla Dowdell</b> <i>Member of the Earl Lester Cole Honors College</i> <i>(Major ~ Business Management) Los Angeles, CA</i>
Selection	<b>Grambling State University Choir</b> <i>Under the direction of Dr. Cordara Harper</i> <i>Assistant Professor of Music Education &amp; Choir Director</i>
Speaker	<b>Sheriff Henry Whitehorn</b>
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Announcements & Closing Comments	<b>Presiding Officer</b>
The Alma Mater	<b>Led by the University Choir &amp; Marching Band</b>
	<b>Usher Services</b> Gram Takes Two ~ The Look a Like Club, etc.