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## ELECTION 2024 (Part 2)

### Unpacking Project 2025: What You Should Know

Staff Report

Project 2025 isn't just a theory or a piece of propaganda; it's a comprehensive plan crafted by a powerful network of organizations, legislators, and influencers intent on reshaping American society. This initiative could have profound implications for democracy, public education, reproductive rights, LGBTQ+ equality, racial justice, and immigration rights. The detailed plan spans 900 pages and is openly accessible online, making it clear that its impact will be felt by individuals and communities across the nation.

What is Project 2025?

At its core, Project 2025 aims to overhaul the federal government in a way that enforces a narrow set of religious beliefs rooted in Christian Nationalism. The introductory sections of the plan explicitly call for the removal of protections related to LGBTQ+ rights, reproductive freedom, and diversity from all federal rules and regulations.

Key Objectives of Project 2025:

- **Undermine LGBTQ+ Rights:** Roll back protections and erase marriage equality.
- **Restrict Reproductive Health:** Ban accessible abortion methods and limit reproductive healthcare options.
- **Create Barriers to Racial Justice:** Introduce policies that impede progress on racial equity.
- **Eliminate Public Education:** Disband the Department of Education and redirect funds to private religious schools, promoting discrimination under the guise of religious freedom.

Implications for Abortion Access

Under Project 2025, the federal government would impose regulations based on the belief that life begins at conception, disregarding medical consensus on abortion as necessary healthcare. This would not only restrict access to medication abortions—considered the safest method for many—but also hinder emergency abortion care, increasing scrutiny and surveillance around abortion services.

Implications for LGBTQ+ Rights

The plan envisions a future where what proponents call "transgender ideology" is banned. It seeks to eliminate enforcement of laws that protect LGBTQ+ individuals from discrimination in various sectors, including education and healthcare. Additionally, taxpayer funds could be funneled to organizations that promote a narrow definition of family, sidelining LGBTQ+ families entirely.

Implications for Public Education

Project 2025 threatens the very fabric of public education by dismantling the Department of Education and diverting public funds to private religious



schools. This shift would undermine the inclusive environment necessary for all students—particularly those who are LGBTQ+, from marginalized racial backgrounds, or living with disabilities—thus depriving them of the protections they currently enjoy.

The Forces Behind Project 2025

The roots of Project 2025 trace back to the late 1970s, with an ongoing agenda to exert control over government. This initiative represents the culmination of decades of collaboration among influential white Christian Nationalist groups, billionaires, and political leaders, all working to transform the United States into a theocratic state.

Who is Behind This Agenda?

Since the 1950s, the architects of Project 2025 have meticulously crafted strategies to counteract advancements in racial integration, LGBTQ+ rights, and women's rights. This shadowy network handpicks Supreme Court justices, engineers legal cases, and disseminates misleading narratives to manipulate public perception and policy. Their ultimate goal is to establish a nation that aligns with their Christian values, threatening the very foundations of American democracy.

In conclusion, Project 2025 represents a significant and alarming shift in the political landscape, one that could jeopardize the rights and freedoms of millions. Understanding its implications is crucial for anyone invested in safeguarding democracy and social justice in the United States.

## Voter Education and Legislative Forum Hosted by Grambling Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

By Lena Claybon

On September 20, 2024, the Grambling Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. held a Voter Education and Legislative Forum at Grambling City Hall. The event featured key speakers, including Attorney Rashid Young, State Representative for the 11th District, and District Attorney John Belton of the 3rd Judicial District in Louisiana.

Legislative Highlights from Representative Young

During the forum, Representative Young discussed significant topics from the recent legislative session in Baton Rouge. Among the critical issues addressed were:

- **Juvenile Prosecution:** The age for prosecuting juveniles has been lowered, potentially exacerbating the state's already overcrowded prison system.
- **Criminal Sentencing:** Changes in

## Senate Could Make History with First-Ever Concurrent Black Women Senators

By Lena Claybon

This fall, the Senate has the potential to make history by electing two Black women for the first time in over 200 years of congressional history. Delaware's Lisa Blunt Rochester and Maryland's Angela Alsobrooks, both Democratic candidates, are focused on creating significant change rather than merely breaking barriers. If elected, they would increase the number of Black women in the Senate from two to four and become the first to serve concurrently in this historically male-dominated chamber.

In its nearly 232-year existence, the U.S. Senate has seen only 11 Black senators and has never had two Black women serving at the same time. Debbie Walsh, director of the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University, expressed disbelief at this reality, stating, "I have to pause and think, How is that possible?" She emphasized the importance of diverse perspectives, noting that while white male attorneys should be included, they shouldn't be the sole voices represented.

Rochester is gearing up for the general election as she seeks to fill Sen. Tom Carper's vacant seat. At 62, she could make history as the first Black woman and first woman overall to represent Delaware in the Senate. The election will take place in November,



Senate Make History - Lisa Blunt Rochester of Delaware



Senate Make History - Angela Alsobrooks of Maryland

where she will face Republican Eric Hansen and Independent Mike Katz.

"I am incredibly honored to officially be Delaware's Democratic nominee for the U.S. Senate," Blunt Rochester stated. She expressed her commitment to ensuring that every Delawarean has access to good-paying jobs, affordable healthcare, and safe communities. "The Senate is an opportunity to address these critical issues and tackle pressing challenges like restoring reproductive rights and advancing voting rights for all Americans," she added.

In Maryland, Angela Alsobrooks is currently leading Republican Larry Hogan by 7 percentage points, according to a recent Emerson College poll. Alsobrooks' campaign spokesperson, Meredith Happy, highlighted the importance of defending the Democratic Senate majority to protect freedoms and lower costs for families. "With less than 40 days left until election day and Republicans investing heavily in this race, Alsobrooks is reaching out across Maryland to remind voters what's at stake," Happy said.

Historically, Democratic Sen. Carol Moseley Braun became the first Black woman elected to the Senate in 1992, serving one term. Kamala Harris followed as the second, and Sen. Laphonza Butler was appointed to finish the term of the late Dianne Feinstein, who passed away in 2023.



Opinion

Some politicians need a reality check on nation’s strength and resilience

By Prentiss Smith

Lately, I find myself perplexed by the grim depiction of America that some politicians are fervently pushing. They paint a picture of a nation on the brink, pro-claiming that unless they seize control, we are doomed to chaos and collapse. But the America they describe is not one I recognize.

America is not in decline, and those politicians who are saying those types of things, do the country a disservice. America is not some dystopian waste-land inhabited by hordes of hungry marauding citizens who are struggling to survive. That is a false narrative and should be rejected.

Yes, America has its problems, but the country could be doing much worse, and that says a lot about this country after coming out of a world-wide pandemic that killed over 1 mil- lion Americans, and infected millions more.

Of course, there are some nagging structural problems that must be ad- dressed, starting with affordable hous- ing for young people who are having a hard time purchasing their first home. And although interest rates are ex- pected to start falling, it is still tough for young families to get a good start. That is what these politicians should be addressing instead of tearing down the country for political gain.

Americans are still managing to live their lives and succeed. It is a testa-

ment to the fortitude and resilience of the American people, the American democracy, and the strength of the American political and economic sys- tems, which are considered the best in the world by far.

There are certainly stubborn problems that persist and exist in the country with respect to economic variables, political change, and societal issues that seem to have become more pronounced and more divisive than in recent years.

Some of these political actors are running for office to be leaders of a country that they openly decry as going to hell in a handbasket. What is that all about? It is unnecessary and it is also untrue.

They continually tear the country down trying to convince gullible and uninformed voters that unless they take over, the country will implode from within, which could not be further from the truth. America will survive and its citizens are surviving.

As these politicians vie for office, they relentlessly criticize the very country they wish to lead. Their narratives of doom and gloom seem designed to prey on the fears of unin- formed voters, but this portrayal is far from reality. It is fearmongering, and it is wrong.

Let me be clear: I have seen a lot in my lifetime, and there are some things that I know for sure. I know that America remains the most pow- erful country in the world. I know that this country is a land where people

from all corners of the globe come to experience the freedoms we cherish. America is a great country, flaws and all.

Despite the challenges we face, in- cluding persistent inflation, America’s economy continues to be the envy of the world. This economic resilience is evident and being fueled by the thou- sands of infrastructure projects cur- rently underway nationwide, many of which are transforming communities in Louisiana and other states around the country.

Gas prices, while still a concern, have been steadily decreasing, and we can hope for further reductions. America is currently the number one producer of oil and gas in the world, outpacing Saudi Arabia and other oil rich countries.

Today, there are more businesses operating in America than at any time in its history, which certainly signals a robust economic environment. Peo- ple are working, people are spending money, people are being entertained, people are traveling and vacationing. It is a good time to be an American, de- spite all the doom and gloom pushed by self-serving politicians trying to win an election.

Consumer confidence is on the rise. A visit to any mall on a Saturday afternoon, or any local restaurant, or any sports venue reveals a populace enjoying their lives, contrary to the bleak narrative spun by some politi- cians, who as I said, are spewing lies about the country.

FBI statistics have noted that crime rates, particularly homicides, have significantly decreased across the country, with the distressing exception of rising black-on-black homicides. Despite these issues, wages have been outpacing inflation, even if not as much as we might desire. Any upward trend in wages is a positive sign of economic health. Paychecks are a little bit higher today, and that is always a good thing.

This country continues to attract people from around the world seeking our world-class healthcare, despite its high costs. America’s educational institutions are second to none, with twenty of the top universities globally located here. Students from around the world aspire to attend our colleges and universities, drawn by the prom- ise of an unparalleled education that certainly can impact their success later in life.

America is far from the brink of collapse. We are a nation of opportuni- ty, resilience, and strength. Those who claim otherwise are ignoring the reality of the country’s enduring spirit and remarkable achievements.

America is certainly not perfect, but the country is far from the dystopia some politicians would have us believe. It’s time to recognize and celebrate the successes while working together to address the challenges. The future of this country depends on it. And that’s my take. *smithpren@aol.com*

Wisdom: The Principal Thing

By Pastor Donald Lee

H ello, friends. I want to talk with you about the importance of walking in the divine wisdom of God. If we are going to be effective witnesses for the Kingdom, we’ve got to understand the chief component in being an authen- tic, genuine ambassador for the Lord is wisdom.

The basis for everything we do in representation of the Kingdom of heaven here in the earth is the wisdom of God, the intellect of God manifest- ed in the saint who leans, not to his own understanding, but the under- standing of the Creator of heaven and earth.

Proverbs 4:7 says, *Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understand- ing.*

Did you get that? Wisdom is “the principal thing.” In other words, wisdom is the “chief thing,” the “main ingredient,” the “most essential, in- tegral” element in being an accurate



reflection of who God is and how He operates. And, in getting wisdom from the Lord, add to that “understanding.”

The wisdom and understanding of God cause the saint who is yielded completely to the Spirit of the Lord to “see” things or “understand” and “discern” things about other people

that they can’t even see in themselves.

When one walks in wisdom, he is ultra-sensitive to the voice of the Lord. His sense of discernment is magni- fied. And one of the greatest, if not *the* greatest, attributes of someone who walks in the wisdom of the Lord is that person’s uncommon understanding of another word — the word *profound*.

Merriam-Webster’s online dictio- nary defines “profound” as *having intellectual depth or insight*. Many people, when they think of the word “profound,” they associate it with comments from someone they deem to be “wise.” So, when that person makes certain statements, the tenden- cy of others is to respond in awe with comments such as: “Man!!! That’s profound!!!” “Wow, he’s deep!!!”

The interesting thing is that there has been far too much emphasis on the words “wisdom” and “profound” as they relate to a person’s ability to “speak” or put great-sounding words together. While one’s ability to *speak* in wisdom is, indeed, noteworthy, it is just as important, no — *more* important to demonstrate true, unadulterated wis-

dom, the wisdom from above, through being quiet and listening. The most “profound” demonstration of great wisdom lies in one’s ability to sit back and listen or to sit back and be quiet. In essence, being a great, impressive ora- tor or wordsmith or judge of character requires listening, and then relying on the Holy Spirit to help you in “process- ing” what you’ve heard.

Scriptures tell us in James 1:19,20, *Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.*

So, we should be faster on the draw to “hear” than we are to “speak” or “tell somebody off” that we may have an “issue” with. According to scrip- ture, a profound mouth with shallow ears don’t reflect the righteousness of God.

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THE SOAP BOX...my point of view

ONE BLOW AT A TIME

By Brenda Daniel

I n this quick and fast-changing world we live in today, it seems that the idea of something being absolute or fail proof, is as elusive as the movement of a *Bee Hum- mingbird!* The “bar” of perfection doesn’t seem to have a definitive level of what is low enough or high enough; and the cap on morality is gradually being removed altogether. If you are one who has managed to keep your head and heart clear to some degree, of all the negative fallout, there is a good chance you too agree that this phenomenon is tearing away at the fabric of society in



every sector of life. When corruption and lawlessness sit in the seats that are reserved to bring hope and well-being, it has a way of trickling down and spread- ing out at every level.

For those of us whose concern goes beyond sighs of regret; and beyond re- hearsing the many problems we face in our society, this is a question that should be asked... How can I as an individual bring “mending” solutions within my sphere of influence, that will have a last- ing and positive impact beyond myself?

It’s true, the mountain of issues we are facing in the world right now is of gigantic proportion, but what if at an individual level, we make a decision to take a strike at that mountain *one blow at time...* what would it look like for the

people around you, who may be totally ripping away at society, but instead, you greet the situation with the opposite! Where there is disrespect, you demon- strate respect - where there is lack of integrity you demonstrate integrity – where there is hatred you demonstrate love - where there is lack of discipline you be the demonstration of discipline – where there is tearing others down you build others up - where the standard is disregarded or convoluted – you set the standard! I think you catch my point of view.

I’m not sure where it originated, but this quote is always a good place to start when there is a need for change... *“Be the change you want to see.”* *Hopefully!*

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News

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- sentencing laws could affect the duration of imprisonment.
- **State Budget:** The legislature passed a \$43.7 billion state operating budget. Initially, cuts to teacher pay raises were reversed after further discussions, and a substantial \$717 million was allocated for transportation infrastructure, with an additional \$200 million designated for water infrastructure improvements.
  - **Deferred Maintenance Bill:** This legislation allows colleges and universities to make improvements without needing to repeatedly seek legislative approval.
  - **Insurance Reform:** The state continues to face challenges in handling insurance rates effectively, despite previous reform efforts.
  - **Education Legislation:** New bills now require students to take computer science courses before graduation; and also, students will no longer be required to take ACT exams. Additional measures included lowering the mandatory expulsion age for bringing weapons or drugs to school to 13.
  - **Parenting Accountability:** A new law has been established for parents who disrupt school operations. It is now considered a crime and schools can choose to exercise it at their discretion.

Upcoming Constitutional Amendments

Representative Young highlighted several constitutional amendments that voters will encounter on the ballot on November 5:

1. **Federal Revenue Allocation:** An amendment asking to support a requirement that federal revenues received from outer continental shelf energy production to be deposited into a specific fund.
2. **Judicial Accountability:** A proposed amendment allowing the Supreme Court to sanction judges based on recommendations from the Judi-



Representative Rashid Young



District Attorney John Belton

- ciary Commission, which Young opposes, citing concerns over potential discrimination against minority judges.
3. **Legislative Procedures:** An amendment that would require a 48-hour waiting period before the legislature



Seated L-R: Dr. Liz White, Dr. Grace Tatem, Standing L-R: Garielle Dupree, Vanita Caldwell, Kennedy Hunter, Jaeda Garner, Patricia Hutcherson, Brenda Dupree, Olivia Dyer, Yolanda Daniel, Ivory Bass.

- can approve money-related bills, which Young supports for procedural clarity.
4. **Session Extensions:** An amendment allowing the legislature to extend regular sessions by up to six days if needed to pass money-appropriating bills, which Young also supports.
  5. **Tax Sale Regulations:** An amendment to eliminate mandatory tax sales for non-payment of property taxes, which Young opposes, as it could lead to property being taken without adequate notice to heirs.

Insights from District Attorney John Belton

Following Representative Young, District Attorney John Belton shared insights from his extensive career as a prosecutor. He addressed various topics, including:

- **Concealed Carry Laws:** Belton emphasized the importance of obtaining permits for carrying firearms to avoid potential liabilities.
- **Criminal Justice Reform:** He noted a recent shift in how 17-year-olds are treated within the justice system,

- which has implications for an already over-burdened inmate populations.
- **Current Legal Climate:** Belton expressed concern about potential changes that could affect the independence of district attorneys, drawing parallels with recent trends aimed at limiting the powers of elected prosecutors.
  - **Community Engagement:** Belton praised the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority for fostering discussions that raise awareness about the significance of voter participation and community involvement in government.

Conclusion

The forum served as an essential platform for community members to engage with legislative representatives and understand upcoming legal changes that could impact their lives. By emphasizing the importance of informed voting and civic engagement, the Grambling Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. highlighted the vital role that such events play in strengthening democracy and ensuring that community voices are heard.

Chapter of Jack and Jill now in Northeast Louisiana

By Joice M. Dunn

(Ruston, LA) The largest and most prominent African American family organization chartered the newly Louisiana Delta Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated in Northeast Louisiana, Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Lincoln Parish Library Event Center. The 22 charter members seemed ecstatic as they presented themselves in their white attire.

Darlene McGhee Whittington, who became the national president of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated during the 46th National Convention, delivered the keynote address. Whittington is a native of Monroe, where she attended Neville High School and is an alum of the Class of 1990. She later went on to become a graduate of Spelman College and Vanderbilt University.

She holds membership in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated as well as The Links, Incorporated. She now resides in the Atlanta area with her husband, Delmar Whittington, and their daughter Skylar. She is an active member of the Greater Metropolitan Atlanta Chapter, located in the Southeastern Region of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated, and is a past regional director of that region.

The Louisiana Delta Chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc. is one of six provisional chapters to be installed, led by the 23rd Regional Director, LaShanda Reed Larry. It is the only new chapter



New Jack and Jill Members pose for picture

to be installed in the state of Louisiana and the first to include Lincoln Parish. It services the 12 parishes of Region Eight (Caldwell, East Carroll, Franklin, Jackson, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland, Tensas, Union, and West Carroll).

The president of the chapter is Richardra Winder Robinson, who had been a member of the New Orleans chapter where she graduated out in 1998. She and Eugenia Jones White invited other mothers and a provisional group was formed in 2023. With the aid of their sponsor chapter, the Red River Chapter (Shreveport), the Northeast Louisiana Provisional Group successfully was promoted to a provisional chapter during the 46th National Convention of Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated in

Minneapolis, MN in July.

Marion Stubbs Thomas founded the Jack and Jill of America, Incorporated in 1938. The organization has a current membership of more than 12,000 mothers and is regarded as the largest and most prominent African American family organization, representing 40,000 family members nationwide including mothers, fathers, and children.

The chapter stands behind its mission statement. The organization is a membership of mothers with children ages two to 19, dedicated to nurturing future African American leaders by strengthening children through leadership development, volunteer service, philanthropic giving, and civic duty.

It supports the national motto - "Let's Work, Let's Play, Let's Live Together."



Several new Chapter members pose with president of GSU, Dr. Martin Lemelle Jr.

my inspiration for joining. She instilled in me the legacy and importance of Jack and Jill and I want to continue it for generations to come," Robinson said.

Kia Richardson joined the chapter because she has always looked for ways to broaden her children's horizon and help them see that the world is bigger than where they live.

"My desire is to rear well-rounded children who can unashamedly step out into the world confident in who they are no matter where they are. Jack and Jill of America encompasses all these things, so it was a no-brainer for me to join," she said.

Richardson said, "I did not know about Jack and Jill until I went away to college. I attended Spelman College in Atlanta and so many of my classmates were members of Jack and Jill in their hometowns and everything they described sounded amazing and it made me want to know more about it. In my adult life, I was influenced by my older cousin in California who was very active in Jack and Jill as she reared her children. So, when I was made aware of the opportunity to be a part of a new chapter forming in Northeast Louisiana, I was excited and jumped at the chance."

"While I am proud to be a resident of Grambling and acknowledge that we have a wealth of opportunity here, I also know that when you grow up in a small town it is sometimes hard to help children see all the possibilities the world has to offer. My hope is that the Louisiana Delta Chapter of Jack and Jill of America will help to break that barrier and give our children another avenue to see and experience all the endless possibilities ahead of them," said Richardson.

Among those present to welcome the organization were Ronny Walker, mayor of Ruston, and Dr. Martin Lemelle, president of Grambling State University. Lemelle provided a resolution acknowledging the chapter.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

EMMA WILSON: ANSWERING A LIFE’S CALL TO PHILANTHROPY

By Joice M. Dunn

The journey of life for Emma C. Wilson began in 1925 as she was born the second of five daughters in Fisher, Louisiana. Her father worked in the sawmill and on the railroad. Her mother was a homemaker.

Her maternal grandfathers’ sister (Eula Williams Scott) graduated from Southern University so, she was destined to be a Southernite. Wilson’s continuation with Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated began at Southern University, Beta Alpha Chapter, in 1945 when she joined with Mary Osborne Flournoy.

Emma met Clyde O. Wilson, Sr., and the rest of her story begins. She met her soon-to-be husband in Natchitoches, at a girls’ basketball district scheduling meeting. Later, their teams played each other in the District and State Tournament.

They married in 1948. Because he was a Grambling native and graduate, she eventually transferred to Grambling College to complete her education. Wilson received the Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education, 1958 from Grambling College. She continued to Louisiana State University, Master of Science in Home Economics, 1967. Further studies were done at Louisiana Tech, Northwestern State University and Grambling.

The four Wilson children are GSU graduates - Carolyn, Shirley, Clyde Jr (deceased), and Mack Charles. She has two grandchildren- Ardena Wilson Bryant (Ardena completed her Nursing and Nurse Practitioner degree at Grambling) and Clyde O. Wilson, III (Prairie View A&M Management Information Systems graduate) and two great-grandchildren – Daija and Rodrick Bryant, Jr.

Her husband had a stroke which left him paralyzed on one side in 1986. She decided to care for him at home rather than place him in a nursing home as recommended by his doctor. When he died in 1997, in lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to establish the Clyde O. Wilson Scholarship for educating male GSU students.

In 2012, the Wilson family and friends had raised the \$60,00.00 needed to meet the criteria for a state match to establish the GSU Clyde O. and Emma C. Wilson Professorship.



Emma Wilson - Receives New Rocky Valley Women of Excellence Award



Emma Wilson

A \$500 Emma C. Wilson Scholarship has been awarded from 2014 to present for a Lincoln Prep female and male graduating senior not living in Lincoln Parish and accepted by GSU. In the Fall of 2014, she received two Dallas Cowboys game tickets from GSU Alum and Retired Cowboys player Everson Wall as an award for her \$5,000.00 donation to the GSU Radiothon.

Wilson is known for her service to the communities where she has worked and lived. Though her philanthropic of giving, Wilson has:

Established the ‘Stork’s Nest’ to promote prenatal care and positive health choices during pregnancy among primarily low-income women in 1998 in collaboration with Mary Flournoy of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and the March



Emma Wilson flanked by Zetas at 2018 Junteenth African Social

of Dimes.

GSU – 1997: Donated \$10,000.00 to honor deceased spouse for \$500 award to GSU male Education major. Donation established the Clyde O. Wilson, Sr. Endowed Memorial Scholarship. In 2023 the scholarship received a \$10,000 match from the U. S. Department of Education’s Title III. This scholarship supports the “Call Me Mister Program” at GSU.

Century Donor – Boy Scouts of America: 1998, 1999, and 2000 New Ebenezer Baptist Church in Florien, Louisiana: Donation for construction of Fellowship Hall.

New Rocky Valley Baptist Church - has generously financially supported wherever there was a need.: Vacation Bible School, Back to School workshop, Women’s Ministry. Purchased ‘bells’, which the Children’s department recently played for their Christmas program.

GSU - Project BEAP (Black Empowerment Apprenticeship Program): 2005

Grambling Foundation President’s Club: 2011 and 2012

2017 – \$1,000 donation. Grambling State University Alumni and Friends

She has also received numerous awards and recognitions: Grambling High School, PTA Parent of the Year, 1969 – 1970; Epsilon Alpha Zeta Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.; Zeta of the Year: 1970; Blue Revue Zeta of the Year: 1994; Grambling Christmas Parade Grand Marshall: 2012; Retired Teachers Hall of Fame Induction: 2013; National Association of University Women: 2012 Woman of the Year; New Rocky Valley Baptist Church Black History Recognition, February 2023 and Epsilon Alpha Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated – March 18, 2023: Lifetime Service Award.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

Chicken and Sausage Jambalaya

By Sharon Satcher

- ½ cup oil
- 1 large fryer, cut up
- 1 lb sausage, cut in pieces
- 2 large onions
- 1 bell pepper, chopped
- ½ cup green onions
- ½ cup chopped parsley
- 2 cups rice
- 2 cloves garlic, mashed
- 4 cups water
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire Sauce
- salt to taste
- Black or red pepper to taste
- Tabasco to taste

Brown seasoned chicken in hot oil in a heavy pot and remove. Brown sausage and remove. Pour off most of the oil. Add all vegetables, brown lightly and add a little water to keep from sticking. Put chicken and sausage in the pot along with water and seasonings. When this mixture comes to a rolling boil, add the rice. When a rolling boil is reached again, lower the fire a little and let the water pretty well boil out. Stir well, set fire on low and cover. After 15 minutes, uncover, stir well once rice is tender. Excess stirring will make the mixture mushy.

Everyone deserves an education

Serving Lincoln Parish’s Homeless Children Population

By Joice M. Dunn

A homeless or displaced student can still receive a quality education due to the McKinney-Vento Act, approved in 1987. The act assists many in need, even in Lincoln parish.

“Each school district has to have an appointed liaison to make sure the needs of all students are met according to the McKinney-Vento Act and I’m the liaison for Lincoln Preparatory School,” said Fanese Cowan.

According to school regulations, each student is required to present documents for registration. Cowan said, “We are required to identify children that are homeless because we do not want that to be a barrier for them attending school. And usually if they’re homeless, they don’t have birth certificates, all the necessary documents to be enrolled.”

She went on to say, “If a student is classified as homeless, they must be immediately enrolled without documentation, we place them, and then documentation is gathered later.” She also pointed out that transportation must be provided as well. “We have to make sure that we’re able to pick them up wherever they are,” Cowan said.

Cowan explained that Lincoln Prep is a unique situation, as a type two charter because the school has seven parishes that are serviced. “So we may not just be picking them up in Lincoln Parish. They may be in Union Parish, Webster Parish, Ouachita Parish or if they’re at a hotel.”

She says that homeless children tend to



F. Cowan

move a lot. “When they have a different address, then we must make arrangements with transportation to pick them up, because what we’re trying not to do is have them miss school because of their situation or circumstance.” she

explained.

Lincoln Prep holds professional development every year for the faculty and staff, as to how to recognize children that may be homeless. “If they identify a homeless child outside of the school, they put in a referral form and we take it from there.”

Cowan said, it’s easy to recognize a person that’s in a shelter, that’s living in a car or a hotel, but it’s harder to recognize a person living with grandmother because the mother is not available.

“They’re staying there because of either economic hardship, or something happened to their biological mother or father. Then they’re classified in our system as a child that’s been doubled up, meaning they’re staying with someone else due to an economic hardship.”

She said there are a few in hotels, but many of them are doubled up with somebody else. And at that point, the government allotted state and federal money, \$100 per child.

Lincoln Prep serves free breakfast and lunch to all students. If tutoring programs

are offered, they receive snacks at the end of school.

Cowan says, “Then, of course, you have teenagers that may not get along with their parents and they tend to leave, and at that point, they’re classified as homeless.

During COVID, it really helped that school officials could at least give them a \$100 Walmart gift card to buy some essentials that they needed”

She sent out a plea to the community as well as sororities and fraternities that help is needed. “The donations from the community would be used to buy items, because, when you talk about jackets, they can only wear gray, black and green, but monetary donations can be used to purchase the items that are needed for whatever student that we’re servicing. And once they are in the system, they’re in the system for the whole year, even if their situation changes”

When asked how many homeless children are at the school, she said, “The actual count hasn’t been entered, but I know usually we hover around 16 to 20 children, ranging from K thru 12.”

“The number 20 may not seem like a lot, but it is for an area, as small as we are, because that’s 20 families that’s affected. That speaks to the traumatic event that’s going on in those homes. Some of the families have two and three children which must be registered individually.

Because our whole intention here is just educating the children and making it as successful as possible. So that’s what McKinney-Vento was designed for.”

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# Announcements

**NAMI to walk for mental health**  
The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) will hold its Fifth annual walk Saturday, Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Lincoln Parish Park in Ruston. The park is located on 211 Parish Park Road and there will be a \$3 admission fee per person.  
All interested persons should RSVP Dr. Jerrilene Washington at (318) 247-3982 or Washington.jerrilene1922@gmail.com ; Antoinetta Denise Grigsby calling (318) 614-2623 or a.denisegrigsby@yahoo.com and Dr. Elise Reed (318) 914-2955 or elisereedlcs@gmail.com.

**NAACP meetings set for third Thursday**  
The Grambling Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) hosts its regular monthly meeting on teleconfer-

ence every third Thursday at 6 p.m. Membership is available to the public, either as an adult or as a youth (ages 7 to 17). Memberships for adults are \$30.00 a year and presently, the \$10.00 dues for children have been waived.  
For additional information, please call or text 328-680-7679, Grace Tatem.

**Grambling Chamber to hold banquet**  
Grambling Chamber to hold the 13th annual banquet on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Fred Hobdy Assembly Center on the Grambling State University campus.  
There will be a wine and cheese event at 6 p.m. and the dinner and awards ceremony will start at 7 p.m. The Pinkie C. Wilkerson Life Development Center “Read Me A Story” Program will receive the R.W.E. Jones

Education Award; Mrs. Theresa Watt will receive the L.D. Land Government Award; Johnny Gray will receive the A.D. Smith Business Award; Thelma Smith Williams Community Service Award will go to (NAMI-Ruston) National Alliance on Mental Illness and Dr. Rhonda R. Pruitt Special Recognition Award goes to Pastor Juluis Sumler and the Emmanuel Family.  
Tickets for the event are \$50 and a Table, seating eight) is \$400. For additional information contact Jeffery Sims, 318-957-2123 (simsjeffery@hotmail.com) or Barbara McIntyre, 318-243-1858 (bmcintyre@yahoo.com).

**GSU Receives \$2.1 Million Department of Education Grant To Enhance Teacher Diversity and Multilingual Representation**  
Building on a commitment to fostering diversity and inclusion in

education, Grambling State University (GSU) has been selected as one of only four Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to receive the prestigious Augustus F. Hawkins Centers of Excellence (Hawkins) grant. The grant, which provides \$379,000 for the first year, and \$2.1 million over five years, will support GSU’s efforts to increase multilingual representation and address the need for more diverse educators in underserved communities. The grant, awarded by the Biden-Harris Administration through the U.S. Department of Education, supports GSU’s groundbreaking initiative, GramPREP: The Grambling Center of Excellence for Teaching and Learning. Dr. Danielle Williams, Assistant Professor in the College of Education, will serve as the Principal Investigator (PI) for the project. Katina Crowe-Scott will serve as the Program Coordinator.

# In Remembrance...

## Celebrating the life of Charles Edward Woodard

Charles Edward Woodard was born on August 9, 1937, in Ruston, Louisiana to the late John Henry Woodard and Ethel Lee Candler Woodard. His celebration of life was held Saturday, Sept. 14, at the Mount Olive Baptist Church.  
He attended Lincoln High School. He joined Mt. Olive Baptist Church at an early age. He later joined the armed forces and was able to travel the world abroad. After an honorable discharge from the United States Army, he worked for Ball-Foster (Glass Plant) where he retired after (24) years. While working for the plant, he farmed his land and built several properties and later became the proud owner of “The Woodshed” a soul food restaurant in the Mt. Olive Community.  
Charles was united in marriage to Deloris Garner and this union was blessed with four beautiful children.



## Remembering Carol McIntosh

Carol Anita McIntosh passed away in Temecula, California. Carol was born on December 24, 1951, in St Paul, Minnesota to the late Drs. William and Lucy McIntosh.  
Her father was the Dean of the College Liberal Arts, and her mother was a Professor, both at Grambling State University. Carol was educated at Grambling Laboratory School and graduated from Grambling High School in 1969.  
Carol is listed in the 1968-1969 Merits Who’s Who Among American High School Students. She graduated from Grambling State University receiving a Bachelor of Lib-

eral Arts, Applied Computer Science in 1972. Carol was a member of the Pi Mu Epsilon Fraternity, National Mathematics Iota Chapter. She received a Master of Science degree in Computer Science from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois in 1975.  
Carol worked for IBM starting September 6, 1973 and retired on April 30, 2009. Carol was a member of New Rocky Valley Baptist Church, Grambling.  
In lieu of flowers, a tribute donation in Carol McIntosh’s name to Alzheimer’s Association at: <https://act.alz.org> is requested.

# Community News

## LPRE kick off new year with western-themed gathering

Lincoln Parish Retired Educators (LPRE) recently held their first meeting of the year, marking the end of a three-month summer vacation and the beginning of a new chapter. The meeting began with the installation of the 2024-2025 LPRE Officers.  
One of the first items on the agenda was the presentation of the theme for the 2024-2025 LPRE year, “Celebrating Lifelong Learning.” Members embraced the theme by dressing in Western style, complete with cowboy and cowgirl hats, boots, bandanas,



Officers pictured L to R: Chaplain Rickey Burton, Treasurer Rachel McCallister, Secretary Ethel Drayton, Vice-President Shirley Stringfellow, and President Liz White. The installing officer was John Thomas.

and more.  
The round-up meeting was a vibrant affair, filled with opportunities for members to learn from each other. They enjoyed listening to popular hits by the late Frankie Beverly, celebrating the lasting impact of his music. The meeting began with an icebreaker where each member shared one thing that they checked off their summer bucket list.  
Gwendalyn Torbor Anderson, a visiting retired educator, had this to say about the meeting: “It was quite interesting, so well-organized. When I was invited, the first thing that came to mind was my late mother who was a past-president of the organization. I knew she would be pleased with my participation.

The rapport of the people made me feel welcome and connected. I especially liked the ice-breaker question about one thing I checked off of my summer bucket list. The line dancing was lots of fun and the food was very good.”  
The fun-filled atmosphere continued with line dancing, fellowship, and delightful refreshments. The next LPRE meeting, a retired educators reception, is scheduled for Friday, October 11, at 2 p.m. at Grambling City Hall. The keynote speaker will be Grambling State University President, Dr. Martin Lemelle Jr. The public is invited to attend. For more information about LPRE, please send email to: [lrita.lpre@gmail.com](mailto:lrita.lpre@gmail.com)

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Arts & Culture

A Tribute to the Soulful Frankie Beverly

(Dec. 6, 1946 - Sept. 10, 2024)

By Jaron Clark

It's like losing a loving father, that cool uncle or that encouraging big brother all at once. The man whose silky soul singing soothed our souls for decades, transitioned to the higher place.

He took us [there] time after time and now that Howard Stanley "Frankie" Beverly has gone, we're all left to wonder if we will ever be a-MAZE-d ever again!

The native Philadelphia band who called themselves what they truly embodied, "Raw Soul", until they arrived under the tutelage of Marvin Gaye by becoming his opening act on tour. It was then their name was changed to MAZE and this is where the journey began into [them] becoming the sonic architects of the Black American soundtrack for love, peace, happiness and uplift.

My first memory of them was on a family road trip to Disneyland as a child and hearing the nominal hit 'Look at Cal-

ifornia' on the radio. This track stood out to me because my uncle, who grew up in California, played it relentlessly while in college here in my hometown of Grambling.

Although, the band garnered many hits from the late 70's well into the 90's, it was the "Live from New Orleans" album recorded at the Saenger Theater in the French Quarter on Canal Street in 1980, that solidified their popularity across the south from Texas to Georgia and across the nation. You could not turn on the radio and not hear the smash hit "Southern Girl" at least once every 90 minutes!

Over the years, they became the kings of touring in the R&B/Soul genre, while never sitting the crown down with many more hits added to the show and catalog that created uplifting experiences from the stage to family reunions and backyard cook-outs to create good vibes across Black America.

Let it be forever known worldwide that for three generations, strong and beyond, through samples



and covers of staples like 'Joy & Pain', 'Before I Let Go' and 'Happy Feelings' just to name a few, no band has more accurately represented the best of us which is a testament to the love Frankie had for his people, his unquestioned talent, and the vision for the band over the years.

Music will undoubtedly never be presented this way again but, at least, the blueprint was laid and no doubt the ride was so a-MAZE-ing! We love you and will always miss you, thank you for sharing your gift along with your musical cohorts over the years. Rest In Power Brother Frankie!



Eve Releases Memoir, Shares Jay-Z's Harsh Warning About Female Rappers

By Lena Claybon

On September 17, Eve unveiled her memoir, "Who's That Girl?!", where she candidly reflects on her journey in the music industry. One notable excerpt features a revealing conversation with Jay-Z, who warned her early in her career that female rappers often face significant challenges.

"I've written a f\*\*\*ing book. It's crazy," Eve expressed in an interview with *The Times*. Initially nervous about sharing her story, she emphasized her desire to be open and vulnerable. "There have been lots of ups and downs. Writing this book was a purge, but it's also about celebrating where I am now. I feel ready to discuss my experiences because it all worked out in the end."

In her memoir, Eve recalls receiving a congratulatory phone call from Jay-Z on the day her debut al-

bum dropped. While he celebrated her success, he also pointed out that female rappers "don't really do that well" in the industry. Another industry executive even suggested that she consider leaving music to focus on starting a family.

"I always faced pushback," she said. "The audacity of some of these men! Now, with age and experience on my side, nobody dares to approach me like that."

Despite the skepticism she encountered, Eve's 1999 debut album sold over 2 million copies, and she later won a Grammy for Best Rap/Song Collaboration for her hit "Let Me Blow Ya Mind," featuring Gwen Stefani.

Now a married mother of one, the 45-year-old remains optimistic about her life and career. "I'm holding on to hope. It's the only way we've made it as humans—the evolved ones, anyway. I believe more people want equality and love to prevail. It's the f\*\*\*ing truth," she concluded with a laugh.



Rapper 'EVE' full name is Eve Jihan Jeffers.

Grambling State's VAPA department presents the play 'Sender' which ends Oct. 4

Grambling, LA. - Grambling State University's Department of Visual and Performing Arts is presenting the play "Sender", which started on Oct. 1 and ends Oct. 4 at the Floyd L. Sandle Theatre inside the Conrad Hutchinson Performing Arts Center.

The play begins every night at 7 p.m. with a 10 a.m. matinee performance for high schoolers set for Oct. 4.

Written by Black playwright Ike Holter, "Sender" thrives on the contrast between order and chaos and the tensions that emerge as people leave childhood and adolescence behind to contend with the demands of "adulthood."

In this comedy, Holter presents the audience with four millennial friends wrestling with these issues. While each is at a different stage of "growing up," one of the friends has disappeared and has been presumed dead. Yet, at the beginning of the play, he returns and completely upends the balance established in his absence.

Basically, this witty, foul-mouthed, and razor-sharp play asks, "What does growing up mean ... and is it even desired in this day and age?"



Lead cast takes a bow.

Starring in GSU's VAPA production of the play is Karrington Jackson as "Lynx"; Areona Richardson as "Tess"; Kayla Mason as "Cassandra"; and Isaiah Johnson as "Jordan."

The play will be directed by GSU Assistant Professor Dr. Prince Durden.

"I have been really pleased with the growth, professionalism, and artistic talents of our students," Durden said about



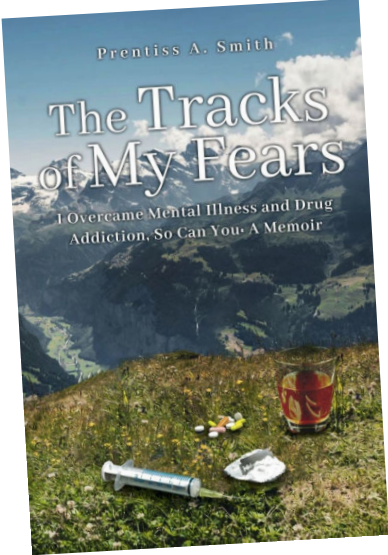
rehearsals for the play. "This wasn't an easy play to take on, but they took on the challenge of bringing these four characters to life and connecting with them on a personal level."

Ticket prices for the play are \$10 for general admission; \$5 for those 12 years and younger, and \$5 for high school students for the 10 a.m. High School Day performance on Oct. 4.

Admission for GSU students is free when they show their student ID.

For ticket information, call 318-278-2201.

The Tracks of My Fears: I Overcame Mental Illness and Drug Addiction, and So Can You



In "The Tracks of My Fears," Prentiss A. Smith shares a deeply personal journey through the harrowing realms of mental illness and drug addiction. Each scar, or "track," on Smith's arms tells a story of struggle and redemption, offering an unflinching look at the depths of human despair and the heights of recovery.

Thrust into the role of a reluctant gospel minister from a young age, Smith grappled with internal conflicts and the weight of expectations. Seeking relief, he turned to cocaine and heroin, which led to severe depression and schizophrenia. His life became a nightmare, haunted by the ghosts of addiction and mental illness.

Committed to a mental institution in his early twenties, Smith faced his darkest moments. Yet, amid the shadows, a faint ember of hope persisted. Through relentless self-discovery, he began to heal physically, mentally, and spiritually.

"The Tracks of My Fears" is a testament to resilience and redemption, serving as a beacon of hope for those grappling with similar struggles. Smith's story underscores the belief that recovery is possible, no matter how far one has fallen, and highlights the journey from despair to peace.

About the Author

Prentiss Smith, a Ruston, Louisiana native and son of a Southern Bap-

tist minister, grew up with a passion for sports, politics, and education. He holds a Bachelor's in Business Management, an M.B.A., and a Master's in Creative Writing. After a 30-year career as a Plant Engineer at General Motors, he retired to focus on writing. Prentiss is the founder of The Hazel Smith Foundation, named after his mother, which provides mini scholarships and stipends to students who excel academically. Married to Tammy Love for over forty years, he is a father of four and grandfather of six. He has written an Opinion Page column for the Shreveport Times for three decades and contributed political commentary to local T.V. stations.

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Sports

# All-Star Lineup ‘All In’ as New Orleans Super Bowl LIX Host Committee Community Champions

Black PR Wire

The New Orleans Super Bowl LIX Host Committee, led by the Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation and the New Orleans Saints, is proud to announce world-class New Orleans Saints players and a multi-award-winning sports journalist to serve as Community Champions leading up to Super Bowl LIX.

New Orleans Saints defensive end Cam Jordan; New Orleans Saints linebacker Demario Davis; New Orleans Saints safety Tyrann Mathieu; and Jen Hale, analyst and sideline reporter, NFL on Fox and New Orleans Pelicans, are officially joining the Host Committee as Community Champions.

As Community Champions, they will help promote several community initiatives such as the Super Bowl LIX Source procurement program which increases access and opportunity for more than 200 local underrepresented businesses, Impact 59 Powered by Entergy Program that will soon award a minimum of \$3 million in grants to local nonprofits, NFL Green sustainability and environmental projects, as well as youth engagement and STEM programming. In addition, the Community Champions will help advance the recruitment of thousands of volunteers through the Super Bowl LIX Ambassador Program presented by Chevron, designed to welcome Super Bowl visitors to the area ahead of February 9, 2025.

“It’s a privilege to have Cam, Demario, Tyrann, and Jen on board as Com-



New Orleans Saints linebacker Demario Davis; Jen Hale, analyst and sideline reporter, New Orleans Saints safety Tyrann Mathieu; and New Orleans Saints defensive end Cam Jordan

munity Champions for the Host Committee,” said Jay Cicero, President/CEO for the Super Bowl LIX Host Committee and Greater New Orleans Sports Foundation. “These four have long been champions for the city of New Orleans, and we look forward to working with them to make a lasting impact here for our record-tying 11th Super Bowl.”

The New Orleans Super Bowl LIX Host Committee tapped local leaders to be Community Champions given their demonstrated character, devotion to sport, and undeniable impact throughout Greater New Orleans and beyond. Jordan, Davis, Mathieu and Hale were announced as Community Champions

at a press conference ahead of the first home game for the 2024-2025 New Orleans Saints season.

“We represent everyone who calls this place home, and we’re going to take advantage of the opportunity ahead of us,” said Cam Jordan, New Orleans Saints defensive end. “When we step up for our communities, they’ll stand taller.”

“This game goes beyond the actions on the field; it’s about the entire community uniting for a common cause,” said Demario Davis, New Orleans Saints linebacker. “We carry the heart and pride of our community with us every step of the way, and I’m honored to

stand alongside Cam, Tyrann and Jen as we represent our home team.”

New Orleans has no shortage of home-grown talent, which makes it the perfect community to host the big game – only 5 months away. While the NFL’s 32 teams have been training all summer, planning for the big game has been underway for years.

“My roots in Louisiana are strong,” said New Orleans native and Saints safety Tyrann Mathieu. “It was only natural for me to represent my hometown New Orleans and to give back to a city that has given me so much love and support. Looking forward to help elevate the community engagement efforts of the Super Bowl LIX Host Committee.”

Jen Hale, analyst and sideline reporter, NFL on Fox and New Orleans Pelicans said, “I’ve reported on this community and its people for years. There’s something special about a place like New Orleans. I’m proud to represent my neighbors, friends and family to really make something special happen in the Superdome and on the streets of our hometown.”

New Orleans is celebrating 55 years of hosting the Super Bowl and other major sporting events, which supports the Host Committee’s theme — “it’s what we do.” Super Bowl LIX takes place on February 9, 2025, and will give the Crescent City the distinguishment of hosting for a record-tying 11th time.

For more information on Super Bowl LIX, visit [nolasuperbowl.com](https://nolasuperbowl.com) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram and X at @NOLASuperBowlHC.

# Tigers Falter in Five-Overtime Loss to Prairie View A&M

By Curtis Ford

Associate AD for Athletic Communications

DALLAS, Texas | The Grambling State University football team dropped its Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) opener to Prairie View A&M, 36-34, in a five-overtime marathon on Saturday evening in the 99th State Fair Classic at the Cotton Bowl Stadium.

GSU (3-2 overall, 0-1 SWAC) led 17-7 at halftime, but couldn’t find its rhythm in the second half, allowing PVAMU (2-3, 1-2) to rally back for its first conference win of the year.

Offensively, Grambling State out-gained Prairie View A&M 386 to 303. Starting quarterback Myles Crawley accumulated 286 of those yards through the air. He completed 29-of-48 passes with two touchdowns and two interceptions.

Crawley’s top targets were Javon Robinson and Julien Lewis who both caught six passes. Robinson had 48 receiving yards while Lewis had 47.

Ke’Travion “Bull” Hargrove ran for 61 yards on 15 carries. Dedrick Talbert and Tre Bradford accounted for the rushing touchdowns for the Tigers with Talbert running for 36 yards and a score on three touches and Bradford rushing for eight yards and a score.

Andrew Jones once again led the GSU defense in tackles with 11 total stops, three solo tackles and one tackle for loss.

Grambling State got the scoring started in the second quarter when



GSU on field against Prairie View

Crawley connected with Khris Simmons for a 23-yard touchdown, giving GSU a 7-0 lead with 14:52 to go in the half. It was Simmons’ first TD reception of the season.

Prairie View A&M responded two drives later with a 1-yard run by Lama-ga McDowell, tying the game 7-7 with 8:46 remaining in the half.

With 6:26 on the clock, Caleb Lee-Collins picked off PVAMU’s Cameron Peters at the GSU 49-yard line. That takeaway led to another GSU TD; a 9-yard gallop by Tre Bradford, making it 14-7 Tigers with 4:18 left until

halftime.

Reed Harradine’s 29-yard field goal with four seconds left in the half gave GSU a 17-7 cushion heading into the break.

The Panthers pulled within a touchdown, 17-10, on their first drive of the second half on a 42-yard field goal by Guillermo at the 9:47 mark.

After PVAMU’s Cameron Franklin intercepted Crawley’s pass to Jacoby Bellazar at the GSU 37-yard line with 2:07 remaining in the third quarter, the Panthers utilized the short field, eventually scoring on a 9-yard run by quarter-

back Jaden Johnson and tying the game 17-17 with 13:50 remaining regulation.

Prairie View A&M picked off another pass when JR Coleman snagged an errant throw and set the Panthers up at the GSU 39 yard-line with 9:52 left. PVAMU immediately made GSU pay on a 39-yard TD run by Connor Wisham, giving the Panthers their first lead of the day, 24-17.

Grambling State tied the game on its final drive of regulation, moving the ball to the Panther’s 47-yard line. No play, however, was bigger than Mar-quise Harris helping GSU convert a 4<sup>th</sup> and 18 but making a 38-yard reception near the Tigers’ sideline to keep game alive and giving GSU 1<sup>st</sup> and goal at the 9-yard line.

Two plays later, Crawley tossed the game-tying touchdown, a 12-yard strike, to a wide-open Jalen Johnson with 38 seconds to go.

In the first overtime, Grambling State started on offense. On third down from the PVAMU 16 yard, Talbert scampered into the end zone to GSU a 31-24 lead.

PVAMU responded with a 4-yard TD pass to Jaden Jonson to send the game to a second overtime period.

After trading field goals in the second OT, both defenses would make big stops to keep the game alive.

In the fifth OT, after GSU’s offense was stopped, Grambling State’s defense seemingly made another stop, but pass interference set the Panthers up just outside the 1-yard line. McDowell burst into the end zone for the game winner.



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## Grambling State Downs Alabama State 1-0

By Leon Mitchell

GSU Athletic Communications

**MONTGOMERY, Ala.** The Grambling State University women’s soccer team beat Alabama State 1-0 on Sunday afternoon at the ASU Soccer Complex.

The victory extended GSU’s SWAC unbeaten streak to 17 games.

Junior forward Jayla Gage scored in the 7th minute for Grambling State (4-6-3 overall, 2-0 SWAC).

Alabama State fell to 3-5-0 and 1-1-0 in the SWAC.

HOW IT HAPPENED

The Tigers got on the board in the 7th minute when Ronya Halleen delivered a pass to Jayla Gage, who deposited the shot in the back of the net for her SWAC-leading seventh goal of the season.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

- Grambling State had 12 shots in total.
- Alabama State took 10 shots with



Jayla Gage

- six shots on target.
- GSU were called for seven fouls.
- ASU were handed two yellow cards.
- GSU Goalkeeper Madison Covey-Taylor had five saves.
- Grambling State attempted six corner kicks. Alabama State took four corners.

UP NEXT


Grambling State will play a SWAC matchup at home against Alcorn State University. Kickoff is set for 4:30 p.m. at the GSU Soccer Complex.

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For complete coverage of Grambling State Athletics, please follow the Tigers on social media at @GSU\_Tigers (Twitter), /GramblingStateTigers1901 (Facebook), @gramblingathletics (Instagram) or visit the official home of Grambling State Athletics at [gsutigers.com](https://gsutigers.com).



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