



UNIVERSITY of ARKANSAS PINE BLUFF
Greater Kansas City UAPB/AM&N Alumni Chapter
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January 2011 Newsletter

Happy New Year UAPB/AM&N Alumni Family and Friends



Dear Greater Kansas City Alumni Association of UAPB/AM&N:

It is amazing to see our Alumni chapter grow stronger in numbers and more alumni are interested in learning what we do and what can we do to support our institution and students. The seed has been planted and along with the executive board I ensure that the seed planted will grow stronger as I am thrilled to carry the torch for the next couple of years. I would like to thank our board members whose terms ended in 2010 for their dedicated service. I would especially like to thank Johnnie Terry-Flemming and Don Andrews for their dedication, commitment, and leadership as President and Vice-President for the past few years.

I am honored to work with my executive board and all the members of the Greater Kansas City Alumni Chapter of UAPB/AM&N. Together, we will achieve our goals to connect with alumni and provide support

for our current students. Allow me to introduce the 2011 Executive Board:

Tanya M. Townsend, *President*
Gloria Soldon-Snowden, *1st Vice President*
Mabel Ramey-Moore, *2nd Vice President*
Lynda Moore-Walker, *Business Manager*
Tanesha Forte, *Recording Secretary*
LaDonna Hendrix, *Correspondence Secretary*
Flossie Davis, *Treasurer*
Martha Thompson, *Parliamentarian*
Evonn Evans, *Sergeant at Arms*

Many exciting events are coming your way so please check the alumni newsletter for future announcements. We plan to have the Newsletter distributed to alumni every month with news and events. If you have any announcements you would like to add to the Newsletter, please feel free to contact our Newsletter Editor and Correspondence Secretary, LaDonna Hendrix at lkhendrix@att.net. We would love to hear from you!

Looking forward to a great year!

Sincerely,

Tanya M. Townsend, Class of 1997
President, Greater KC Alumni Association of UAPB/AM&N



**Calling all UAPB/AM&N
Graduates... We Need YOU!**

Why Membership Matters

A strong alumnus is important to the long term success and well being of UAPB.

Alumni are the only permanent constituency of any college. Faculty, employees and board members come and go but, alumni are For Life.

Alumni are life long ambassadors for UAPB. Promote it, define it, and boast about it. If you don't, who will?

Your dues continue to support UAPB through scholarships and other financial initiatives.

Alumni are walking advertisements for recruitment. Your success will hopefully inspire our youth to follow your path by matriculating at your Alma Mater.

Support the local chapter by paying your dues. Deadline February 9, 2011.

Local Dues:	\$30
<u>National Dues:</u>	<u>\$50</u>
Total	\$80

Payments can be mailed to: **Greater Kansas City
UAPB/AM&N Alumni
Chapter
PO Box 300382
Kansas City, MO 64130**

Make checks payable to: **UAPB Alumni Association**

**Get Connected, Join Today and
Pay It Forward!!**

The Greater Kansas City Alumni Chapter of UAPB/AM&N serves a catalyst for communication, coordination and collaboration among alumni members and friends.

UAPB ALUMNI CONTRIBUTORS

The chapter would like to thank the following people who contributed to the 2010 Alumni Giving Scholarship that was presented at Homecoming.

Audrey & Flossie Davis
Johnnie Terry-Flemming
Mamie Hayman
Willie & Gloria Snowden
Raymond & Martha Thompson
Bill Johnson
Mabel Ramey-Moore
LaRetta Morgan
E. Wayne Neal
Dora Robinson
Helen Speed
LaDonna Hendrix
Lynda Moore-Walker
William Wells

Your contributions were appreciated by the chapter, the university and most importantly, the students.

**Greater KC Chapter Calendar of Events
Save the Date!!**

**2nd Saturday Monthly
General Membership Meeting**

Rockhurst Community Center
5401 Troost, KCMO
1:00PM – 3:00PM

**March 26 – April 3
Caribbean Cruise Scholarship Fundraiser**

**April 7
UAPB Social Hour**
Juke House – 18th & Vine

**April 13-17
138th Founders Day Celebration**
UAPB Campus - Pine Bluff, AR

**May 21
Bowl-a-thon Scholarship Fundraiser**
Premier Bowl – Raytown

**June 4
10th Annual Jazz Brunch**
UMKC – Pierson Hall

**July 21-24
National Alumni Conference**
Little Rock, AR

**August 6
Alumni Chapter Picnic**
Leawood Community Park – Leawood, KS

**September 24
Gateway Classic**
St. Louis, MO

**December 3
Alumni Chapter Christmas Party**
Knights of Columbus – Raytown



Hello Fellow Alumni,

It is hard to believe four years have passed since I accepted the responsibility to serve as your President with honor and gratitude. You are an amazing group that I was privileged to serve. I want to thank all officers, alumni members and friends for your continued support of the Greater Kansas City Alumni Chapter of UAPB/AM&N.

We made great accomplishments during this period due to your dedication and support. Some of our highlights include:

- Increased our annual alumni giving to 10,000 annually
- Provided local scholarships to deserving high school seniors from the KC area
- Exceeded our Life Line Scholarship pledge of 10,000
- Supported the Band to participate in the Inaugural Parade
- Supported the University for the Tom Joyner School of the Month
- Increased the number of recent graduates and mentored for leadership positions
- Represented the UAPB Recruitment office at local college fairs
- Sponsored and provided housing at the hotel and food for the choir tour to KC
- Represented the Central Region on the National Board of Directors
- Sponsored Audrey Davis for Alumni King fundraiser

- Gloria Soldon-Snowden and Flossie Davis were recipients of the National Circle of Excellence Award
- Coordinated quarterly Outreach function to target our recent graduates
- Continued our annual scholarship fundraisers and fellowship through our Annual Scholarship Jazz Brunch, Family Picnic, Christmas Party and Alumni Cruise
- Served as a catalyst for communication and coordination among alumni members and friends through electronic media, published newsletters and local website.

I look forward to working with our 2011 Executive Board under the leadership of Tanya M. Townsend that I was pleased to mentor the last two years. Tanya brings a lot of creativity, energy and enthusiasm to continue our journey to greatness.

I encourage those of you who are not members to join and become a part of the great legacy of **Serving and Giving Back.**

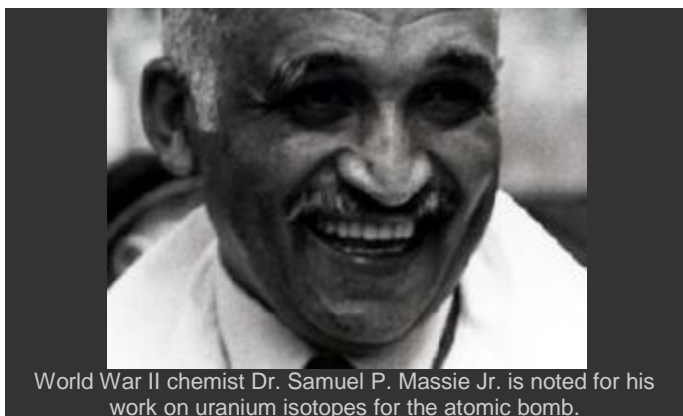
God Bless You!

Johnnie Terry-Flemming, Class of 1972
Past President, Greater KC Alumni Chapter of UAPB/AM&N



UAPB GOLDEN LIONS

A Black History Moment



Black World War II chemist Dr. Samuel P. Massie Jr. is noted for his work on uranium isotopes for the atomic bomb. He made history as the first black faculty member of the U.S. Naval Academy in 1966. Named among great scientists like Marie Curie, George Washington Carver and DNA pioneers Watson and Crick, Dr. Massie conducted decades of work that led to the development of drugs to treat mental illness, malaria, meningitis, gonorrhea, herpes and cancer.

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, Dr. Massie was a prodigy, graduating from high school at age 13. His drive to study medicine came from his desire to cure his father's severe asthma. After working hard to save money to attend the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Dr. Massie was declined admission because he was black. After getting a degree from what is now University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and a Masters degree from Fisk University, he turned his sights to Iowa State University, where he had to hitchhike to class because housing for blacks was over three miles from campus. He and the lab rats shared a space in the basement of the school until he proved himself worthy to be among the white students.

Before he received his Ph.D, the draft board of Pine Bluff tried to recruit him, citing that he had enough education. With the help of a colleague, Dr. Massie was called to work on the research team for the atomic bomb instead. He was then free to retrieve his doctorate.

In 1954, Dr. Massie published an article on a chemical that led to the development of the anti-psychotic drug Thorazine. Then in 1994, the U.S. Department of Energy created the Dr. Samuel P. Massie Chair of Excellence, a \$14.7 million grant to nine historically black colleges and one Hispanic student to further environmental research.

Dr. Massie passed away in 2005.

We Need Bowlers...Come Out and Join Us

Bowlers are needed to for the first Scholarship Bowling Fundraiser May 21st. Invite family and friends to participate.

If you're interested in being a team captain or participant on a team, please contact Bill Johnson or LaDonna Hendrix for more information.

Bill Johnson – (816) 941-9215

LaDonna Hendrix – (816) 536-0562

Stay tuned for more details via chapter communications.

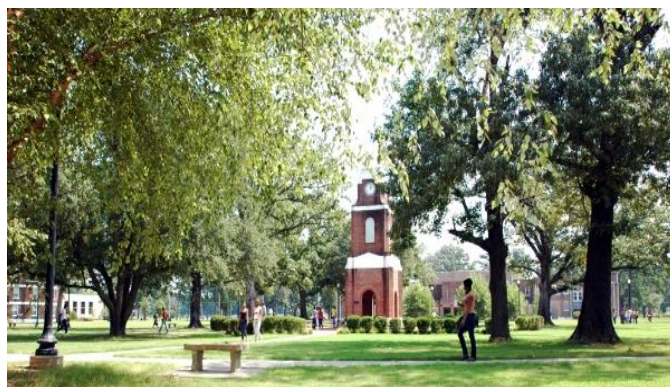


Announcements Here!!

Do you have a special announcement (job promotion, retirement, engagement, birth, graduation) you want to share with other UAPB/AM&N Alumni?

Then this space is just for you.

Contact LaDonna Hendrix @ lhendrix@att.net



Alumni Chapter Photos



UAPB Campus News and Events

More than 40K raised by School of the Month Initiative

More than \$40,000 was raised for the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB) during the Tom Joyner Foundation School of the Month Initiative. UAPB was the featured institution in November 2010.

Monies raised from the effort directly benefited the UAPB Lifeline fund. The Lifeline Fund is earmarked for students in dire need of financial support – individuals who have exhausted all means for financial support and may have to end their studies at UAPB.

“Our sincere appreciation is extended to those who responded to the Tom Joyner campaign for UAPB,” says Chancellor Lawrence A. Davis, Jr. “You are helping to make a difference for our students.”

The final confirmed amount was approximately \$41,087.83 according to Dr. Margaret Martin-Hall, director of the Title III Program and the Office of University Relations and Development.

“Tom Joyner, the nationally esteemed disc jockey, has a long history of providing scholarship support to students attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU),” says Dr. Hall. “We are pleased that he selected [UAPB]. Not unlike other HBCUs, the support from the Joyner Foundation helps fill a void at our institution.”

‘Call Me Mister’ Scholarship

The Pine Bluff Chapter of The Links, Incorporated is pleased to offer a \$1,000 “Call Me Mister” academic scholarship for African American Male Students majoring in Teacher Education at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

Interested applicants must fulfill the following requirements:

- Freshman
- African American Male
- 3.0 GPA or better

- Participation in activities relevant to career goals in teacher education
- Potential to excel in this field
- Financial need

Submission materials:

- Completed scholarship application (www.pineblufflinksinc.org , click on events/meetings)
- transcript
- financial need determination (www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- Letter of recommendation (at least 3) from instructors, counselors or principal, and community leader who can assess your professional potential in teacher education

Applications must be returned by March 31, 2011 to the following address:

Pine Bluff Chapter
The Links, Incorporated
C/O 3 Buckshot Cove
Pine Bluff, AR 71603-8181

Information: misterscholarship@yahoo.com

The scholarship will be awarded for the Fall 2011 semester.

Sites of Interest

[Greater KC UAPB/AM&N Alumni Association](#)

[University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff](#)

[UAPB National Alumni](#)

Social Links

[BlackAmericaWeb.com](#)

[HBCU Network](#)



Booker named National Alumni President

Calvin E. Booker, Sr., a 1979 graduate of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (UAPB), has been named President of the UAPB/AM&N National Alumni

Association. A Hamburg, Arkansas native, President Booker stated that he has had the privilege and honor of serving in many different capacities on behalf of, and in support of the institution for more than 30 years.

“From my first involvement with UAPB as a student athlete on the Golden Lions’ football team (1975-79), through coaching in our University’s football program, to serving as Assistant to the Dean of Education, working in the Alumni Office, as well as working in student recruitment, I have labored tirelessly for UAPB,” **said Booker upon reflection.** “Additionally, I have also served on various University boards and committees, including the Foundation Board. In 1997, I had the singular pleasure of serving as Commencement speaker for our graduates. Clearly, it has been my privilege to have had opportunities to serve in many capacities and dimensions.”

Focusing on the key areas of recruitment and retention, and also on the potential development of an alumni-sponsored dormitory and/or an alumni house, we can compassionately support the needs of present-day and future UAPB students as never before.

He currently serves as Corporate Vice President of Public Affairs for the Southern Group of Waste Management Inc. in Atlanta, Georgia. He joined Waste Management in July 1991 in Dallas, Texas, and has become an invaluable asset to the company utilizing his knowledge and relationships with local, state and federal legislators. He is responsible for the organizational development and strategic implementation of Governmental Affairs, Community Relations and Communications programs across 12 Southeastern states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

He is also the Chairman Emeritus of the Corporate Round Table (the financial entity) of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, after serving four years as the Chairman of the Board. He received his degree in Education from UAPB and obtained his Master’s degree in Secondary Education from Prairie View A&M University in Prairie View, Texas.

President Booker became a member of the UAPB staff for eleven years as Assistant to the Dean of Education and Coordinator of Student Recruitment. In the late

1980s, Mr. Booker became the youngest person to be elected to the Pine Bluff City Council. Since moving to Atlanta, Calvin Booker also served as President and Vice President for the UAPB Alumni Chapter. He and his wife Janetta, who is also a graduate of UAPB and their son Calvin, Jr. are active members of the Atlanta community.

“I believe our most important mission as an Alumni Association is to support our Alma Mater by delivering high-caliber and far-reaching alumni support for the well-being of our administration, faculty, and students now and in the future,” **says Booker.** “Under a theme of *Compassionate and Committed Service*, we have an opportunity to fulfill this mission in many ways.”

2011 Greater KC Alumni Chapter Scholarship Application Coming Soon

Join us each at each monthly meeting as we celebrate birthdays with a delicious lunch.

Celebrating alumni members born during the month of February, on Saturday, February 12th.

We hope to see you there!!

