

## GSU's HOUSTON ALUMNI CHAPTER ANNOUNCES \$100,000 ENDOWMENT PLEDGE



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Celebrating the alumni chapter's 25<sup>th</sup> year (founded by Dr. Sylvania Paul, former Miss Grambling 1976-77), members wanted to do something extraordinary. Therefore, members challenged themselves to establish a \$100,000.00 Endowed Scholarship Fund that would support upper-classmen from the Houston Metropolitan area to not just attend Grambling State University but to GRADUATE from Grambling State University.

At their Annual Scholarship Gala & Silent Auction, members presented a check to Grambling State University representative Dr. Michael McKinley establishing their \$100,000.00 endowment.

Dr. McKinley announced that the endowment would be matched by the university providing the chapter and foundation with now a \$200,000.00 Endowed Scholarship Fund.

This momentous undertaking would not have been achievable without the hard work and generosity of many dedicated supporters of the Douglas L. Williams Alumni Chapter & Foundation. We would like to thank all supporters. Special recognition goes out to the 2009 Gala Honoree Supporters: Alumni members - Kerry Briggs (79), Eric Moses, CPA (01), Keith & Veronica L. Manning-Williams, MBA/Acc, MSA (83), Dr. Sylvania Paul (77),

George & Angelee Moody-Rhyne (88), Willie Mae Wilson (69), The Honorable Judge Calvin Botley, Clyde Wilson, Deforester Jones, Brenda Nelson, Sonja Roberts (92), Howard Price, Atty. Barbara Hudson (78), Rev. Michael Anderson (82), Azell & Cynthia Carter, Darryl Freeman, and Bryan Carter as well as supporters Randall Management and Marshall Management.

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