



Grambling State University ALUMNI NEWS

DR. FRANK G. POGUE NAMED INTERIM PRESIDENT



Dr. Frank G. Pogue has been named the Interim President of GSU by the University of Louisiana System.

The Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System today appointed Frank G. Pogue to serve as Interim President of Grambling State University. Pogue, President Emeritus of Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and a higher education consultant, was recommended by UL System President Randy Moffett.

“While searching for the right interim leader for Grambling, Dr. Pogue’s name consistently came up as the top choice from several national higher education sources,” said Moffett. “A product of Historically Black Colleges and Universities coupled with his successful experience as a long-serving president, a system administrator and an interim president make him uniquely qualified.”

Special Points of Interest

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- Alum Spotlight
- Houston Alumni Chapter Announces \$100,000 Endowment Pledge



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Pogue earned a doctorate in sociology from the University of Pittsburgh. He also holds a master's degree from Atlanta University and a bachelor's degree from Alabama State University in the same field. Accolades follow Pogue's distinguished 47-year career in higher education. After serving 11 years (1996-2007) as the first African-American President of Edinboro University, a predominately white institution in Pennsylvania, he was granted President Emeritus status. Recognized for his efforts toward tremendous campus facility upgrades, the university's Student Center was named in his honor. Also, The Greentree Gazette credited him with moving Edinboro University "from grievance toward graciousness," citing his openness and nurturing style.

"If you expect me to come to Grambling with a preconceived plan, that is not the way I work," said Pogue. "My first priority is to spend time with the administration, students, faculty, alumni and the state system to develop a comprehensive, inclusive planning process. We must keep the University moving forward and work with all constituents to make sure that we are creating an environment conducive to high-quality academic learning."

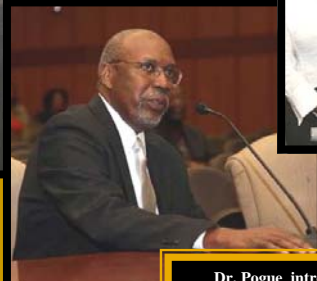
Earlier this year, the Illinois General Assembly passed House Resolution 384, congratulating Pogue on his successful tenure (2008-2009) as Interim President of Chicago State University. In just one year at Chicago State, he developed an inclusive planning process, established 10 university-wide goals, enhanced a spirit of cooperation throughout the university, developed a strategic enrollment and retention plan, enhanced community outreach activities, and worked to create a civil and trusting academic community that focused on the needs of students.

Pogue has held numerous other higher education positions including Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Special Programs at State University of New York's System Administration (1986-1996); Interim President at State University of New York College at Cobleskill (1992-1993); Vice President for Student Affairs at State University of New York at Albany (1983-1986); and Associate Vice President for Research and Educational Development and Dean of Undergraduate Studies at State University of New York at Albany (1982-1983).

In addition, he has taught at six colleges and universities, presented numerous lectures, is well published, has extensive experience with accreditation and is an expert on diversity.



Dr. Matthew Ware, GSU Faculty Senate President, greets Dr. Pogue



Dr. Pogue introduces himself during the ULS Board Meeting



Dr. Pogue meets GSU Title III Director, Beverly Hill-Hercules — Vanessa Littleton, GSU PR Director looks on



Dr. Pogue meets James Bradford, former GUNAA President — GSU faculty member, Dr. Parvin Lalehparvaran attentively listens



UPCOMING EVENTS

—DECEMBER 16—
Holiday Reception
Welcoming
Interim President &
Mrs. Frank G. Pogue
Grambling, Louisiana
Black & Gold Room
3:30 to 5:00 P.M.

—DECEMBER 18—
COMMENCEMENT
GSU Assembly Center
10:00 A.M.

—DECEMBER 18—
Fall Semester Ends
5:00 P.M.

—JANUARY 4—
Women & Men's
Basketball
GSU Assembly Center
5:30 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
GSU vs. Alabama State

—JANUARY 6—
Women & Men's
Basketball
GSU Assembly Center
5:30 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
GSU vs. Alabama A&M

—JANUARY 9—
Women & Men's
Basketball
Baton Rouge, LA
5:30 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.
GSU vs. Southern University

—JANUARY 10—
Spring Semester Begins
RESIDENCE HALLS OPEN

—JANUARY 19—
Classes Begin



**ALUMNI RELATIONS'
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THERE WAS STANDING ROOM ONLY!



Alum Spotlight

"GSU: A Century of Success at Transforming Lives by Degrees"

Before retiring in 2003, Dr. Matthew Guidry was Deputy Director of the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. He joined the Department in 1995.

As Deputy Director, Guidry managed the Department's Healthy People 2010 Objectives. The goals of Healthy People 2010 is to help all Americans increase life expectancy and improve their quality of life, gain access to quality healthcare, and to eliminate health disparities among population groups. He was also instrumental in formulating disease prevention and health promotion policies, and advised the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and White House officials on the action plan to prevent heart disease and stroke.

Prior to this assignment, Dr. Guidry was Deputy Director of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, having been appointed to this position during President Gerald Ford's administration. During his 23 year tenure with the Council he served five U.S. Presidents (Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan, George Herbert Walker Bush and William Jefferson Clinton). In his role with the Council, he created and directed The Great American Workout, National Physical Fitness and Sports Month, the National Youth Fun and Fitness Program, and numerous initiatives for people with disabilities.

Dr. Guidry's professional contributions also include five years as an Assistant Professor at Grambling State University, one year as Assistant Professor at Howard University, one year as a Fellow with the U.S. Office of Education, one year as a Fellow with the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, and fourteen months as a Resource Analyst with the Department of Defense.

Even though he is retired, he is active in community affairs, writing, traveling, and maintains a daily one hour exercise program of weight training and aerobic exercise. Last year he completed and published his autobiography entitled, "My Dreams Fulfilled." Recently he established The Matthew Guidry Student Endowed Scholarship at Grambling as his way of living his dream of giving back to an institution that gave him so much. All of the proceeds from the sale of his autobiography go to support his scholarship fund.

He believes that a positive attitude is essential to a healthy and productive life. One way to gain and maintain both are through physical activity and healthy living. He currently resides in Upper Marlboro, Maryland with his wife Kathy, formerly of Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Guidry's mantra: "Life is a journey, travel it wisely."



Dr. Matthew Guidry

Guidry's interest in health and fitness developed while growing up on his parents' farm in Southwest Louisiana. "I have always been physically active and choosing a career in Leisure Studies was a natural fit for me."

Dr. Guidry's decision to pursue a career in Physical Fitness and Sports served him well. He received his Bachelor of Science from Grambling in 1962, Master of Science from California State University, Los Angeles in 1966, and his Ph.D. from the University of Maryland in 1975.

He was the first, followed by eight members of his family, to earn the distinction of graduating from Grambling.

In January 2009 he was selected for the *Excellence in Leadership* program, Strong Men and Women, by Dominion Resources Services, Inc. of Richmond, Virginia.

On October 30, 2009 he was inducted into the Grambling State University Alumni Hall of Fame.

Alumni Relations salutes Dr. Matthew Guidry

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



Keith Williams, Veronica L. Johnson, Dr. Michael McKinley (GSU's Executive Assistant to the President), and an unidentified alum

Veronica L. Johnson, Dr. Michael McKinley (GSU's Executive Assistant to the President), Fonda Chapman, unidentified alum, and Dr. Sylvania Paul



Celebrating the alumni chapter's 25th 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-Rhyme (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.

Individual thanks went out to Doug Williams for delivering a special welcome and for his continued support.



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*Grambling State University & The Office of Alumni Relations
wish you a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year.*