



# Alumni News

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## Message from the President

Hello Fellow Alumni,



Thank you for your continued support in our attendance at the National Alumni Summer Conference held in Dallas, Texas. The overall conference was a success. The Dallas-Fort Worth Alumni Chapter did a great job in hosting the conference. I will be sharing some highlights and some challenges with you under a separate heading entitled Conference Highlights. It was during that conference that we learned of a worth young lady desiring to attend the university but because of some resistance from her biological mother, she could not be certified for financial assistance although she qualified for such. A plea was made by president Staples that all of the chapters as well as individuals give toward assisting this young lady in her efforts to enroll. The outpouring and support has been just fantastic.

Our chapter was able to assist by sending one thousand dollars toward her tuition for the fall. Thank you for your willingness to support this young lady with the scholarship funds we had set aside for some deserving student.

Please come, join our efforts and help us to fulfill our vision as a chapter. We need your help and commitment. Thank you for your commitment and willingness to serve. May God bless each of you.

H. Ed Calahan, President

## Local Chapter Update



The Austin UAPB/AM&N Alumni Chapter Continue to move toward its membership goal for 2008. We are reaching out to all of the known alumni within our area in an effort to meet that goal.

We are grateful to **Tiffany Payne-Griffin** for sharing with us about **Dr. Dana Mazique Book Scholarship Fund** (see write up under campus news update).



Tiffany

**Hello Everyone!**

I have been quite busy this summer with visits home (Chicago) and with my website that I created a few months ago. The site is for **UAPB alum/former students** who attended between **1986-**

**1998**. The following is a **letter** I wrote to the members of my site. Maybe it is something we could

add to the "**Good News**" for our newsletter.

Today, I am pleased to announce the formation of **BellTower Incorporated**.

**BellTower Inc.** is our non-profit foundation solely dedicated to providing educational scholarships for current UAPB students. The initial idea of organizing a one time scholarship, has now turned into an endowment with a goal of collecting over 10,000 dollars for scholarships! Your tax deductible contribution of just 10 dollars can help maintain a legacy of scholarship, excellence, and pride in our beloved UAPB. A PayPal account will be set up in just a few weeks to receive donations for the endowment. I will be contacting you next month, so start saving your \$10! Just think over 1300 people on this site and \$10 from each is a \$13,000 scholarship- -just think how many lives we can change with \$10.

The members of the Board are: Brenda N. Stallings (President), Henry Brooks IV (Vice-President) , Jabbar Smith (Treasurer), Neil Wilson, (Secretary), Scholarship Chair: Tiffany Payne-Griffin, Finance Chair: Timothy Brown, Legal Chief Officer: Twana Allen, and Board members Shandra Smith-Terry and Jerry "Boo" Langston.

**Tiffany R. Payne-Griffin**  
Network Creator

**Dr. James H. Means, Sr.** passed Away peacefully on July 27, 2008 at the age of 98. The grandson of former South Carolina slaves, **James H. Means** was born in Pine Bluff, Arkansas in 1910. After graduating from **Merrill High School**, he earned his **B.S. degree in mathematics from Arkansas A M and N College** (now the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff) **in 1933**, followed by an M.S. degree in mathematics at the University of Iowa in 1937. Dr. Means was the oldest alum of the **UAPB/AM&N** living here in Austin, Texas.



In 1958 he was awarded the Doctorate of Education in Mathematics by Oklahoma State University. Dr. Means was the first African-American precinct chairman for precinct 125 in Travis County in 1946. He later became Precinct chairman for precinct 129. He was a former member of the Austin Branch of the NACCP and a former Chairman of the Board of the NAACP Federal Credit Union, which, in 2000, merged with the East Austin Branch of the Greater Texas Federal Credit Union. He was Chairman of the Board of Austin Cab Company.

Huston-Tillotson's Alumni Association honored Dr. Means for Outstanding Achievements in

Mathematics in 1998. In the fall of 2006, the College of Education at Oklahoma State University honored Dr. Means with the Distinguished Alumnus Award as one of the first African-Americans to earn a doctorate there, as a graduate who had made a tremendous impact on his students for 42 years at Huston-Tillotson, and as a graduate who had made excellent use of his

Dr. Means was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, a charter member of Gamma Gamma Boule (Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity), and a Big Brother - all of which engage in great works of charity and inspiration in Austin. He received the Big Brothers Association of Austin Outstanding Service Award in 1978. After retiring, Dr. Means tutored mathematics in a project of the Austin Chapter of the Links Inc.



## University Campus Updates



The **Danna L. Mazique Book Scholarship** in honor of **Dr. Dana Lynn Mazique-Washington** was born and raised in Pine Bluff, Arkansas to Alexander and Eloise Mazique. Her family owned and operated the Lion's Den, where Dana began working as a teenager. Dana received a B.A. Degree in Psychology at the University of Houston, and obtained a J.D. from Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law. After working as an Assistant D.A. in Las Vegas, Nevada, and practicing law in Houston, Attorney Mazique returned home to Pine Bluff to care for her ailing mother. She decided to join the faculty at UAPB and taught Political Science and Criminal Justice courses to hundreds of students, who loved her classes. She was an inspiration to all of her students and encouraged them to always search for knowledge. One of her favorite sayings was, "Knowledge is Power." This book scholarship was the brainchild of **Attorney Timothy D. Flowers (c/o '95.)** After collaboration between Tim, **Attorney Brenda N. Stallings (c/o '93),** and **Tiffany R. Payne-Griffin (c/o '93),** monies were collected for a scholarship in memorial of our beloved **Dr. Mazique.** Tuesday, April 15th, 2008, the scholarship was presented to the recipients at the UAPB convocation. In order to keep this scholarship going, we need **YOUR** support! To donate, please email: [mazique.scholarship@gmail.com](mailto:mazique.scholarship@gmail.com)



## 2008 UA-Pine Bluff Football Schedule

**Aug. 30 Ark.-Monticello P. Bluff 6pm**

Sept. 6 Henderson State, Arkadelphia 6 pm

**Sept. 13 U of Central Ark. L.ROCK 6pm**

Sept. 20 Alcorn State Lorman, MS 6pm

**Sept. 27 Alabama A&M P. Bluff 6pm**

Oct. 4 OPEN

**Oct. 11 Jackson State P. Bluff 4pm**

**Oct. 18 Prairie View\* P. Bluff 4pm**

**Oct. 25 Lincoln (HC) P. Bluff**

**2:30pm**

Nov. 1 Southern\* Baton Rouge, LA 6pm

Nov. 8 Grambling State\* L. Rock 4pm

**Nov. 15 Miss.Valley ST. P Bluff 2:30pm**

Nov. 29 TX Southern\*\* Dallas, TX 2:30pm  
(1<sup>st</sup> Annual TX Lone Star Classic)

\* - West Division SWAC Games

\*\* - Cotton Bowl in Dallas, TX

**BOLD** - Denotes Home Game

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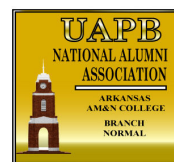
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## National Overview



The **National Alumni Association Board** consists of the following organizational structure.

### Officers

1. Mr. Samuel Staples, President - 2010
2. Hannibal Bolton, First Vice-President - 2008
3. Kristina Gulley, Second Vice President - 2010
4. Rosie Pettigrew, Recording Secretary - 2010
5. Matthew Henry, Treasurer - Ex-Officio
6. Kenya Joiner, Parliamentarian - 2008
7. Ceola Davis-Barnes, Immediate Past President

### Board of Directors

8. Napoleon Carter - 2010
9. Johnnie T. Flemming - 2010
10. Verlia Grice-Hoggard - 2010
11. David Jones (Member at large) - 2010
12. John A Kuykendall, Director of Alumni Affairs
13. Doris Moore (Member at large) - 2010
14. Gary Owens - 2010
15. Bobby Sweat - 2010
16. Ruby Thompson - 2008

### Chaplain

H. Ed Calahan

## 2008 Summer Conference

### Highlights

The National conference convened on July 17, 2008 at the Sheraton Hotel downtown Dallas, Texas with registration. It appeared that the overall attendance was approximately 200 hundred. The theme was "**One Family - One Goal**"



- *One Destiny.*" The conference was kicked off with the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Dominique "Nicky" Hurd Golf Tournament, Board of Directors Meeting and an Alumni Presidents Caucus. On Friday, there was a general business meeting, conference workshops on: Fundraising; Membership; Student Recruitment and a luncheon. Saturday continued with University updates from Chancellor Lawrence A. Davis, Jr., Mr. Elbert Bennett, Admin. Coordinator of Student Affairs; Dr. Margaret Martin-Hall, Director of University Relations and Development; Mr. Louis Perkins, Athletic Director; Mr. John Graham, Director of Bands and Dr. Mary Benjamin, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Dr. Mary Benjamin. Dr. Benjamin presented the following panel of students who gave some outstanding presentations. They were: Miss Krystal Pree, School of Agriculture, Fisheries and Human Science; Miss Audrey Thomas, School of Arts and Sciences; Mr. Brandon Shelby, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics); Mr. Andrew Brooks, School of Business and Management; Mr. Jeremy Cegers, School of Education and Mr. David Holmes, University College. Hearing these young people speak about why they choose to attend the university and their experience there left you gleaming with enthusiasm about the university and its future. Unfortunately, that moment wasn't captured on video. Those presentations would be great recruitment and positive presentations to elected official about the great value of this university. Chancellor Davis summarized that gathering with a story of a young lady who had come the visit the university with her grandmother who had raised her desiring to enrolled but because legal guardian issues, she could not access funds that she qualified for to attend the university. President Staples made a passionate plea for support for this young lady at the Black and Gold Banquet on Saturday night with very positive responses. Overall, this was a great conference.

There was an imitative presented and adopted for membership. It is the "Drive for 35." The Drive for 35 is an annual membership drive designed to recruit 3500 new alumni and friends in three years, beginning July 1, 2008 and culminating on October 15, 2011. The benefits of joining will be: Alumni card; Newsletter; Alumni car decal; 10% discount at UAPB Bookstore; Member AM&N Credit Union; Bank of America Credit Card; Hotel discounts; Insurance Discounts (5K minimum) Alumni voting privileges in business and board meetings and Opportunity to hold National and Local office.

**DRIVE FOR 35**

Our chapter had three representatives in attendance, Levi Bullock, Ed and Roberta calahan.



**Recruitment**

**One Recruit One**

UAPB Recruitment Slogan is **One Recruit One**. If any of you are interested in becoming the Recruitment Coordinator for the chapter, let us know at our next meeting.



Fellow Alumni the **mighty Lions** need your support. Please join our efforts in supporting the university as she continues to provide an excellent education to young men and women of this country.

**Sign up today!**

Austin UAPB/ AM&N Alumni Chapter:  
[www.austin-uapb-alumni.org/index.html](http://www.austin-uapb-alumni.org/index.html)

**We Need Your Support**



**Our Meeting Place**

The **Austin Chapter** of the **AM&N/UAPB Alumni Association** would like to invite you to join in our efforts in supporting our Alma Mater. We meet every **second Saturday** at the **Agape Baptist Church**, 7801 North Lamar Blvd. Bldg. F-15 at 1:00 P.M. in the "**Centre**" Building Complex.  
**Church Telephone number:** (512)454-1547  
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**Welcome Home!**



**One Recruit One**

