

ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY  
HUNTSVILLE, AL

**Alabama A & M University Alumni Association, Incorporated**  
**PO BOX 1717**  
**Normal, ALABAMA 35762**  
**“Service is sovereignty”**



June 14, 2012

Greetings Fellow Normalites and Friends,

Congratulations to Region IV Vice President, Mr. Albert Benifield, Houston Chapter President, Mr. Joe Arrington, the Houston Alumni Chapter members and the City of Houston for hosting the 2012 Alabama A & M University Association’s Summer Conference. Thanks to our many sponsors who will make this conference a success.

I would like to thank all of the conference facilitators for their time and contributions to this conference. We appreciate and value the sharing of your expertise with the conference attendees. We are very excited to hear from our luncheon speaker, Trustee Pro Tempore, Odysseus Lanier and our Banquet speaker Mr. Johnny C. Taylor, President and CEO of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

The Alabama A & M University family is celebrating 137 years of excellence and this Association is celebrating 82 years of supporting our beloved Alma Mater. This conference will be remembered for helping us to re-focus and to re-energize support for Alabama A & M University.

Personally, I would like to thank all national officers, committee chairpersons, chapter presidents and members of this Association for your support over the last four years. Thanks to the Trustees and Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Hugine for your unwavering support of this Association. Special thanks to Mrs. Sandra Stubbs and Mrs. Sibyl Moore of the Alumni Affairs office for supporting Alumni members across the nation. Congratulations to our newly elected officers and we offer you our support as you embark upon your new positions.

I am sure that you will leave this conference with renewed inspiration to make this Association the best that it can be.

**“GO BULLDOGS”**

***Robert Crenshaw***

General President

Alabama A & M University Alumni Association, Inc.

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## **ALABAMA A&M NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

### **Mission**

The mission of the AAMU National Alumni Association, a 501c-3 non-profit organization, is to garner and galvanize support of Alabama A&M University in ways that are compatible with the objectives of the University. Our intent is to ensure that Alabama A&M University remains a center of substance and excellence.

### **2010-12 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

<b>President</b>	<b>Robert Crenshaw</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Carol A. Watkins</b>
<b>Recording-Secretary</b>	<b>Crystal Goodman</b>
<b>Financial Secretary</b>	<b>Shelbia King</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Jerone Levy</b>

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<b>Region III</b>	<b>Annie J. White</b>
<b>Region IV</b>	<b>Albert Benifield, Jr.</b>
<b>Region V</b>	<b>Dr. Charles Cannon</b>
<b>Region VI</b>	<b>Dr. SanYvette Williams-Foy</b>

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<b>Elaine Chapman Epps</b>	<b>Karen Epps</b>
<b>Terrance G. Vickerstaff</b>	
<b>Executive Secretary</b>	<b>Dr. Alease Sims</b>
<b>Director of Alumni Affairs</b>	<b>Sandra Stubbs</b>





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June 14, 2012

*Greetings!*

On behalf of the students, faculty, staff and administration of the greatest university on earth, I proudly extend warm greetings and best wishes from “The Hill.” Throughout all of its 137 years, Alabama A&M University has achieved phenomenal heights, thanks in large measure to the valiant and tireless efforts of its alumni and the AAMU Alumni Association, Incorporated. As we observe another anniversary of this noble Association, it is paramount that we reflect on the role our alumni have played throughout history, from governmental relations to the significant scholarship support of students from around the country.

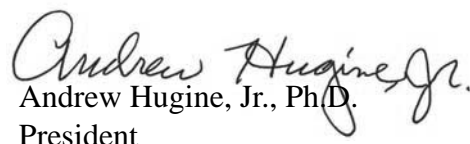


Throughout the chronicles of AAMU and its alumni association, an enviable tradition of service to the community and world has been sustained through education, meaningful research and supportive outreach endeavors. While the path for state-supported higher education has been—and continues to be—capricious, AAMU has nonetheless met all challenges and has prospered in spite of all the setbacks over the decades. Thus, the theme for this occasion—“Facing the Future ... Together”—is undeniably appropriate.

Indeed, we are always mindful of the ceaseless role our alumni continue to play in expanding the legacy of William Hooper Councill, actually living his vision and generously sharing it with prospective AAMU students throughout the globe. We also thank our Normalites for devoting service beyond the call of duty and for the numerous ways they ceaselessly give back.

Finally, as we celebrate this special anniversary, rest assured that AAMU’s future promises even bigger and better things along the horizon. Best wishes for a productive and enjoyable conference.

Sincerely,

  
Andrew Hugine, Jr., Ph.D.  
President





Alabama  
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June 14, 2012

OFFICE OF ALUMNI AFFAIRS  
Sandra Silmon Stubbs, Director

Greetings Normalites,

Welcome to the National Alumni Association Conference. Our theme this year is “Facing the Future.....Together”. I feel the optimal word is “together”. With your help, we can have a wonderful future and reach our goals together.

The conference will allow us time to look backwards and forward at our best practices across chapters and find ways to grow our current chapters and obtain new ones.

The Office of Alumni Affairs congratulates Regional VP Albert Benifield, President Joe Arrington and the Houston Alumni Chapter for a job well done, as the host for the convention this year. We also send congratulations to our AAMU National Alumni Association and the Conference Planning Team.

The Office of Alumni Affairs seeks to keep alumni, friends and the community connected with the University by acting as a medium through which they may become involved by giving of their time, talents and financial resources.

Again, hats off to the AAMU National Alumni Association and the Houston Alumni Chapter on another successful conference year. Thank you for your continued support to Alabama A&M University in all you do.

*Sandra*





**ALABAMA A&M UNIVERSITY**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Dr. Andrew Hugine, University President**

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**Mr. Andre Taylor**

**Ms. Velma Tribue**

**Dr. Jerome Williams**

**Mr. Brandon Gilmore, President SGA**



**Alabama A&M University**  
**Alumni Association**  
**2012 Conference Chair**



June 14, 2012

Greetings Fellow Alumni and Friends!

Welcome to the 2012 National Alumni Conference of the Alabama A&M University Alumni Association. It is indeed an honor to serve as your Chairperson for this year's Conference.

The Conference planning committee and the Houston Alumni Chapter have gone to great lengths to ensure that this National conference is very informative and enjoyable by bringing together three pillars of the University: Students, Administrators and Alumni. To that we say "Thank You" for your unwavering support and hard work in the planning and development of this conference. For this was truly a team effort.

Special Thanks go to the Conference Co-chairs Mr. Joe Arrington and Mrs. Faith Washington who provided the guidance and assistance in this endeavor to make this conference possible.

I also want to thank all the attendees for taking time from their busy schedules to make this conference a success. For without you there would be no 2012 AAMU National Alumni Association Conference. My hope is that you take something from this conference that will not only renew your spirit and commitment to Alabama A&M University but also to the National Alumni Association and the Students of this GREAT University to assist in "Facing The Future ....Together".

Sincerely,

Albert Benifield, Jr.  
Conference Chair





## **Alabama A&M National Alumni Conference 2012**

### **Co-Chairs**



June 14, 2012

Greetings Alumni & Supporters,

Welcome to Houston, the energy capital of the world where you can expect the unexpected. It's with great joy that we greet and thank you for participating in Conference 2012. Our Houston Chapter members are available to assist you to help make your stay enjoyable.

We are grateful to the Association President Robert Crenshaw and the Leadership Team who entrusted our Chapter to host this Conference. Many thanks to our Chapter members, Greater Houston Convention Bureau, Westin Hotel Staff, sponsors, volunteers and other nameless individuals who assisted in planning this event.

A robust program has been prepared to challenge us to develop solutions to address issues that our University, Chapters, Students and maybe on a personal level some of us face. We know that if we put our collective minds and skills together, "we" can meet and exceed the challenges. Moreover, we don't have to do it along. Hence, the conference theme of "Facing the Future Together" indicates that we must remain connected .

We hope this Conference will Refresh and Revive that "Bulldog Spirit" as you return to your chapters/communities where the real work occurs. As you Reflect on the role Alabama A&M University was in your development, we are indebted to past and future generations.

Let's remain focus and faithful on this journey !

Regards,

*Joe L. Arrington*

President Houston Chapter/Co-Chair

*Faith Washington-Cavil*

Co-Chair







## CITY OF HOUSTON

Office of the Mayor

**Annise D. Parker**

Mayor

P.O. Box 1562  
Houston, Texas 77251-1562

Greetings,

As Mayor of Houston, I welcome all attending the **Alabama A&M University (AAMU) National Alumni Association Conference**. This remarkable event unites AAMU alumni and classmates to renew friendships and fondly recall memories made years ago.

We are proud that our great city is home to a vibrant **AAMU** alumni community, and I am pleased that you chose to visit Houston, a source of budding academicians for all prestigious universities to recruit. Higher education is the key to our city and our nation's prosperity.

I commend the **AAMU** alumni gathered here who promote the ideals and seek the progress of higher learning institutions such as **Alabama A&M University**. As the home of several distinguished universities, Houston values the role higher education plays in shaping our country's future.

Best wishes for a memorable event and continued success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Annise D. Parker'.

Annise D. Parker  
Mayor





**LARRY V. GREEN, ESQ.**  
Houston City Council Member, District K

June 14, 2012

Greetings,

It is indeed an honor and a pleasure to officially welcome the 2012 Alabama A&M University National Alumni Association Conference to our great city during June 14-16, 2012.

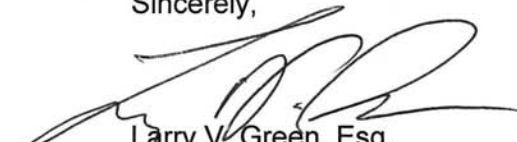
I know the Alabama A&M University Houston Alumni Chapter, which consists of approximately 80 proud graduates from within the greater Houston metropolitan area, will ensure that all conference attendees enjoy themselves and re-connect with old friends and colleagues during their conference stay.

More importantly, we are very fortunate to have our very own, Odysseus Lanier, partner with McConnell, Jones, Lanier, & Murphy, LLP, Alabama A&M University Board of Trustees President, serve as this year's conference keynote speaker. Furthermore, I would also like to welcome both the Alabama A&M University President Dr. Andrew Hugine and the Alabama A&M University National Alumni President Robert Crenshaw.

Overall, there are 49 active Alabama A&M University alumni chapters nationwide. It is through these local alumni chapters that they are able to host university-related events and recruit potential students to the university. Moreover, it is through these annual alumni conferences that fellow alumni and friends have the opportunity to proudly raise additional funds for local chapter scholarships which further support the Alabama A&M University.

I wish the Alabama A&M University Houston Alumni Chapter much success with hosting this year's annual alumni conference. Go Bulldogs!

Sincerely,

  
Larry V. Green, Esq.  
Houston Council Member  
District K





## **ALUMNI CONFERENCE 2012 PLANNING TEAM**

<b>Robert Crenshaw</b>	<b>President National Alumni Association</b>
<b>Carol Watkins</b>	<b>Vice President National Alumni Assoc.</b>
<b>Crystal Goodman</b>	<b>Secretary National Alumni Association</b>
<b>Sandra Stubbs</b>	<b>Director Alumni Affairs</b>
<b>Albert Benifield</b>	<b>Regional Vice President, Region IV</b>
<b>Joe Arrington</b>	<b>President Houston Alumni Chapter</b>
<b>Faith Washington-Cavil</b>	<b>Houston Alumni Chapter</b>

### **Sub-Committee Chairpersons**

<b>Crystal Goodman</b>	<b>Communication &amp; Promotions</b>
<b>Lula Nelson</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
<b>Albert Benifield</b>	<b>Program</b>
<b>LaToya Davenport</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>Joe Arrington</b>	<b>Souvenir Booklet</b>



# Houston



## *H-Town Facts*

State Rank	Largest city in Texas
US Rank	4 <sup>th</sup> largest city
Government	Mayor-Council (14)
Population	2.1 million (2010)
Metro Area Population	6 million (2010)
Demographics	Latino 44%; African Americans 24%; Whites 24%; Asian 6%
Area size	602 sq miles (1,700 km)
Avg summer temp	90° F
School System	HISD 7 <sup>th</sup> largest in US (203K); 17 ISD's in city; 300 private
Colleges/Universities	40+ that includes HBCU -Texas Southern University
Major Industries	Energy, technology, shipping, medicine
Fortune 500 rank	23 companies (2 <sup>nd</sup> )+ 62 of the world's 100 non-US based corps.
Largest employer	Texas Medical Center (52K employees)
5 Major League Sports Teams	Astros, Rockets, Texans, Dynamo & Aeros
Points of interest	Theatre district/museums, Galleria, NASA, Rodeo, TBE
Little known fact	World's largest concentration of healthcare and research inst.





### ***The Normalites Creed***

As an Alumnus of Alabama A&M University, my first responsibility is to be informed about the progress of my Alma Mater at all times. I am to actively seek information and to clarify misinterpretations of the University wherever necessary. I hereby pledge to keep the University informed of my location.

Secondly – ...

To continue the education as begun at my Alma Mater through workshops, professional meetings, and special programs of the Alumni Association for the professional and personal development of its members.

Thirdly - .....

To replace myself at my Alma Mater with the most promising students that I can influence. I will seek students who offer the greatest potential in academic, cultural, religious, and social development. I will keep the name of my Alma Mater before them throughout their preparatory years and help to assure that they articulate in accordance with existing university regulations.

However diverse become my interests, I shall bear in mind these three responsibilities bind Normalites together the world over.

### ***The University Hymn***



***Words by J.F. Drake***

***Arranged by Henry Bradford, Jr.***

*Alabama A&M,*

*Rich in heritage divine*

*Blest by the life of council brave*

*Who gave his all that thou might shine*

***(Chorus)***

***Chorus:***

*Alma mater, blest be thou name,*

*Long live thou fame; long live thy fame!*

*Many thou brave and loyal sons*

*Sent from thou shrine on Noman's Hill*

*Filled with a zeal for tasks well done*

*Anxious thy mandate to fulfill*

***(Chorus)***

*Long may you to bless the world*

*For right and justice take a stand*

*As from your rocky heights you view*

*Your children's work throughout the land.*



## ***Congratulations to 2012 National Alumnae of the Year Mr. Thomas Taylor***



Thomas Taylor, a native of Phoenix City, Alabama, is the youngest of seven born to Clifford and Inez Taylor. He is a 1983 graduate of Alabama A & M University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in computer science with a minor in Military Science.

One of the original founders of the Washington DC Metropolitan AAMU Alumni Chapter, Taylor is a life member of the AAMU Alumni Association and a strong supporter of Alabama A&M University. He is a past vice-president of the Washington DC Metropolitan Alumni Chapter, past national William Hooper Councill Service Award recipient, and chapter chair of several committees. Recently he chaired the chapter's Endowment Committee. As a result of his leadership, the chapter raised \$30,000 in 18 months which was matched with funds through the University's Office of Advancement for a total chapter endowment of \$60,000.

Taylor is currently co-chairing the "Nu Epsilon Men of Omega" Endowment with AAMU, which he helped to establish. He is instrumental in identifying additional fund raising opportunities for the local chapter and is a member of the team responsible for establishing the Alabama Big 3 (Alabama A&M, Alabama State, and Tuskegee Universities) HBCU WMA Alumni Associations' Annual activities: the Big 3 Gala and Picnic.

Taylor has over 28 years of military and private industry experience. He started his career as a commissioned officer in the United States Army as a Second Lieutenant. He served in the Army at various locations until 1986. Within private industry, he discovered that in addition to his passion for his job in information technology, he has a passion for helping others to succeed. While working at Lockheed Martin, he has been active in recruiting, diversity activities, and employee mentoring.

His affiliations include: life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE). He was a Lockheed Martin President's Award winner, a 2005 Black Engineer Modern Day Technology Leadership Award recipient, and he was presented the Lockheed Martin Diversity Award in 2004 and 2008.

Taylor is a strong personal financial contributor to the University. He has given generously to the AAMU Endowment Fund, Marching Maroon & White Band Uniforms, Bulldog Club supporter, 1875 Normalite Campaign, Council Challenge Endowment, and Washington, DC Scholarship Fund. Taylor is married to Ouida Hampton-Taylor and lives in Gaithersburg, MD. Taylor is the proud parent of one daughter, Kirsten James, and stepson, Marcus Hampton.





## 2012 Alumni Conference Schedule

*\*Optional Event Not Included In Conference Registration*

### Thursday, June 14

### Location

11:00 am - 5:00 pm	AAMU Alumni Golf Outing* Open Play, Tee-time 12:30 pm	Southwyck Golf Club
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Registration	Oak Room
7:00pm - 8:00 pm	National Alumni Association Board Meeting	Oak Room
8:00 pm	Meet & Greet Refreshments	Regency Suite

### Friday, June 15

### Location

	Support Vendors Until 5 pm	Oak Room
6:00 am - 7:00 am	Bulldog Fit Club	Hotel Gym Galleria Walk
7:30 am - 8:15 am	Continental Breakfast	Roof
8:30 am - 5:00 pm	Conference Registration	Roof- Foyer
8:30 am - 8:40 am	Welcome Albert Benifield, Regional VP	Roof
8:40 am - 8:50 am	Conference Overview/Expectations Joe Arrington, President Houston Chapter	
8:50 am - 9:15 am	State of Alumni Association Robert Crenshaw, National President	
9:15 am - 10:00 am	Roundtable Discussions With AAMU VP's - Brand & Reputation Management Wendy Kobler, VP Marketing, Comm & Advancement - University Fundraising Strategy Archie Tucker, Director Development	
10:00 am-10:15am	-Break-	



## *2012 Alumni Conference Schedule*

*\*Optional Event Not Included In Conference Registration*

<i>Friday, 6/15-cont'd</i>	<i>location</i>
<i>10:15 am -10:45 am</i>	<i>AAMU Foundation Overview/Update Allen Vital, VP University Foundation</i>
<i>10:45 am - 11:30 am</i>	<i>College Organizational Structure/Programs Dr. Daniel Wims Provost &amp; VP Academic Affairs</i>
<i>12:00 pm -1:50 pm</i>	<i>Luncheon <span style="float: right;"><i>Roof</i></span> Speaker: Mr. Odysseus Lanier President Pro Tempore AAMU Board of Trustees</i>
<i>Note: Installation of 2012 Board Members</i>	
<i>2:00 pm - 2:30 pm</i>	<i>Roundtable Discussion/Q&amp;A With Mr. Lanier</i>
<i>2:30 pm - 2:45 pm</i>	<i>-Break-</i>
<i>2:45 pm - 3:30 pm</i>	<i>National Alumni Assoc. Benchmark - View from Others - Veronica Johnson, National Business Manager Grambling State University National Alumni Assoc. - Dennis Brown, National President Southern University National Alumni Assoc.</i>
<i>3:30 pm - 4:30 pm</i>	<i>Breakout Groups (Participate in One)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Alumni Recruitment &amp; Retention</i></li> <li>• <i>Leveraging Technology &amp; Social Media</i></li> <li>• <i>Role of Alumni Assoc- Strategy, Goals, Programs</i></li> <li>• <i>Alumni Assoc. Benchmark/Metrics (Meeting Rooms TBA)</i></li> </ul>
<i>4:30 pm- 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Ice Cream Social <span style="float: right;"><i>Oak Room</i></span></i>
<i>5:00 pm- 5:30 pm</i>	<i>Council of Chapter Presidents <span style="float: right;"><i>Roof</i></span></i>
<i>6:30 pm- 10:00 pm</i>	<i>Local Events (Options TBA)*</i>







## 2012 Alumni Conference Schedule

**\*\*Optional Event Not Included In Conference Registration**

### Saturday, June 16

		<i>location</i>
	<i>Support Vendors Until 1pm</i>	<i>Oak Room</i>
<i>6:00 am</i>	<i>Bulldog Fit Club</i>	<i>Hotel Gym Galleria Walk</i>
<i>7:00 am - 8:30 am</i>	<i>Breakfast on your own</i>	
<i>8:30 am - 9:00 am</i>	<i>Day 1 Recap &amp; Day 2 Overview Sandra Stubbs Director Alumni Affairs The Students Speak- SGA Reps &amp; Miss AAMU</i>	<i>Roof</i>
<i>8:45 am - 9:30 am</i>	<i>Round Table Discussion - Brian Hicks, Athletic Director - Dr. Andrew Hugine, President AAMU</i>	
<i>9:30 am - 9:45 am</i>	<i>-Break-</i>	
<i>9:45 am - 11:00 am</i>	<i>Breakout Groups Meeting</i>	
<i>11:00 am - 11:30 am</i>	<i>Breakout Groups Report 8 min readout by each group with action assigned teams</i>	
<i>11:30 am - 11:50 am</i>	<i>Next Steps/Response Robert Crenshaw, President John Hackett, President-Elect</i>	
<i>11:50 am - 12 Noon</i>	<i>Closing Remarks</i>	
<i>Noon - 5:00 pm</i>	<i>Enjoy Houston on Your Own* -Note: Optional Network Lunch @ 1:30 pm (TBA)*</i>	
<i>6:00 pm - 12 midnight</i>	<i>Cocktail Hour &amp; Banquet Dinner Keynote Speaker: Mr. Johnny C. Taylor President &amp; CEO Thurgood Marshall Fund</i>	<i>Roof</i>
<b>Sunday, 6/17</b>		
<i>9:00 am - 10:30 am</i>	<i>Board Members Transition Workshop</i>	<i>Directors CR</i>





**LUNCHEON PROGRAMME**  
**Mrs. Carol Watkins, Mistress of Ceremonies**

<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Mrs. Faith Washington-Cavil '97</b> <b>Houston Alumni Chapter</b>
<b>Recognition of Dais</b>	<b>Mr. Albert Benifield, Jr. '78</b> <b>Regional Vice President, Region IV</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Ms. Karen Rena Epps '82</b> <b>Member-at-Large</b> <b>National Alumni Association, Inc.</b>

**-LUNCH SERVED-**

<b>Introduction of Speaker</b>	<b>Mrs. Andrea Weston '78</b> <b>Vice President</b> <b>Houston Alumni Chapter</b>
<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	<b>Mr. Odysseus Lanier '77</b> <b>President Pro Tempore</b> <b>AAMU Board of Trustees</b>
<b>Special Recognitions</b>	<b>Mr. Robert Crenshaw '69</b> <b>President, National Alumni</b> <b>Association, Inc.</b>

~ Installation of Officers ~

~ Announcements ~





**Mr. Odysseus M. Lanier**  
**AAMU President Pro Tempore**



McCONNELL JONES LANIER & MURPHY LLP  
CONSULTANTS & BUSINESS ADVISORS



Alumnus and Trustee Odysseus Lanier has led the board of trustees since October 2010. He is one of the four founding partners of McConnell Jones Lanier & Murphy LLP (MJLM) and leads the firm's Federal Services Group, with primary responsibility for MJLM's Engineering & Technical Services Division located in Huntsville, Ala., with over 90 employees. With over 180 full-time employees firm-wide, MJLM is the third largest African American-owned accounting and consulting firm in the United States, the largest African American-owned accounting and consulting firm in the southern and southwestern United States, and the 19th largest public accounting firm in Houston, Tex., as reported by the Houston Business Journal's 2010 Book of Lists.

Lanier is a certified public accountant (CPA) and has amassed more than three decades of professional experience. In addition to working with federal, state and local agencies, Lanier lists among his numerous specialties the provision of assistance to colleges and universities, school districts, and municipalities by providing expert consultation in governance, strategic planning, business process improvement, procurement strategies, and financial management. He also leads MJLM's business process outsourcing and co-sourcing initiatives, including large-scale administrative, financial, engineering and management support services contracts, as well as internal audit co-sourcing and outsourcing projects.



**Banquet Programme**  
**Mr. Joe Arrington '77, Master of Ceremonies**

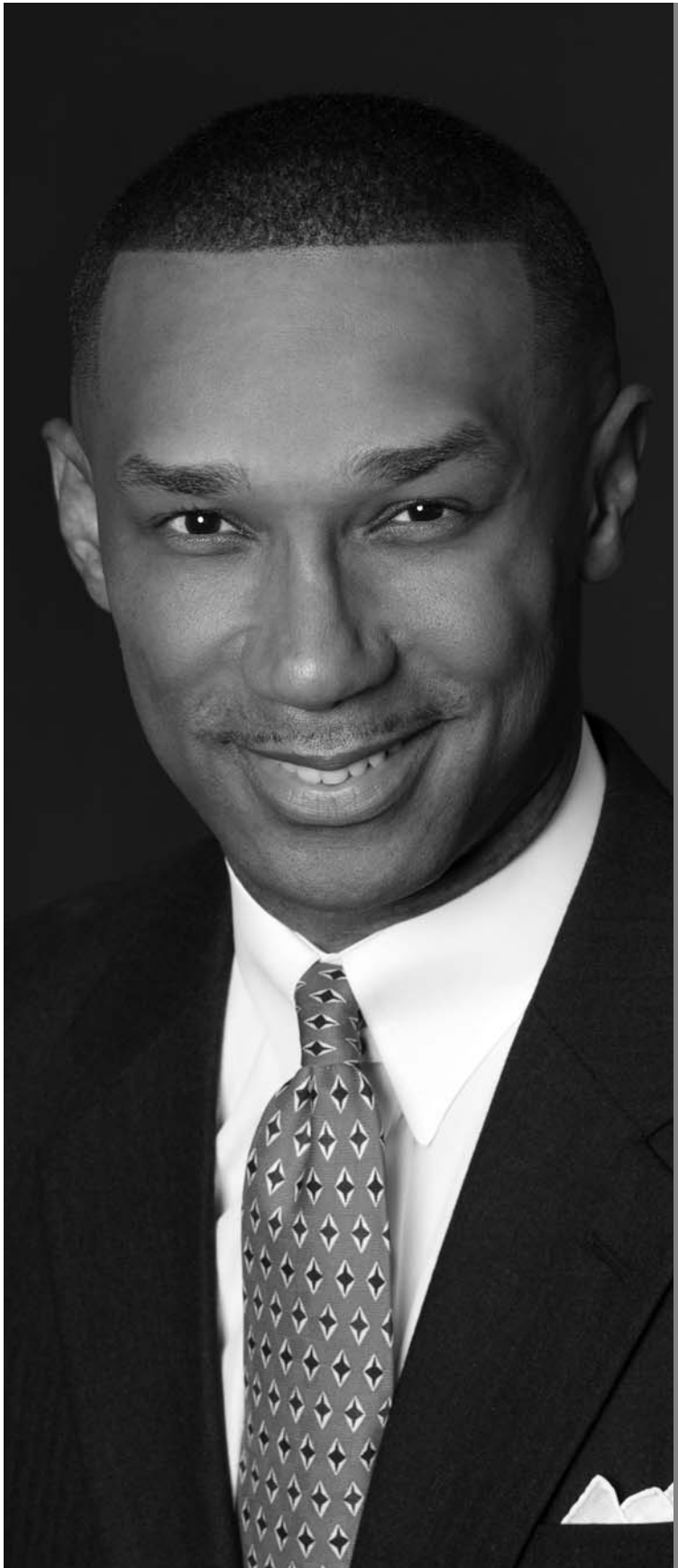
<b>Greetings</b>	<b>Mr. Joe Arrington '77</b> <b>President, Houston Alumni Chapter</b>
<b>Recognitions</b>	<b>Mr. Albert Benifield, Jr. '78</b> <b>Regional Vice President, Region IV</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Mr. John Hackett '65</b> <b>President-Elect, National Alumni</b> <b>Association, Inc.</b>

**-DINNER SERVED-**  
**Musical Entertainment**

<b>Introduction of Speaker</b>	<b>Mr. Robert Crenshaw '69</b> <b>President, National Alumni</b> <b>Association, Inc.</b>
<b>Keynote Speaker</b>	<b>Mr. Johnny Taylor</b> <b>President &amp; CEO</b> <b>Thurgood Marshall Fund</b>
<b>Special Recognitions</b>	<b>Mr. Robert Crenshaw '69</b> <b>President, National Alumni</b> <b>Association, Inc.</b>
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Dr. Andrew Hugine, Jr.</b> <b>President, Alabama A&amp;M University</b>
	<b>Mr. Albert Benifield, Jr. '78</b> <b>Regional Vice President, Region IV</b>
	<b>Mr. Robert Crenshaw '69</b> <b>President, National Alumni</b> <b>Association, Inc.</b>

**-Dancing-**





**Johnny C. Taylor, Jr.**  
President & CEO

Recently named one of the “Power 100” by Ebony Magazine in its 2010-2011 list of the 100 most influential African Americans, Johnny C. Taylor, Jr. is the President & CEO of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCF), the only national organization representing nearly 300,000 students attending this country’s 47 *public* Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). With approximately 80% of all HBCU students attending TMCF member-schools, Mr. Taylor leads an organization responsible for providing this country a robust and diverse pipeline of talented workers and future leaders.

Immediately prior to assuming the presidency of TMCF, Mr. Taylor worked as a senior executive for IAC/InterActiveCorp – first as its Senior Vice President of Human Resources and then as the President & CEO of one of IAC’s operating subsidiaries, RushmoreDrive.com. Before joining IAC, Mr. Taylor’s career spanned nearly 15 years as Litigation Partner and President of the human resources consulting business for the McGuireWoods law firm; Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary for Compass Group USA; General Counsel & Senior Vice President of Human Resources for Viacom subsidiary, Paramount Pictures Live Entertainment Group; and Associate General Counsel & Vice President of Human Resources for Viacom subsidiary, Blockbuster Entertainment Group.

Mr. Taylor received his Bachelor of Science in Communication With General Honors from the University of Miami; Master of Arts in Mass Communication With Honors from Drake University; and Doctor of Jurisprudence With Honors from the Drake Law School, where he served as Research Editor of the Drake Law Review and argued on the National Moot Court Team. He is licensed to practice law in Florida, Illinois, and Washington, D.C. and holds a Senior Professional in Human Resources certification.

Mr. Taylor, who currently serves on the corporate board of Gallup, a leader in organizational consulting and public opinion research, also volunteers his time to several not-for-profit boards, including serving as: Former Chairman of the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM), one of the world’s largest professional associations with 250,000 members in over 100 countries; and Member of the Board of Directors of the YMCA of the USA, the country’s largest social service agency.

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Bryan Hicks assumed his duties as Alabama A&M AD June 3, 2012. A native of Huntsville, Ala., AD Hicks attended Tuskegee University and played on the basketball and baseball teams. He received his bachelor degree in Marketing from Alabama A&M University in 1992 and went on to receive his Masters in Public Administration (MPA) degree from Portland State in 1996.

He comes to A&M after serving as associate athletic director for student development at Missouri State University. AD Hicks also served on the University's Commission on Diversity and Racial Equality, the Director's Council for University Wide Advising and coordinated U of L's Student-Athletes of Color Combining Opportunity and Responsibility for Excellence.

AD Hicks spent 13 years at the University of Louisville, including five as assistant athletic director for academics, overseeing the academic responsibilities for the Cardinal football team and stadium computer lab. Prior to his Louisville assignment, he worked at Warner Pacific College in Portland, Ore.

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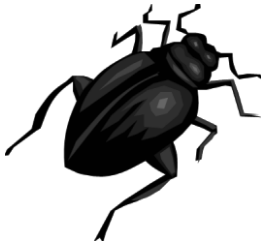
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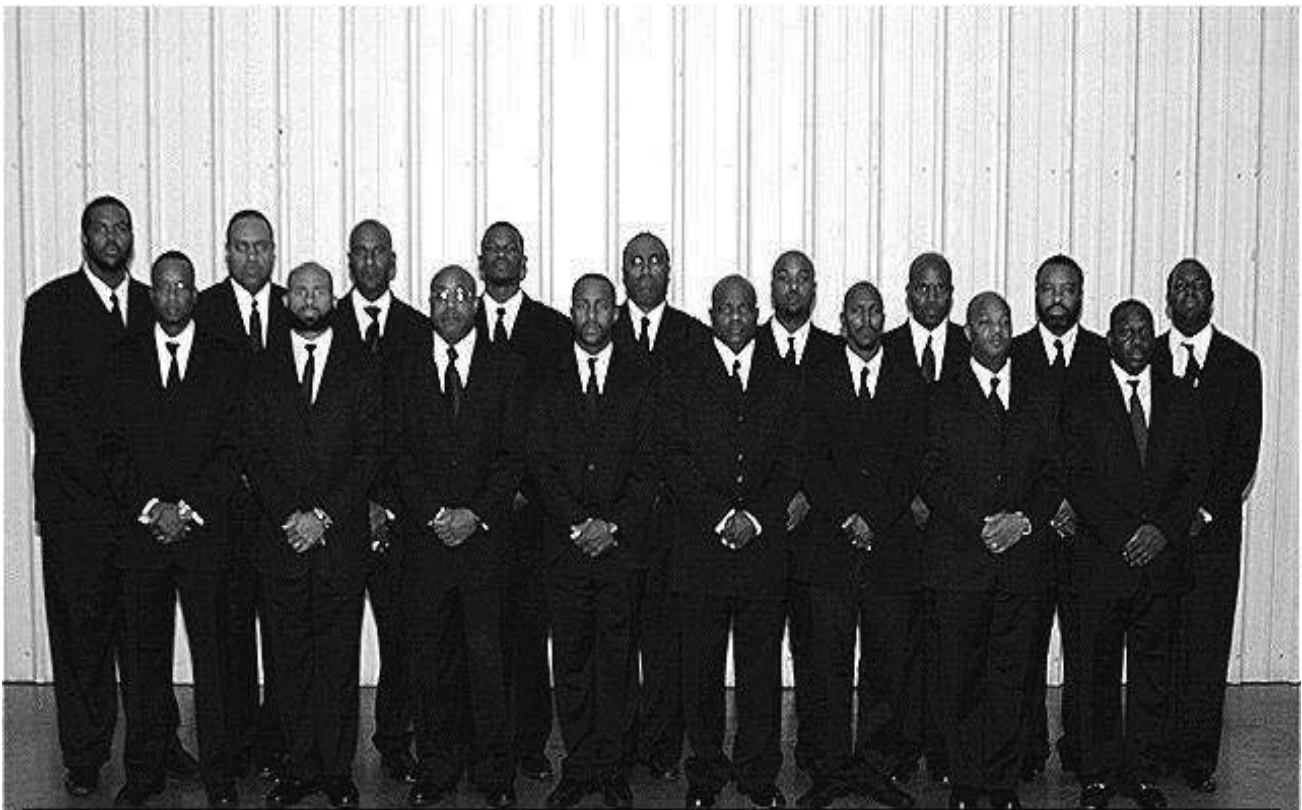
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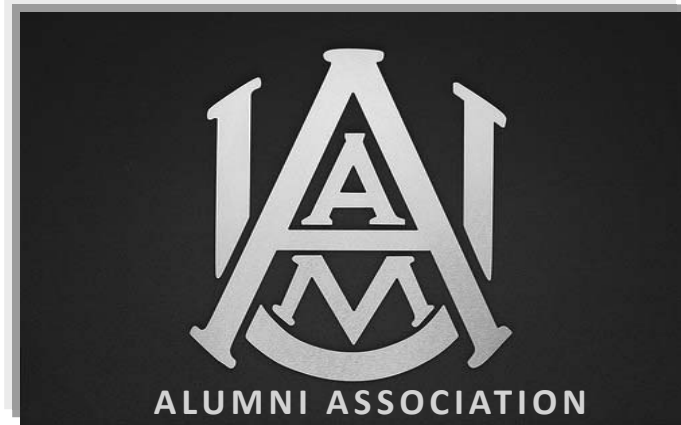
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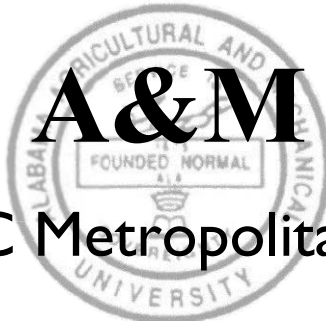


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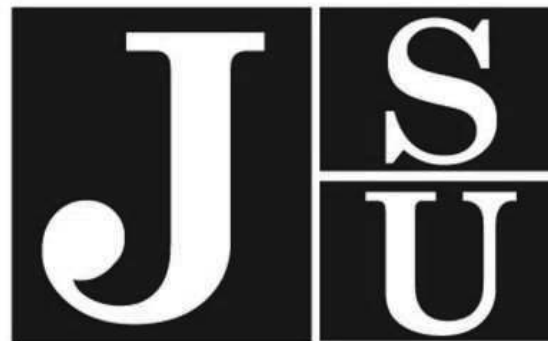
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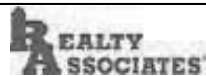
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**While here in Houston, I hope to meet as many of you as possible. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future and if you are asked to serve on any committees or lead any activities, I certainly hope that you will give the request your sincere consideration and, you answer, yes.**

**To our outgoing administration, thank you for your leadership and for all the work that you have done on behalf of our great alma mater. Your conference committee has put in place an exceptional agenda for this week and I am certain that we will all leave Houston with a renewed A&M spirit.**

**To our new team of officers, I look forward to working with each of you. Let's start this year challenging ourselves to give this our very best efforts.**

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