Paine College makes history at Honda Campus All-Star Challenge

Paine College’s Honda Campus All-Star Challenge team made history for the College at the national championship tournament held March 26-30, 2009 in Orlando, Fl. Paine College placed 2nd in their division, which included seven other HBCUs and advanced to the semifinals “Sweet 16” for the first time since the competition’s inception. “We’re going further than the “Sweet 16” next year,” said George C. Bradley, who accompanied the team to the tournament.

Team captain, Eric Stephens was among the top 8 players of 64 institutions and the number 1 player in his division. Teammate Edward Collins was number 4 in his division.

All team members agree that they couldn’t have advanced as far as they did without their team coach, Deloris Groom. “I am extremely proud of our team. We made history this year and we plan to advance further next year. All of the players performed at a level that they should be proud of. We appreciate all of the support from the Paine College community.”

The Honda Campus All-Star Challenge is the only annual academic competition held between the nation’s HBCUs. Paine College is just one of the “Strong 64” participating schools that participated in the three day tournament that test their skills in world history, science, literature, religion, the arts, social sciences, popular culture and African-American history and culture. Paine College has participated in this competition since its inception earning over $30,000 for the institution, which is used to enhance student programs, team travel and team preparation.
Paine College receives $10,000 from Augusta Links Chapter

AUGUSTA, GA – Mrs. Ann N. Johnson, president of the Augusta Chapter of The Links Incorporated along with members of the organization presented Dr. George C. Bradley, president of Paine College with $10,000 gift to establish an endowed scholarship at Paine College.

"For over fifty years the Augusta Chapter has been serving the youth and general citizenry of our community by presenting empowerment seminars, workshops, awarding scholarships and sponsoring community projects that uplift humanity," said Johnson. This contribution was something our members really wanted to do knowing the difficulty HBCU’s experience with endowments. We are proud to contribute because we see a group of women who understand the challenges students have when it comes to funding their education."

The scholarship will be awarded to a student who is a resident of the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA) and is currently enrolled as a full-time student at Paine College. The student must be returning to Paine College for the next academic year. The student must have a 3.0 grade point average and be interviewed by the Scholarship Committee of the Augusta Chapter of the Links Inc.

Dr. Richard Powell lecture huge success

Dr. Richard J. Powell took an audience of students, faculty and community on a phenomenal journey through art with his recent lecture at Paine College. The Portals of Illumination Museums and Galleries event was held April 2 at 1:30 p.m. in the Candler Memorial Literary and Conference Center. Powell currently serves as the John Spencer Bassett Professor of Art and Art History at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, where he has taught since 1989.

Dr. Powell addresses the crowd

Powell shared African American "Works of Paper in print" with packed conference room. The lecture took us through a journey of times, displaying lithographs, photographs, etchings, linocuts and aquatints and more.

New Staff

- O’Neal Robinson, Interim Vice President of Business and Finance
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127th Baccalaureate and Commencement Convocation Speakers

**BACCALAUREATE SPEAKER**

The Rev. Dr. Henry Delaney, Jr. will be the speaker for the 127th Baccalaureate Convocation. The service will be Saturday, May 2, 2009 at the Gilbert-Lambuth Memorial Chapel at 3 p.m. Delaney is the pastor of Saint Paul Christian Methodist Episcopal Church in Savannah, Ga. He is married to the Rev. Ethel Y. Delancy. He is the father of 7 children and has 10 grandchildren.

**COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER**

The honorable Lester Jackson will be the speaker for the 127th Commencement Convocation. The ceremony will be Sunday, May 3, 2009 at the William Bell Auditorium at 9 a.m. Jackson is a 1981 graduate of Paine College. He is serving his first term in the state Senate. He represents Senate District 2, which encompasses much of the City of Savannah and northern Chatham County. He and his wife, Dr. Lorna Jackson, have four children.

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While every golf lover in the world was flocking around the famous Augusta National Golf Club home of the Masters Tournament, one golf legend wasn’t. Lee Elder decided to take time out his Masters week to play, practice and teach the Paine College Golf Team why he isn’t leaving the game he loves anytime soon.

Golf team members admittedly “googled” Elder, but once they discovered his history the connection was undeniable. “The experience with Mr. Elder had an amazing impact on the players. The pointers Mr. Elder gave turned several players’ golf game around,” said Hoover Johnson, head golf coach.

No stranger to Paine, Elder established a relationship with the College’s last president Dr. Shirley A.R. Lewis, during the golf team’s inception in 2005. He has continued that relationship with the new leadership of the College Dr. George C. Bradley.

“I have great interest in this team. I like to see Historically Black College and University (HBCU) players improve. That’s what it’s all about,” Elder said.

Now, Elder visits several colleges sharing his wisdom and insight on the game. “We who have led the way can help those who intend to be the greatest in the future,” he said. He has visited Benedict College, Clark Atlanta University, South Carolina State University, Howard University, and Morehouse College conducting clinics.

While each team is special he sees enormous potential in Paine College golfers. On the golf course Elder is calm watching closely the stroke of every golfer to ensure mistakes are addressed and corrected. Since the arrival of Johnson in September 2008, fundraisers have been planned and each event has been successful. In February 2009, the College hosted the inaugural Alumni Golf Tournament at Forest Hills Golf Club to raise money for the Paine College golf program.

Johnson strives to make the Paine College golf program one of the most notable in the country. “We need to continue to recruit great student athletes, seek funding as well as support from the community,” Johnson said.

The next stop of the Paine College golf team is the Minority Golf Championship in Port Saint Lucie, Fla. The tournament will take place starting May 7-10, 2009.

Paine golfers gains wisdom from a legend

![Elder poses with Paine Golf Team and coaches](image)

Lee Elder gives sound advice to Chauncey Davis, Paine golfer.

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