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and 10 graduate). For Fall 2011, out of the University total of 412 the College graduated a total of 181 (43.9%) students (156 undergraduate and 25 graduate). For Spring 2012, out of the University total of 496, the College graduated 247 (49.8%) students (142 undergraduate and 105 graduate). Overall, the College of Professional Studies graduated 42.3% of undergraduate and 63.4% graduate students of the University for the 2011-2012 school year. (Source: *Office of Planning and Institutional Effectiveness*)

Also, the programs in the College maintain good retention rates. Data on retention rates by departments from Fall 2010 to Fall 2011 show that all four programs in the College maintain more than 50% retention rates. By academic program, the retention rates are: Criminal Justice 75%, Mass Communication 68%, Nursing 55% and Social Work 52%.

## Accreditations

to look at the credibility and national standing of each of the programs in the College of Professional Studies. The School of Nursing, the School of Social Work and the Department of Mass Communication are nationally accredited by their respective accrediting agencies. The BSN and MSN programs of the School of Nursing are accredited by the National League of Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), the BSW and MSW programs of the School of Social Work maintain their accreditation status with the Commission on Accreditation of the Council of Social Work Education (CSWE), and the De

campus and the School of Social Work in April 2011.

Sandra Lee of Mass Communication is an ABD from the Union Institute and University at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chin-Nu Lin of Nursing is working on her Ph.D. degree in Nursing from the University of Texas at Tyler.

Sharon Murff is working on her Ph.

professional schools. If funded, the School of Social Work will recruit African American students, with special focus on males, to expose them to an intensive mental health program with supportive mentoring.

Dr. Mildred Delozia has submitted a proposal to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for a project entitled, Scholarships for Disadvantaged Children. This is a four-year \$1.04 million grant proposal. If funded, it will provide scholarships to 20 Master of Social Work (MSW) students worth \$13,000 each per year.

Jacqueline Garrison has submitted the continuing grant proposal for next three years (2012-2015) for \$421,533 to the Louisiana Department of Social Services Office of Community Services (LA DSS/OCS) for the project entitled, Title IV-E Child Welfare Training. to improve the quality and delivery of services provided by the Department of Children and Family Services to children and families who are in need. This is accomplished by providing specialized professional preparation in child welfare to graduate and undergraduate social work students.

## School of Nursing

At a dedication and naming ceremony on May 2, 2012, the nursing building was named the Betty E. Smith Nursing Building in honor of the late Dr. Smith, the founding dean of the School of Nursing. Joining Grambling State University in 1983 Dr. Smith developed the BSN program in 1984 and the MSN program in 1997. She retired in December 2006 after more than 23 years of service with Grambling State University. A dedicated educator, registered nurse and nursing advocate, she departed this life on March 29, 2010.

One significant accomplishment of the School of Nursing is its ability to maintain the 100% pass rate of MSN graduates on their certification exams. All 19 MSN graduates of the 2011-12 school year took their certification exam and passed. The school

The third annual Tequita Bryant memorial run/walk was held on April 28, with about 200 students, community people and faculty participating. The funds raised from the run/walk and donation from the Bryant family were given in two scholarships of \$500.00 each -- one for a pre-nursing student and another for a student in the professional program.

October 31, 2011. The school set up its mobile clinic in front of the Favrot Student Union building with students and faculty providing information and consultation on cancer, its prevention and cure.

Twenty-six students of the School of Nursing were inducted into the Mary E. Mahoney Honor Society at a ceremony held on April 18.

during spring 2012, and it will be presented to the University Curriculum Committee this soon so as to begin implementation from spring 2013.

The Department hosted its fourth Alumni Reunion program during the Homecoming week in October 2011. The event was attended by nearly 50 alumni, whose donations have enabled the Department to establish a scholarship program for students. Donations received at the annual Alumni Reunion events have enabled the department to award scholarships to students in the last three years.

With the appointment of Ms. Lena Wilson-Claybon, a television/film writer and producer, as a visiting artiste, the department was able to offer two courses in film studies concentration spring 2012. She conducted a workshop, entitled *The ABCs of Film and Television Production* in November which was well attended by students and even by some faculty. During summer 2012, she planned a Film Workforce Training Program to pair students with professionals to produce a full-length television pilot.

The campus radio station, KGRM 91.5 FM, conducted a voter registration drive on campus at the court yard next to the Favrot Student Union on April 24, 2012. With plenty of music, food, Black & Gold souvenirs, and the campaign of the drive included the Student Government Association, Epsilon Psi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Master of Public Administration students, and the College Democrats of America.

### *KGRMs Season of Giving*

As it has been the practice for several years now, the KGRM 91.5 FM organized the Season of Giving campaign during the 2011 Christmas time. With enormous support from the campus and the neighboring communities, the campaign collected a large number of toys, bicycles, and a variety of gift items to be given away to families and children in need. It was a joyous occasion as it meant to be for all in the community.

## Department of Criminal Justice

The innovative Grambling Swanson Mentoring Program, initiated last year, was very active during the 2011-12 school year.

Social Justice. Two of the mentees from the program are now attending school at Grambling. The project is headed by Dr. Joyce Montgomery-Scott with the assistance of other faculty/staff members, including Mae Conley, Mahendra Singh, Lurie Thomason, Marianne Fisher-Giorlando, Daniel Dotter, Louis Minifield and Inetha Wimberly.

Thanks for funding from the Title III Programs, the Department of Criminal Justice will soon have a computer lab to he located in CJ building, Room 131 being renovated for this purpose. The lab will be used for two research classes (CJ

406 and 407), Juvenile Justice & Delinquency (CJ 251), Criminology (CJ 204) and Contemporary Corrections (CJ 400).

## Faculty Scholarship

Marianne Fisher Giorlando



Dr. Danita Potter made a poster  
26<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Southern Nursing Research Society (SNRS), New Orleans, LA, Spring 2012. She  
also made a presentation on Mental Health Issues, Depression in Teenage Girls at the Northeast Louisiana  
, April 2012.

Dr. Rhonda Hensley presented a presentation at the Louisiana Nurse Practitioner Conference (LANP) in New  
Orleans, Fall 2011.

Dr. Jamil Norman made a presented on Learning Outcomes in Simulation-  
at the Beta Chi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, Shreveport, March 2012. She also made  
he Role of the 57<sup>th</sup>  
Annual State Conference, Alexandria, LA, Fall 2011.

Dr. Latonya Williams made a presentation at the Pediatric Conference in Monroe, LA, April 2012.

Dr. Tammy Stewart-Dixon made a presentation at the Title III Conference in New Orleans, LA. May 2012.

Dr. Mildred Delozia made a workshop presentation -to-prison pipeline: The African  
at the National Association of Black Social Workers Southwest Regional  
Conference, Houston, TX, November 2011.

Dr. Montgomery-Scott, Dr. Lurie Thomason, Dr. Mahendra Singh, and Mr. Trinity George, a graduate student,  
made panel presentations at the National Association of Blacks in Criminal Justice (NABCJ) Annual Conference,  
New Orleans, July 2012. The panel sessions included: Creating and Maintaining a NABCJ Student Chapter; and

Dr. Danita Potter was recognized as an Outstanding Alumnus of Alcorn State University and was featured in the campus journal, *ASU Today*. atured iC

More than 30 mass communication students were placed in internships with a broad range of regional and national media and other organizations, including KNOE-TV, KTVE-TV, *Smooth Move Jazz*, *Post and Courier*, *Oakland Post* of Charleston, NC, Detroit Tigers, Sports Fan Network, etc.

Justin Anderson, mass communication major, participated in the Summer Research Opportunities Program, Penn State, University Park, PA, Summer 2011.

The student editors and staff members of the campus newspaper, *The Gramblinite*, participated in four contests -- one statewide, two regional, and one national. Given below a brief listing of honors the newspaper and individual contestants won:

In the Excellence in Journalism Competition of the Black College Communication Association (the national contest of HBCU newspapers), the newspaper received first-place honors for its sports coverage. Individual student honors went to Kevin Keise, who won honorable mention in the best sports story category.

In the regional Top 10 Best of the South competition, the Southeast Journalism Conference (SEJC) designated two Gramblinites as being worthy of being among the Top 10 journalism students from a nine-state region. The category was Best Opinion-Editorial Writer, and winners were Jeremy Smith, No. 9, and Erina Love, No 10.

The other regional contest, the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ) Mark of Excellence Awards, the *Gramblinite* was recognized as the second-place finisher in the Best Non-daily Newspaper category, and two students won first place. Imani Jackson won for General Column Writing, and Landis Anderson for Editorial Cartooning.

In the Louisiana Press Association (LPA) Better Student Newspaper College Competition held in May 2012, two Gramblinites won the awards. Jeremy Smith won first place for General Column Writing, and Ciley Carrington won second place for Feature Photography.