

KNOXVILLE COLLEGE TODAY

Knoxville College Renaissance: The Next 135 Years

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

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Dr. Horace A Judson

Dear KC Bulldog Nation,

I trust my letter finds you and your families well.

First, I would like to thank all alumni who responded to the clarion call for financial support for Knoxville College. My travels over the past three weeks have been productive and gave alumni a chance to share their concerns and ask questions. Gail and I extend our heartfelt thanks to Chapter Presidents, hosts, hostesses and the alumni who attended recent meetings.



SUPPORT THE BULLDOG

Annual Fund Drive

[Bulldog Annual Fund Donor](#)

[Form2010.2.pdf](#); OR

DONATE using KC's secure website

<http://www.knoxvillecollege.edu/>

[alumni/fundraising-donations/](#)



C. Virginia Fields

KCNAA President

Dear Fellow KCEANS:

We are in the midst of exciting and challenging times for Knoxville College and we need your support right away! You have received letters from Dr. Judson pertaining to the KC Bulldog Annual Fund Drive. We are pleased to say that the KCNAA is 100% supportive of this new fundraising initiative. We trust that we can count on each of you for your support.

We would greatly appreciate your making a contribution to Knoxville College as soon as possible. The college continues to have substantial financial needs. As we rebuild our legacy and plan for our future, Dr. Judson must meet current monthly operating expenses. Today, there is a significant

My message to all was basically the same: To receive **accreditation**, we must demonstrate **financial stability**. Achieving accreditation will allow for long-term financial stability that will help *secure the next 135 years*. These two objectives, financial stability and accreditation, are inextricably interconnected.

For this reason, KC needs each of you to respond to the urgent request for financial support as soon as possible. I am also asking everyone to support the KC Bulldog Annual Fund drive to augment our operating budget. And remember, the deadline to repurchase the Pilot Gas Station is drawing to a close. For those interested in donating directly to the Pilot Gas project, please let me know.

I am resending my Bulldog Annual Fund letter for those who were unable to read it due to font size (see below).

Finally, I encourage everyone to start planning your return to KC Homecoming, October 14-17, 2010, to celebrate the College's 135th anniversary and honor Dr. Robert H. Harvey.

May you continue to be blessed and remember to support 'Dear Ole KC.'

Horace A. Judson, Ph.D.

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shortfall. As in the past, KCNAA and Dr. Judson need your leadership in this critical time of need.

Please make your KC Bulldog Annual Fund donations as follows:

- Use Knoxville College's secure website at: www.knoxvillecollege.edu/ OR
- Make your Checks and/or Money Orders Payable to: **Knoxville College**
- **Mail to:** Knoxville College; c/o President's Office; 901 Knoxville College Drive, Knoxville, TN 37921

*Knoxville College is a 501(c)(3) entity, and as such, all contributions are tax-deductible

Dr. Judson has visited with alumni and chapters across the country sharing the current state of the College and our theme, *The Knoxville College Renaissance: Securing the Next 135 Years*. We encourage you to meet with Dr. Judson when he is in your area.

Thank you again for your contributions to Knoxville College. If at all possible please send your contributions as soon as you can. And consider making your gift during the first two weeks of April. This will greatly help our efforts to "Keep the Lights Burning on the Hill."

Warmest regards,
C. Virginia Fields

INTERIM PRESIDENT MEETS KC ALUMNI

March 7, 2010

March 18, 2010

Dear KC Bulldogs and Supporters,

This academic year marks the beginning of a new era in the history of the College. Our theme, *The Knoxville College Renaissance: Securing the Next 135 Years*, remains in the forefront of our efforts to create a safe, student-centered, living and learning environment to match our noble mission.

Over the past six months, you have seen modest changes in our facilities. However, over the next thirty-six months, we hope to view dramatic change in facilities at the College as part of our strategic initiative to achieve reaccreditation. The bell tower of McKee Hall and Memorial Hall are being refurbished thanks to a small grant. A campaign was launched to restore windows in McKee Hall. I understand several of you are participating in that campaign.

Although we expect to achieve much over the next two to three years, we are mindful that more is required to *secure the next 135 years*. We urgently need modest but necessary changes in the library. We will meet Thursday, March 18 to refine the College's Strategic Initiatives and I encourage each of you to attend this session and actively participate in this process.

Today, however, I want to turn your attention to the Annual Fund Drive, which I am calling the **KC Bulldog Annual Fund**. Throughout my travels over the past few weeks, I visited individual alums, groups and Chapters and I am scheduled to visit



Nashville, TN Alumni Chapter
Ron Upton, Chapter President
Hosts: Ron '69 & Almeda Upton '70

March 9, 2010



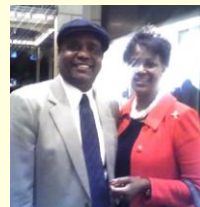
Delbert "DQ" & Delores
Horton ('68) of Kemah, TX hosted the
Judsons.

March 10, 2010



The Judsons met with Dr. Edith I. Jones
(48) in Houston, TX. The discussion
continued over dinner.

March 11, 2010



Another enjoyable evening and good
exchange was held with Attorney Kim J.
Askew ('79) at Palamino Restaurant in

more alumni in the ensuing weeks and months. I continue to share our mission and vision with attendees. However, our current operations budget composed of low tuition and occasional donations only allows us to maintain the status quo -- a status quo that does not allow for campus improvements, increased scholarship dollars and appropriate ongoing maintenance of our buildings – all areas that impact the quality of the living-learning environment for our students. For that reason, the *KC Bulldog Annual Fund* is critically important to the College.

*The **Bulldog Annual Fund** makes the quality difference that bridges the gap between Knoxville College's operating costs and the income from tuition; but, equally important, it allows for us to respond to unanticipated needs that emerge during any given year. The Bulldog Annual Fund is a special way for you to support every student, every program and every department, each and every year.*

I have spoken to you about becoming a "viable 21st century college" within the state of Tennessee and the nation. Each donation, regardless of size, boosts the College's ability to meet our operations costs, retire the debt and meet a pressing deadline to repurchase the Pilot gas station. With a steady flow of monthly and annual donations from our primary constituents, our alumni, we can meet all operating costs and make the Pilot repurchase happen!

The ***Bulldog Annual Fund*** drive runs from July 1 through June 30. We have less than four months in

Dallas, TX.

Friday, March 12, 2010



Memphis, TN Alumni Chapter
Hostess: Bill & Ardia Cunningham '68

Sunday, March 14, 2010



Knoxville, TN Alumni Chapter
Robert Booker '62, Chapter President

Saturday, March 20, 2010



Atlanta/Augusta, GA Alumni
Herbert Pigon '69, Chapter President

APRIL TRAVEL PLANS

Saturday, April 3, 2010; 4:00

Chicago & Milwaukee Alumni
Sarah Marshall '93: Chapter President
Hostess: Jacqueline B. Johnson '74

this academic year to achieve much. If you have not donated to the college this academic year, PLEASE DO SO TODAY! If you have donated, I thank you and encourage you to donate again.

We plan to establish a student Phonathon Center in the Development Office next academic year in support of the *KC Bulldog Annual Fund* drive. But don't wait! Email or contact us with updated information if you recently moved, changed your telephone number or have not heard from Knoxville College or Knoxville National Alumni Association in a while. We would like you to make a donation to the *Bulldog Annual Fund* this academic year, before June 30, 2010.

Attached with this eNewsletter to alumni, faculty, staff and parents of students with email addresses is a donor form from the President's Office. We encourage each of you to make a commitment to Knoxville College through your annual donation or pledge so that KC will become and remain the College of choice for future students.

Gifts to the *Bulldog Annual Fund* ensure that Knoxville College will keep the "Light on the Hill" burning brightly by helping students realize their dreams. These funds address the ongoing critical needs of the College.

My administration and I are very grateful to all of you, the faculty and staff for your hard work; and to alumni, the Board of Trustees, community leaders and Friends of the college for your continued support of the College's efforts.

Saturday, April 10, 2010; 2:00

Baltimore/Washington Alumni Chapter
Steronica Dunston '93, Act. President
Hostess: Veeda O'Connor '71

MAY TRAVEL PLANS

May 14, 2010 (Time: TBA)

NY/NJ/PA Regional Alumni Meeting
New York, NY

May 21-22, 2010 (Tentative)

Jacksonville/Gainesville/Miami, FL

May 27-28, 2010

Cleveland, Ohio (Tentative)

NEW - Judson Establishes PRESIDENT'S ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dallas, TX



Atty. Kim J. Askew '79

Partner, KL & Gates Law Firm

Nashville, TN



Dr. Forest Harris '71

President, American Baptist College;
Faculty, Vanderbilt University

Sincerely,

Horace A. Judson, Ph.D.
Interim President

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Robert H. Harvey Knoxville College Alumni Hall of Fame



Judson establishes the **Robert H. Harvey Knoxville College Alumni Hall of Fame** in honor of a KC Legend. Dr. Harvey served as Interim President of Knoxville College four times. His dedication and commitment to KC are unparalleled. KC has been fortunate to have Dr. Harvey at the helm during turbulent times in the College's history. I am sure KCeans nationwide join me in saluting Dr. Robert Harvey by naming the Knoxville College Alumni Hall of Fame in his honor.

The KC Alumni Hall of Fame Committee is now accepting nominations for the **Robert H. Harvey Alumni Hall of Fame, Gallery of Distinction**. Criteria and nomination procedures are outlined below. The deadline to submit nominations and related forms is **May 15, 2010**. You may fax documents to M. Termon at (865) 524-6603.

(1) CRITERIA & PROCEDURES

[KC AHOF 2010 Procedures.pdf](#)

(2) Download **NOMINATION FORM** or

Nashville, TN



Atty. Julian Blackshear

Son of the late Ruth Blackshear '32;
Spouse of M. Ann Blackshear '68; one
of UT's first black law school graduates

Chattanooga, TN



Dr. Leroy Keith (Not Pictured)

Chairman/CEO of Carson Inc.; Former
President of Morehouse College

Chattanooga, TN



Gerald Mason '67

Retired Businessman; A.A. Advisory
Committee Member for Chancellor of
UT, Chattanooga

Hampton, VA

complete form online

[KC AHOF Nomination 2010.pdf](#)

(3) Download **CONSENT FORM** and return with package

[KC AHOF Consent Form 10.pdf](#)

ACCREDITATION UPDATE

Interim President Horace Judson recently called **ACICS** (Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools) to discuss the possibility for KC to become reaccredited under this accrediting body. After a preliminary discussion, he was asked to submit certain documents and information for their review. Two weeks later, a letter of good news arrived: "Since KC lost its accreditation more than 10 years ago, ACICS is willing to consider KC's application for reaccreditation."

There is still much preliminary work to be completed before we can schedule a pre-visit from ACICS. KC is, once again, **on the Move!**

COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN Structure Established to Raise Funds for Knoxville College

NATIONAL HONORARY CHAIRPERSON

[Edith I. Jones, M.D., M.A.C.P.](#)



Dr. Robert Dixon

Dean of Sciences Hampton University;
Former Provost GSU

Greensboro, NC



Dr. Mark Perkins

President, InnerSight; Former President
University of Wisconsin, Green Bay

Atlanta, GA



Rev. Joseph L. Roberts '56

Former Pastor, Ebenezer Baptist
Church

Macon, GA

CAMPAIGN CO-CHAIRS

- Co-Chairperson: Evit Smith, General Chairperson (Fundraising/Events)
- Co-Chairperson: Mae Mosley (Nonprofits/Churches)
- Co-Chairperson: Frank Robinson (Businesses & Corporations)
- Co-Chairperson: Ardia Cunningham, assisted by Dr. Gail Shorter Judson (Alumni)

REGIONAL TEAMS consist of

- **REGIONAL Chairperson** (Appointed; volunteers encouraged)
- **CHAPTERS President(s) or designee** within State and Region
- **METRO Chairs** (where Chapters do not exist)

Regions I thru V are aligned in accordance with KCNAAs regions

I. Northeastern: Main, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland/DC/Virginia, West Virginia

II. Southern: North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas

III. Mid-Western: Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, North/South Dakota, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska

IV. Southwestern: Texas, Oklahoma, New



Rev./Atty. Lonzy Edwards '71

Pastor: Mt Moriah Baptist Church; Atty: Edwards & Yumas Law;

Knoxville, TN



Dr. Lula C. Powell '52

Vice President & Secretary
Unity Mortuary

Shreveport, LA



Cuthbert Simpkins, D.D.S.

Houston, TX



Edith I. Jones '48, M.D., M.A.C.P.

Internal Medicine

(List of Advisory Council Incomplete)

Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Nevada

V. Far-Western: Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska, Hawaii

All Chairpersons will be named before the end of April 2010. Interim President Judson invites volunteers to help the College launch a successful comprehensive capital campaign. Contact Mary Termon in the President's Office (865) 524-6511 with your contact information.

**KC Student Health Ambassadors
Participate in Spring Symposium
by Jana Cannon Fitts**

The Spring symposium was a complete success! We were very well represented with over 50% of our group in attendance (our highest number ever!). I am sad to report that we came in second place for the Discovery Channel competition, however, the experience and exposure it provided for our school and our students is priceless. The winning commercial was by Lane College on the topic HIV/AIDS. On that same note, we have permission from Discovery to link the commercial to our school's website and/or facebook page for further exposure. The students gained very helpful insight by networking with other student health ambassadors and also health professionals at MeHarry Medical College.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO KC
STUDENT HEALTH
AMBASSADORS
YOU MAKE US PROUD!**

"Let There Be Light"

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