

# CONVERSATIONS

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### **Frank Pogue's contribution to GSU, La. is appreciated**

After almost five years at the helm of Grambling State University, Frank Pogue recently announced his plans to retire this summer.

Despite difficult economic times, he worked tirelessly to help restore Grambling State's financial position, in part, by reaching out to graduates as well as building relationships with individuals

and groups to increase outside financial support. During his tenure at Grambling State, Pogue continued his long career of transforming institutions through an emphasis on positive change.

Grambling State holds a unique place in the educational establishment of both our state and our nation, and that position has been strengthened by Pogue during his tenure.

As chairwoman of the Shreveport Bossier African American

Chamber of Commerce board and a board member of the Shreveport-Bossier Business Alliance for Higher Education, I want to thank Pogue for his service to our region and our state. His efforts ensure that our business community will continue to have a strong partner in developing the local talent we need for our businesses well into the future.

— **Tanita Gilbert-Baker**

chairwoman of the Shreveport Bossier African American Chamber of Commerce board