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## **SWAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO HOLD ANNUAL LEGENDS AWARDS AND ROAST ON MAY 17 IN FLOWOOD, MS**

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**JACKSON, Miss.** – The Southwestern Athletic Conference Alumni Association has announced that its 22nd Annual Legends Awards and Roast will be held here in the Jackson, Miss. area on Saturday, May 17, 2025. The dinner banquet will take place at the Sheraton Hotel in Flowood, Miss., beginning at 7 p.m.

The SWAC Alumni Association's purpose is to support Southwestern Athletic Conference events, its legacy of athletics excellence and helping to preserve the league's athletics heritage by annually honoring athletes, coaches, athletics administrators, staff and supporters who have made significant contributions to the field of intercollegiate athletics at SWAC-member universities, the conference office and the nation. Individuals are honored with the Dennis E. Thomas Distinguished Service Award, the Roscoe Nance Lifetime Achievement Award, and the Charles "Chuck" Prophet Wagon Master Award. One of the highlights of the event is a Legends Roast, which light-heartedly pays homage to someone who has made significant contributions to college athletics on a national level.

This year, three individuals are slated to receive the Roscoe Nance Lifetime Achievement Award, including Jackson State University and NFL Hall of Fame linebacker Robert Brazile, the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (formerly Arkansas AM&N) and NFL Pro Bowl defensive end L.C. Greenwood (deceased) and Alcorn State University outstanding football lineman Alvin Moore.

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The Charles “Chuck” Prophet Wagon Master Award will be presented to Eddie James, Jackson State’s longtime football press box announcer and renowned colorful track and field event announcer for the Tigers and the conference.

The Dennis E. Thomas Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor bestowed upon an individual, will be presented to legendary Grambling State University baseball coach Wilbert Ellis.

The Guest of Honor for the Legends Roast will be former Grambling State University women’s basketball coach Patricia Cage Bibbs, one of the winningest basketball coaches in NCAA Division I history. Bibbs captured multiple conference championships at Grambling State as well as Hampton University and North Carolina A&T State University.

Tickets for the Legends Awards and Roast are available for sale at a price of \$75 each or \$600 for a table of eight. Proceeds from the event benefit the Association’s Degree Completion Scholarship Fund, which provides financial support to student-athletes in the conference whose eligibility has expired and who are within 30 hours of graduating.

**ABOUT THE SWAC ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

The purpose of the SWAC Alumni Association, which was founded on December 10, 1999, in Birmingham, Ala., is to support Southwestern Athletic Conference events, support the conference’s athletics heritage and help preserve its legacy of competitive excellence. Former student-athletes from any SWAC-sponsored sport and from all current or former member institutions are eligible for membership, as are coaches, staff members as well as game officials, employees of the conference office and supporters of SWAC athletics.

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