

Save these Dates

The Color Purple

June 10, 2009

Bushnell Theatre
Hartford, CT

Oprah Winfrey presents *The Color Purple*, a soul-stirring musical based on the classic Pulitzer Prize-winning novel by Alice Walker and the Oscar-nominated film by Steven Spielberg.

We will gather at 6:00pm for an

Alumni Association-sponsored reception in the Bushnell's Seaverns Room and then on to the show. Group ticket prices are as follows and can be mixed and matched:



Orchestra and Front Mezzanine	\$63.50
Rear Mezzanine	\$36.50
Front Balcony	\$31.00
Rear Balcony	\$23.00

Please call Charlie Davison to reserve your tickets
203-392-6500

Call by May 8th to reserve your tickets!

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Online Community

Stay connected by logging onto our alumni online community :

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Alumni in the News

On Saturday, April 18, 2009, at the Westin Bonaventure in Los Angeles, CA, in front of an overflowing ballroom of dignitaries and top educators, **Grace Catherine Griffin, '94**, a Southern Connecticut State University graduate was presented with a \$25,000 Milken Educator Award during a spectacular gala hailed as the "Oscars of Teaching" by Teacher Magazine.



Antone R. Opekun, Jr., PA-C, (SCSU '78), Assistant Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, has been recognized as a Distinguished Fellow of the American Academy of Physician Assistants. Mr. Opekun earned the recognition based on his outstanding contributions to translational medical research and the profession during his years as a physician assistant and medical educator. He also demonstrated significant dedication and involvement in the community, co-founded the local PA society in Houston and has made significant contributions to the medical literature in the realm of enteric pathogens. All Distinguished Fellows of AAPA have demonstrated exceptional contributions to their communities and a commitment to all aspects of health care.



The Southern community of alumni and friends congratulates both Grace Griffin and Antone Opekun for their outstanding achievements.



An Alumni Celebration of The Schools of Business and Health & Human Services— May 16, 2009

Watch for the brochure and registration form being mailed to our Health & Human Services and Business alumni. Join us as we present our second annual Alumni Day celebration. This year we have included seminars we hope will help our alumni gain knowledge about our economy, marketing, communication, relationships and so much more. We've also included lots of fun for the children! Our Celebration activities will include:

- ◆ Continental Breakfast/Registration
- ◆ Showcase of Teaching, Learning & Creativity
- ◆ Meet the Southern Authors (we have 20 for you to meet, greet and browse their books!)
- ◆ Lunch in the newly renovated Conn Hall
- ◆ Alumni College Seminars (see next column for a list of seminars).
- ◆ President's cocktail reception
- ◆ Supervised movie/craft/snack party for the children

Registration is just \$10 per person or \$25 for a family and includes all activities, continental breakfast, lunch, reception and children's party. Call Charlie for more details 203-392-6500.

To register online go to:

<https://payments.auctionpay.com/ver3/?id=W039116> Use the clickable link below in this email.

Alumni College Seminars for May 16th

Topics include:

- ◆ When Things Fall Apart: Decision Making Strategies in Crisis
- ◆ Family and Systemic Constellation Work
- ◆ Fraud, Forensic Accounting and Society
- ◆ The Dream Major: Recreation and Leisure
- ◆ Wall Street/Main Street
- ◆ Talking Across Time: Cross-Generational Communication
- ◆ Workforce Development for Evidence-Based and Promising Practice In-Home Family Treatment Models
- ◆ Important Outcomes from Business Education
- ◆ A Case of Fraud
- ◆ New Directions in Marketing
- ◆ For the Children:
 - Nursing Simulation Lab
 - Business: Create Your Own Product
 - The Amazing Race (scavenger hunt)



2008 Meet the Southern Authors



Winners from 2008 Amazing Race.



Alumni relax at the reception



2008 Showcase



A great day for the whole family