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**PRINCE GEORGE'S BLACK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**KICKS OFF SIXTH ANNUAL PRINCE GEORGE'S CLASSIC WEEKEND**

***Classic Brings Sports, Entertainment and Excitement to Prince George's County***

**NATIONAL HARBOR, MD** – The sixth annual Prince George's Classic weekend officially begins with a special welcome reception hosted by the Prince George's Black Chamber of Commerce (PGBCC), Thursday, September 24, 2009. The welcome reception will take place at Pose Ultra Lounge & Nightclub located high atop the Gaylord Hotel in the National Harbor. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

The welcome reception is a great opportunity for residents to network and socialize with prominent political, business and community leaders within Prince George's County and the D.C. metropolitan area. University officials, distinguished alumni, sponsors, and partners of the Classic will also be in attendance.

"We are encouraging all alumni, administrators, staff, fans, and supporters of Bowie State University and Shaw University to come out and celebrate as we kick off the sixth annual Prince George's Classic weekend," said Hubert "Petey" Green, president of the PGBCC. "The welcome reception also allows residents to visit the exquisite Gaylord Hotel and the exclusive Pose Ultra Lounge and Nightclub, which is normally opened to registered hotel guests only," he added.

Other events taking place during the Classic weekend include a college fair, a Greek Mixer, and a black college football game featuring the Bowie State University Bulldogs and the Shaw University Bears. The weekend will conclude with church services at Ebenezer AME Church in Fort Washington, MD.

Tickets for the welcome reception are \$75. To purchase tickets, please visit the Prince George's Black Chamber of Commerce's Web site at [www.PGBlackChamber.org](http://www.PGBlackChamber.org) or call the office at 301-567-5747. For more information and the most current updates, please follow the Prince George's Classic on Facebook and on Twitter @PGClassic.

The Prince George's Classic Welcome Reception is one of the community events featured in the weekend celebration of sports, culture and community. Sponsored by Southwest Airlines and hosted by the Prince George's Black Chamber of Commerce, this year's Classic features the Bowie State University Bulldogs and the Shaw University Bears. Kickoff at Bowie State University's Bulldog Stadium is at 2 p.m. EST.

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