

REX 2010

Robert Hunter Pierson, Jr.

His Majesty, Rex 2010, Robert Hunter Pierson, Jr., is the husband of Catherine Deming Pierson. They have a son, Robert Hunter Pierson III, who is married to the former Leslie Simmons, and one granddaughter.

Mr. Pierson, 58, was born in Alexandria, Louisiana, and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge in 1973.

Mr. Pierson is involved in private investments in real estate, timberland, and securities. He is currently on the Board of Deltic Timber Corporation, which trades on the New York Stock Exchange.

Rex 2010 has a wide range of civic duties and engagements. He has served in numerous leadership capacities at Tulane University, including as a member of the Board of Administrators, former chairman of the President's Council, co-chairman of the Promise and Distinction National Capital Campaign, member of the Business School Council and member of the Arts and Sciences Dean's Advisory Council.

In addition, Mr. Pierson has devoted considerable time to the Tulane University Health Sciences Center where he is an Emeritus Member of its Board of Governors. He is also a former Chairman of the Hospital and Clinic board.

Mr. Pierson is a board member of the Public Affairs Research Council of Louisiana, serving as vice-chairman, Executive Committee member and chairman of the Investment Committee. He is a board member of the Historic New Orleans Collection, the Louisiana Museum Foundation, Teach for America and the Coastal Club, Inc. He is a former board member of the Committee of 100 for Economic Development in Louisiana, the Bureau of Governmental Research, New Orleans Museum of Art, Isidore Newman School, WYES-TV, the Louisiana Nature and Science Center and the Arts Council of New Orleans.

Among his hobbies, Mr. Pierson is an avid jogger and especially enjoys running in Audubon Park. He also includes waterfowl hunting among his fondest outdoor activities.

Queen of Carnival 2010

Miss Katherine Saer Duncan

The Queen of Carnival 2010, Miss Katherine Saer Duncan, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Foster Duncan. Her mother is the former Shaun Saer of New Orleans.

Miss Duncan is a graduate of Cincinnati Country Day School where she graduated with high honors. She is currently a junior at the University of Virginia majoring in American Studies, concentrating in Southern Studies through an interdisciplinary program that includes history, architectural history and art history. A Dean's List student, she is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

In high school, Miss Duncan was a member of the Cum Laude Society. She participated on the varsity tennis team and the junior varsity field hockey team, and served as captain. She was also on the junior varsity squash team. She was a contributor to the school literary magazine and volunteered at the Good Samaritan Hospital and Stepping Stones Center.

Among her college activities, Miss Duncan has participated with an outreach program, Seeds of Hope Brazil, traveling to Sao Paulo, Brazil, to help construct a trade school and home and work at an orphanage. She has also volunteered with Charlottesville Abundant Life Ministries, tutoring elementary school students.

For several past summers, Miss Duncan has worked as a swimming instructor and in the activities program at the Beaumaris Yacht Club in Ontario, Canada. She also has interned at the New Orleans Preservation Resource Center and at the Cultural Landscape Foundation in Washington, D.C.

After college, Miss Duncan plans to attend law school and combine her interest in historic preservation with a legal career. Her hobbies include tennis, jogging, sailing, hunting, swimming, waterskiing and painting.

The 2010 Queen of Carnival's parents were both in the 1976 Rex court as Maid and Duke. Her grandfather, Brooke Helm Duncan, was Rex in 1971; her grandmother, Katherine Foster Duncan, was a Maid in the court in 1947. Her brother, William Rushton Foster Duncan, was a Page in the court in 2005. Miss Duncan's two aunts, Katherine Duncan Sherrill and Phyllis Saer Coulter, were Queens of Carnival in 1978 and 1981, respectively. Numerous other family members have served in Rex courts as maids, dukes and pages.