



TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

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## **Angela Rye to Deliver Texas Southern University's Commencement Address**

HOUSTON (April 16, 2019) – Angela Rye, who brings a unique perspective of strategy and policymaking inside the beltway of the nation's capital, will be the speaker at Texas Southern University's Spring 2019 Commencement. The ceremonies will take place at 8 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 18, 2019, in the Health & Physical Education (H&PE) Arena.

Rye is principal and CEO of IMPACT Strategies, a political advocacy firm in Washington D.C. The Seattle native and prominent political strategist has been published in several media outlets from Ebony to the Washington Post and is a regular on-air personality for BET, CNN, MSNBC, C-SPAN and TV One. Rye engages in challenging conversations and has become a critical voice on many of the pressing issues of our time. She has an unwavering commitment to ensuring positive change in the political process.

Rye develops tailor-made solutions for high profile clients and is highly sought after for her approach to political strategy, issue advocacy, and public engagement. Rye has over a decade of experience in government contracting, homeland security, civil rights, higher education political fundraising, strategic communications, and issue advocacy. She began her career in legislative advocacy and has a deep passion and commitment to shoring up efforts to increase knowledge of the political process for her colleagues, peers, and others nationwide.

A proud graduate of the University of Washington and Seattle University School of Law, Rye serves on the boards of the following groups: Congressional Black Caucus Institute, Seattle University School of Law Alumni Board, Women in Entertainment Empowerment Network and Government Technology & Services Coalition. She is also a member of The Links, Incorporated, the Washington Government Relations Group, the National Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

### ABOUT TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Texas Southern University (TSU) honors our designation as a special-purpose institution for urban programming and research. TSU is a comprehensive university providing higher education access to the nation's underserved communities. TSU's academic and research programs address critical urban issues, and prepares its diverse student population to become a force for positive change in a global society. TSU offers more than 100 undergraduate and graduate programs and concentrations – bachelor's, master's, doctoral and professional degrees – organized into 10 colleges and schools on a 150-acre campus nestled in the heart of Houston's historic Third Ward. The University's enrollment has a population of more than 10,000 undergraduate and graduate-school academic candidates. Texas Southern has been a distinguished educational pioneer since 1927, and the University has become one of the most diverse and respected institutions in Texas. TSU has positioned itself as a proactive leader in educating underserved students and many who are the first in their family to attend college.

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