



# TSU E-News

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## New campus royalty named in spring pageant



Mr. TSU Chad Enzo and Miss TSU Tramauni Brock

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Mr. and Miss TSU 2017-2018 were crowned in the university's annual pageant held on April 11 in Sawyer Auditorium. **Tramauni Brock**, a first-year Pharmacy student from Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and **Chad Enzo**, a senior Respiratory Therapy major from Lafayette, Louisiana, were selected at the end of the competition. Brock earned top honors in several pageant categories, including personal interview, introduction, talent, Q&A and formal wear. Zeno received the Coach's Choice award.

"The Mr. and Miss TSU Pageant was an incredible experience and served as a reminder of just how incredible our students are here at Texas Southern University," TSU President **Austin Lane** said. "Class, character and integrity were on display during the entire event. Although only one young lady and one young man were crowned, each contestant was truly the embodiment of academic excellence, social responsibility and unlimited professional potential."

**Shanique Brown**, a Finance major from St. Mary, Jamaica, was first runner-up and **Kimerya Fox**, a Speech Communications major from Allen, *See TSU on page 2*

## TMSL Moot Court Room to hold naming ceremony

The Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) Moot Court Room will have a new, permanent designation. The **Jerome M. Karam Moot Court Room** will be unveiled in a naming ceremony on April 17 at 5:00 p.m. Special guests will include Karam and his family, President Austin Lane, TMSL Dean James Douglas, and distinguished TMSL alumni and friends. A reception will follow the program.

Karam is a 1990 graduate of TMSL. After graduating, he spent 10 years in his personal injury practice before pursuing real estate development. He has been a major presence in Galveston County and southwest Louisiana over the last four years. He is the owner of the largest World Gym in Texas. Karam said that he intends to continue support of future TMSL students through scholarships and other giving.

Contact Prudence Smith at [prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:prsmith@tmslaw.tsu.edu) or 713-313-1142 to RSVP.

## TSU to participate in HUB exposition

The Office of Procurement Services staff will participate in the Historically Underutilized Business (HUB) Connection Seminar and Expo May 8-9 in Irvington, Texas. The annual event allows state agencies to meet HUB vendors and develop strategies for increasing HUB purchases. Orders can be placed at the Expo.

Procurement Services staff welcomes requests for goods or services from University departments. The Expo offers competitive prices and TSU staff will place orders with a HUB vendor during the event.

Please submit your requests by close of business on April 20 using this link:

<http://wforms.tsu.edu/index.php/spot-bid-purchase-request/>

For more information, contact Kisten Rhodes at [Kisten.Rhodes@TSU.EDU](mailto:Kisten.Rhodes@TSU.EDU) or 713-313-1963.

## TSU Communication Week showcases innovation and scholarship

Dr. **James L. Conyers**, director of the African American Studies Program at the University of Houston will serve as the keynote speaker at Communication Week at Texas Southern University. Communication Week will be held April 17-21 on TSU's campus.

This year's theme is *Agency, Privilege, and Voice: Communicating in the age of Globalization and Multiculturalism*. Communication Week is designed to showcase student learning modules in media, film and entertainment. Innovations in current and future media trends will be shared by scholars, entrepreneurs and experts.

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## COPHS salutes retiring faculty trio



(l-r) Dr. Jackie McVea, Dr. Jean Hampton, Dr. Shirlette Milton and Professor Dorothy Quiller.

The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (COPHS) faculty celebrated and saluted Drs. **Jean Hampton**, **Jackie McVea**, and Professor **Dorothy Quiller** for their years of service and dedication to COPHS and its students.

The triumvirate, affectionately known as the "Three Heartbeats," were honored April 5 at a retirement luncheon hosted by friends and colleagues at a private venue. Dr. **Shirlette Milton**, interim COPHS dean, delivered a special presentation to each honoree, noting their individual and collective accomplishments.

Dr. Hampton was the first student to graduate from Texas Southern University with a doctoral degree in Environmental Toxicology. She went on to serve the University for over 37 years as program director and became chair of the Health Sciences

Department. Dr. McVea and Professor Quiller served COPHS students in the clinical laboratory program for 40 and 45 years, respectively.



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Texas, was second runner-up for the Miss TSU crown. Other pageant honors included Best Spirit Wear – Shanique Brown and Kimerya Fox (with Tramauni Brock) and Coach’s Choice – Kimerya Fox (with Chad Zeno Jr.)

Brock’s platform is “You down with (PPP)... Yeah, you know me - Prepare, Produce, PROJECT 21.” Her goal is to expand Project 21, raise funds for TSU and bring the Texas Southern experience to new areas of the country. Project 21 is an initiative started by President Lane to expand recruiting efforts.

Enzo’s platform is to foster unity, prosperity, and engagement by implementing a mentoring program for young men. He believes that they should stand firm and take action as young kings in a difficult society. He plans to implement events to shine a positive light on the University, and connect with alumni to be more involved with TSU students and increase their giving.

**David Daniels** and **Denae Powell** served as pageant emcees.

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Conyers is the acclaimed author of numerous publications including *Black Pioneers: Images of the Black Experience on the North American Frontier*, *Let’s Talk!*, *Visions of Freedom on the Great Plains* and *The Ideology of Racism: From Slavery to Plessy to Affirmative Action to Racial Healing*.

“Communication Week is integral in integrating classroom theory with real world practical experience,” said Dr. Rockell Brown-Burton, TSU professor and director of Communication Week. “We want to provide our students with opportunities for networking to ensure their future success. We have prominent professionals confirmed to participate and share practical tips.”

A showcase of student and faculty projects will be exhibited during the event and a career fair – *Meet the Firms* – will allow students to network and connect with potential employers. High school students from the Houston area will spend the day at Texas Southern University learning about the field of communication.

## TSU recognized by national online learning body

Texas Southern University has been recognized as one of the best colleges in the nation offering online learning by The Community for Accredited Online Schools.

The site released its annual ranking for 2017, honoring Texas Southern University for their excellence in online learning. The Community for Accredited Online Schools is a leading resource for campus and online learning.

“We wanted to highlight schools like Texas Southern University, who are providing exceptional education programs online,” said **Doug Jones**, CEO and founder of the Community for Accredited Online Schools. “These colleges offer an outstanding educational experience, upholding rigorous accreditation standards and show an overall commitment to maximizing student success.”

Schools must hold public or private not-for-profit status and institutional accreditation to qualify. Top schools are determined by a scoring system that uses value-based methodology, analyzing several qualitative and quantitative data points.

Details on the methodology used to rank each school are available through the following links:

Best Online Schools in Texas – <http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/texas/#best-college-ranking>

Best Healthcare Management Degrees – <http://www.accreditedschoolsonline.org/medical-and-health/healthcare-management-degree/#best-college-ranking>

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