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Get ready for a new TSU tradition *The Maroon & Gray Affair!*

Maroon & Gray
AFFAIR 2017
Signature Event of the Year

TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Event proceeds benefit TSU scholarships. Call 713-313-1363 for more information and buy tickets at <http://www.tsu.edu/>

SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017
AT THE MARRIOTT MARQUIS DOWNTOWN HOUSTON

MELINDA SPAULDING, anchor for Fox News Houston and **NEPHEW TOMMY** from the "Steve Harvey Show" will serve as masters of ceremonies.

Featuring guest speaker **JUDY SMITH** who inspired the hit series "Scandal."

Don't miss musical entertainment by the **SOS BAND**...

And Houston's **DJ SUPASTAR** at the After Party.

Texas Southern University will present a fresh tradition with a signature fund-raising event – *The Maroon & Gray Affair* – on Saturday, April 29 at 6 p.m. at the Marriott Marquis Hotel Houston. The black-tie gala will feature **Judy Smith** as guest speaker. Smith is a renowned political 'fixer' who inspired the hit series, *Scandal*.

Melinda Spaulding, Fox News Houston anchor, and **Nephew Tommy** from the Steve Harvey Show, will guide the gala's tableau. Entertainment will be provided by legendary R&B group, the **SOS Band**. *A Maroon & Gray Affair* will include a tribute to students and alumni. Houston's own **DJ Supastar** will spin hits at the after-party to close out an electrifying evening. Proceeds from the event will benefit TSU's student scholarship fund.

First Lady **Loren Lane** saw an immediate need for scholarships among bright and talented students. She created *The Maroon & Gray Affair* to set a new TSU tradition. The gala draws inspiration from the University's hallmark colors to present an evening of elegance.

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Hughes selected for 2017 induction into Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame



Robert Hughes, top high school basketball coach and legendary Texas Southern University alumni, is among 11 new members who will be inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. The Class of 2017 will be honored September 7-9 during this year's enshrinement festivities in

Springfield, Massachusetts. The announcement was made in a live, televised segment on ESPN2 in Glendale, Arizona – the site of the 2017 NCAA Men's Final Four.

Hughes coached high school basketball in Texas for 47 years and ranks first on the list of all-time wins for boys' high school coaches. He has compiled an overall high school coaching record of 1,333-247 (.844) and led his teams to 35 district championships and five state championships. He served as head coach of the McDonald's All-America Game West team (2001). Hughes was named the National High School Coach of the Year (2003) and recipient of the Morgan Wootten Lifetime Achievement Award (2010). He has been inducted into the Texas Basketball Hall of Fame (1993) and High School Basketball Hall of Fame (2003).

Hughes joins Rebecca Lobo, a WNBA icon and ESPN analyst; two-time NBA scoring champion Tracy McGrady; Notre Dame's Muffet McGraw, a three-time Consensus National College Coach of the Year; and two-time Associated Press College Coach of the Year Bill Self.

HSCS hosts 9th annual Faces of Autism Student Art Exhibition

The Department of Human Services & Consumer Sciences (HSCS) will hold its ninth annual student art exhibition, *Faces of Autism*, in conjunction with its National Autism Awareness Month campaign. *Faces of Autism* will be showcased during the month of April in the Cecelia Scott Lane Building and will feature art from the students at Westview School and Avondale House, along with the work of their art instructor, **Joseph Dixon**.

The exhibition serves as an outlet for creative self-expression and communication for individuals on the autism spectrum as well as disseminating the latest information on autism and other related disabilities. Lectures and workshops will be held to raise awareness about Autistic Spectrum Disorders (ASD).

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Research Week winners announced



(l-r, seated) Fengxiang Qiao, Qing Li, Sarmitha Majumbdar, Jasmine Drake, Daryl Wilkerson and Joy Semien. (l-r, standing, back row) Marylise Caussin representing Yesenia Chavez, Provost Bobby Wilson and Leah Mitchell.

Research Week 2017 was held March 27-31 at various locations on campus. Faculty, staff, and students competed in both oral and poster presentations. An awards program was held March 30 in the Tiger Room of Sterling Student Life Center.

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Some of the winners included **Fengxiang Qiao**, first-place faculty poster; **Qing Li**, first-place staff poster; **Sarmitha Majumdar**, third-place faculty oral; **Jasmine Drake**, second-place faculty oral; **Daryl Wilkerson**, first-place staff oral; **Joy Semien**, second-place student oral; **Yesenia Chavez**, second-place faculty poster; and **Leah Mitchell**, first-place student oral.

Other winners included **Kamal Raghaven**, third-place faculty poster, **Jesse Harris**, first-place student poster; **Angelica Jiminez**, second-place student poster; **Amina Nouchede**, **Minh Do** and **Amanda Briscoe**, third-place student poster, **Anganbin Matin**, first-place faculty oral; and **Pavani Kumar**, third-place student oral.

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“The aim of our campaign is to educate the campus and community about Autism and Autistic Spectrum Disorders,” said Dr. **Kimona Dixon**, HSCS visiting instructor. **Dr. Makuba Lihono**, HSCS department chair, and HSCS faculty and staff believe that this campaign will connect the department’s students and the community. The campaign’s mission is to prepare individuals with experiences related to urban issues that impact individuals, families, and communities.

Autism is a complex neurobiological disorder that can last throughout a person’s lifetime. Today, 1 in 66 individuals are diagnosed with autism, making it more common than pediatric cancer, diabetes, and AIDS combined. It occurs in all racial, ethnic, and social groups and is four times more likely to strike boys than girls. Autism impairs a person’s ability to communicate and relate to others. It is also associated with rigid routines and repetitive behaviors, such as obsessively arranging objects or following specific routines. Symptoms can range from mild to severe.

Financial Literacy Month opening was a success



The Default Prevention Team sponsored several events on campus April 4-5 for Houston Money Week to kick-off Financial Literacy Month.

The opening event, “Young, Gifted and Broke,” featured **Marcus Creighton**, a financial educator from the Society of Financial Education and Professionals. Creighton informed students about the importance of maintaining a positive credit history, investing, and the having an adequate amount of life insurance. Local realtor **Charles Adams** led another session, “A Guide to Apartment Hunting” and educated students on the importance of maintaining a proper rental history. He walked them through the application process and showed them how to manage a budget to cover rent. Students learned how to handle education loans and manage student loan debt in a separate session.

Additional events scheduled for the remainder of Financial Literacy Month include “Give Back, Make an Impact” on April 12; the BB&T Credit Bus on April 13 and April 17; “Traveling On a Budget” on April 19; “Life After Graduation” on April 24; and “Live Healthy, Be Wealthy” on April 26.

Check the daily campus events e-mail or the university calendar at www.tsu.edu for location and time information.

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“The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others,” is Mrs. Lane’s personal motto – a quote from Mahatma Gandhi. These words encapsulate her commitment to securing the financial support necessary for promising young minds.

The Maroon & Gray Affair will build on TSU’s historic success in supporting students, particularly those who are first in their family to attend college, which represents more than 60% of our student population. Nearly 90% of TSU students receive some form of financial assistance. Funds from the gala will be designated to close the gap for students and prevent them from halting their collegiate careers due to a lack of finances. President Lane and TSU administrators want students to focus on their education — not on holding multiple jobs just to make it to the baccalaureate finish line.

“Our students don’t drop out due to lack of ability, they stop out due to a lack of funds,” said President Lane. “We can drastically improve our annual graduation and retention rates by providing our students with a bridge over their financial challenges. The funds raised through *The Maroon & Gray Affair* will allow these incredible young people to matriculate unencumbered from the start of their freshman year to the moment they walk across the graduation stage.

“Without receiving that scholarship, I would not have been able to stay enrolled in the University and could not have returned the following semester,” said one TSU-proud student. “This scholarship allowed me to stay enrolled in school and paved the way for me to be able to network, work hard and go on to achieve incredible things during my collegiate career.”

Mrs. Lane said, “This is what we are all about at Texas Southern — taking our resources and providing one-on-one support to guide young people over the threshold and into a new life. Once you know the story, it’s just one more step to match the student with the right kind of help. It makes all the difference in the world.”

For more information about sponsorships, VIP tables or individual tickets, contact TSU’s Office of Development, visit www.tsu.edu or call TSU at 713-313-6844 or 713-313-1363.

The Student Government Association & The Division of Student Services present

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Mr. and Miss Texas Southern University

Scholarship Pageant

Tuesday, April 11, 2017
Granville Sawyer Auditorium
7 o'clock in the Evening
Doors open at 6:30pm