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TSU awarded \$3.3 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Research cooperative to address health, social inequities of Gulf Coast families



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The Barbara Jordan – Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern University (TSU) was recently awarded a \$3.3 million grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. The grant will expand The HBCU Gulf Coast Equity Consortium, a collaborative project

involving Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and community-based organizations (CBOs) formed to address health equity, social inequality and the vulnerability of children and families in the Gulf Coast.

Texas Southern University President **Dr. Austin A. Lane** said, “We are elated that the Kellogg Foundation has recognized the necessity of this critical research cooperative to improve the lives of people living in the region. It is in line with TSU’s mission as a special-purpose institution dedicated to urban programming, and highlights the academic depth and strength of our talented faculty member and researcher Dr. Robert Bullard and the entire HBCU consortium team.”

Dr. Robert Bullard, a distinguished professor in TSU’s School of Public Affairs, and **Dr. Beverly Wright** of the Dillard University Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, served as the grant’s co-principal investigators.

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TSU named as national traffic research center by the Department of Transportation

Transportation Secretary **Anthony Foxx** announced that Texas Southern University has been selected as one of 18 institutions across the country to lead research on the major transportation challenges that our nation will face over the next three decades.

Texas Southern University’s designation as a Beyond Traffic Innovation Center was announced on the same day that the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) released the final report, *Beyond Traffic 2045*. The report is the culmination of a two-year analysis of transportation challenges presented by trends including population growth, increased freight shipping, and the movement of people into concentrated megaregions.

“In the next 30 years, our country will have 70 million more people competing for the use of our roads, transit and rail networks, and airports, and we are going to have to make some big choices about how we fund and prioritize transportation,” said Secretary Foxx. “The Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers will bring together researchers, students, and thought leaders to develop the ideas we need to keep Americans moving and build a transportation system that works for everyone.”

Beyond Traffic Innovation Centers are non-profit institutions of higher education and non-profit organizations which will promote study and thought leadership around the challenges raised in the Beyond Traffic report. Centers will convene leaders and other key decision-makers in each of the megaregions around the United States, as well as in rural communities, to discuss these challenges and coordinate related research, curriculum, outreach, and other activities.

Gridiron Glory exhibit at TSU to showcase the best of America’s most beloved sport



Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame is a 6,000 square-foot traveling exhibit that will arrive January 30 on TSU’s campus for its three-month run in the University Museum. *Gridiron Glory*, organized by the **Pro Football Hall of Fame** in association with **NFL Films**, gives viewers a panoramic view of the story of professional football – from its humble beginnings in the early 20th century to its status today as a cultural phenomenon.

Inspirational stories of the game’s pioneers, top athletes, coaches, and unique plays will unfold for patrons. The exhibit will include more than 200 artifacts from the Pro Football Hall of Fame’s collection, rare documents, award-winning photography and a 500 square-foot area reserved for

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The **deadline** to submit news or information for **TSU E-News** is Thursday’s at noon for the following week’s edition. Submissions may be sent to calliskd@tsu.edu or pickensek@tsu.edu.

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“We are excited that the Kellogg Foundation grant allows us to expand our HBCU community-university equity network to address health and environmental issues in the Gulf Coast region using an equity and racial justice lens,” Dr. Bullard said. “Collectively, our HBCUs are in a unique position to build partnerships and implement a ‘southern initiative’ to address equity challenges that are unique to the South given our region’s history and legacy.”

“It is our goal to improve the quality of life for families and children in environmental justice communities through research, data collection, community training and advocacy,” Dr. Wright said. “This generous grant from the Kellogg Foundation gives us the opportunity to do this work.”

The project will focus on addressing social inequality, health equity and the well-being of children (prenatal to age eight) and families in five Gulf Coast states – Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Florida – with a special emphasis on Houston, New Orleans, Gulfport-Biloxi, Mobile, and Pensacola.

The Gulf Coast region ranked highest in poverty, food insecurity and “food deserts,” uninsured, and access to parks. The region also ranked in the bottom quartile for the state health-system performance, family and community well-being, and child well-being. Children in the region are considered at “ground zero” of multiple environmental assaults. According to the 2014 Kids Count report, the South (including Gulf Coast states) is the worst place for children and families due in part to hosting a disproportionate share of the nation’s chemical plants, refineries, seaports, and other dangerous polluting industries.

The HBCU Gulf Coast Equity Consortium, using state-of-the-art tools, community input and policy review/analysis to develop comprehensive plans and action strategies, seeks to improve the quality of life of children and families in the Gulf Coast.

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the venue’s “home team” – the Houston Texans. Exclusive exhibit items include the Vince Lombardi Trophy, an authentic interactive instant-replay booth, Knute Rockne’s 1919 Massillon Tigers helmet, Jim Brown’s jersey worn in an actual game, and Emmitt Smith’s rushing-record game mementos.

Gridiron Glory will feature interactive elements for fans of the sport – ‘Measure Up to the Pros’ allows a comparison of your physical dimensions and athletic abilities to the biggest stars in the game; ‘You make the Call’ will let fans step into an Instant Replay Booth and see if they can make the right call; exhibit patrons can try on vintage pads and jerseys along with today’s light-weight equipment; and fans can enjoy interactive touch-screen kiosks that show video clips of their favorite Hall of Famer.

Get your tickets today at www.ticketmaster.com. Media, businesses and organizations are invited to partner with TSU in this amazing experience. Funding through exhibition ticket sales and sponsorships support college scholarships and student programs.

Unique underwriting opportunities include evening venue rental for companies or organizations to host private viewing receptions and funding group tours for youth centers, schools, and young athletes. For details, including sponsorships, group tours, daily packages and options for retail ticket outlets, contact Kendrick Callis at 713-313-7933 or calliskd@tsu.edu, Rodney Bush at 713-313-7603 or bushrr@tsu.edu, Linda L. Ragland at 832-443-6272 or llr@mybrandsite.com.

For individual ticket purchases and hours of exhibition, visit Ticketmaster.

Calling all Students, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni:

Join us for **Texas Southern University Day at the Capitol** to demonstrate support for the University’s legislative agenda **Tuesday, January 24, 2017, in Austin, Texas.**



Buses will transport students, faculty, staff, and alumni. We will **depart from the campus of Texas Southern at 5:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, and return at approximately 6:30 p.m.** Morning and evening snacks will be provided. Lunch will be provided.

You must register to attend. To register, go to:

<https://tsudayjan242017.eventbrite.com>

For more information, please call 713.313.7640



University Calendar 2017

TSU Events for January 2017 - April 2017 at a Glance

Saturday, January 14, 2017

Graduate Student Orientation

Recreation Center, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

For more information call 713-313-4410 or email

tsugradorientation@tsu.edu

Monday, January 16, 2017

Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

Campus closed

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

Spring Semester Begins

Classes resume

Saturday, January 21, 2017

JHJ Scholarship Soiree: Ninety Shades of Maroon and Grey

Hilton Americas Hotel - 1600 Lamar St., 6:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.

For tickets and information contact Muriel Funches at

713-313-6750

Tuesday, January 24, 2017

TSU Day At The Capitol

Austin, TX

Monday, January 30 - Sunday, April 30, 2017

Gridiron Glory: "The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame"

University Museum, 10:00 a.m - 8:00 p.m. M-S; 10:00 p.m. -

6:00 p.m. Sun.

[Click Here for tickets](#)

Thursday, February 16, 2017

College of Education Excellence in Education Gala

Junior League of Houston, 1811 Oak Briar Ln.

Houston, TX 77027

For tickets and information contact Dr. Bernice Peltier-Glaze at

713-313-7496

Monday, February 20, 2017

President's Day Holiday

Campus closed

Saturday, March 4 - Friday, March 10, 2017

Mid-Semester Examinations

Saturday, March 11 - Friday, March 17, 2017

Spring Break

Thursday, April 6, 2017

Honors Convocation

H&PE Arena, Time TBA

Friday, April 14, 2017

Good Friday Holiday

Campus closed

Friday, April 29, 2017

A Maroon and Gray Affair

Marriott Marquis - Downtown Houston, 7:30 p.m.

For sponsorship and ticket information call 713-313-1361



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COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
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Thursday, February 16, 2017
6:00 p.m.

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HOUSTON, TX 77027

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Attire:

BLACK TIE OPTIONAL

Tickets:

\$75.00

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