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Dr. Raphael X. Moffett named Student Affairs VP at TSU



Texas Southern University announces the appointment of Dr. **Raphael X. Moffett** as its new Vice President of Student Affairs.

“Texas Southern University is fortunate to have added Dr. Moffett to our team,” said TSU President Dr. **Austin A. Lane**. “Securing such an experienced and innovative higher education professional will certainly bolster our ability to achieve the lofty goals we have set for student achievement and institutional effectiveness.”

“I am beyond excited to be selected as the vice president of Student Affairs at Texas Southern University,” Moffett said. “Ultimately, I want to facilitate a dynamic co-curricular experience that is focused on the holistic development of students. I’m also intrigued by the opportunity to collaborate with faculty, staff, alumni and community partners to foster a culture of student success within and beyond the classroom.”

Dr. Moffett was vice president of Student Affairs at Langston University in Langston,

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TSU alumna Sheryl Victorian promoted to HPD captain

Named second African-American female captain in department history



(l-r) Interim HPD Police Chief Martha Montalvo, Captain Sheryl Victorian, Ph.D., and husband, Aaron Victorian.

Texas Southern University alumna **Sheryl Victorian**, Ph.D., is only the second Black woman to join the ranks of Houston Police Department captains. The official

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Texas Southern, Houston Community College System partner for student success



TSU Board Chairman **Derrick Mitchell**, TSU President **Dr. Austin Lane**, HCC Chancellor **Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E.**, HCC Board of Trustees Chair **Adriana Tamez, Ed.D.**, and HCC Trustee **Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Ed. D**

Administrators from Texas Southern University (TSU) and the Houston Community College System (HCCS) signed a historic memorandum of understanding on November 9 in the College of Education at TSU. The agreement provides the framework that will allow both institutions to ensure that students will have a seamless, cost-effective transfer from HCCS to TSU.

TSU President **Dr. Austin Lane**, TSU Board Chairman **Derrick Mitchell**, HCC Board of Trustees Chair **Adriana Tamez, Ed.D.**, HCC Chancellor **Cesar Maldonado, Ph.D., P.E.**, and HCC Trustee and two-time TSU alumnus **Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Ed. D** were among the administrators in attendance.

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Marcia Johnson Public Service Award applications now available at Earl Carl Institute

The Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy (ECI) is now accepting applications for its annual **Marcia Johnson Outstanding Public Service Award (MJOPSA)**. The award, established in the name of the Institute’s founder, will go to a TSU student, a community servant, and a local community organization in recognition of outstanding public service. Each award winner will receive \$1,000.

The award recognizes activities that promote progress and reform, legal and social policy advocacy, research and education, community coalition-building, community organizing, grassroots organization, and community decision-making.

Professor Johnson is a visionary who created the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy in 1992, a non-profit organization sponsored by the Thurgood Marshall

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For any questions or comments, call Eva Pickens at 713-313-4205.



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Oklahoma. He served in that capacity since September 2012. In his role at TSU, Dr. Moffett will be responsible for providing student programs and services that promote the University's mission and enhance the student campus experience. He will provide oversight and direction for a range of departments and programs, including cooperative education and placement services, the Student Center, judicial affairs, the Student Health Center, housing and residential services, the Student Recreation Center and intramural sports, Upward Bound, Talent Search, and other academic and support services designed to bolster student success.

Dr. Moffett is committed to enhancing students' overall collegiate experience and is known as a goal-oriented and value-driven servant leader. He focuses on providing students with innovative programs to maximize their potential.

His philosophy is rooted in ensuring that every student has the ability to achieve academic success and personal growth with the proper guidance and support. His research has focused on factors that impact African-American student retention in higher education and the undergraduate educational experiences of African-American men. Dr. Moffett has been involved in student affairs on the national level, presenting at conferences and serving on national committees. His efforts have raised awareness about the importance, relevance and legacy of HBCUs, and access to higher education for underrepresented communities.

Dr. Moffett, a native of Lacey, Washington, earned a doctorate degree in Educational Leadership and a master's in Educational Leadership, both from Clark Atlanta University, and a bachelor's degree in English Education from Washington State University. Dr. Moffett began his career in student affairs in 2002 as a graduate student working in residential life at Clark Atlanta University. He was inspired by working with college students and made the decision to pursue a career in student affairs.

His 14 years of experience in higher education have allowed him to serve and have an impact in the areas of student activities, residential life, retention and student success, civic engagement, multicultural affairs, academic advisement, fraternity and sorority life, leadership, student conduct, first-year and sophomore experience, policy evaluation and implementation, and accreditation. He has also served at Spelman College, Georgia State University, Morehouse College and Trinity University. He is an in-demand motivational speaker.

Dr. Moffett enjoys spending time with his wife and son, reading, watching and playing basketball, playing the piano, listening to and producing music, dining and traveling.

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School of Law. Johnson named the Institute after Earl Carl, a respected law professor. The Institute was designed to be a training ground for law students who would give back to historically disenfranchised communities. The Institute is dedicated to identifying academic and grassroots solutions to legal and social issues impacting the minority community, opportunities to promote policy change for the betterment of the urban community, and fulfill the missions of the Institute, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law and Texas Southern University.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Earl Carl Institute by **Tuesday, January 3, 2017**. Submissions via e-mail should be sent to Irdaniels@tmslaw.tsu.edu. Questions may be directed to Lucinda Daniels or Sarah Guidry at 713-313-1139. For more information and to obtain an application, visit www.earlcarlinstitute.org. Finalists will be announced in late February 2017. Awards will be issued at a reception on April 6, 2017.

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promotion ceremony was held on November 9.

The journey to this achievement began for Victorian years ago.

"When I was nine years old my father passed away, and in order to avoid being overwhelmed by all that was going on during funeral proceedings, I focused on the police who were escorting our family," Victorian said. "I saw their compassionate side, how they looked out for my family. I saw the respect they received from others and I fell in love."

Victorian said she had an unexplained fear of police prior to the funeral experience.

"No one in my family had any negative experiences with the police, but for some reason they scared me to death. So much so, that when my mom tried to get me to shake an officer's hand, I fell out on the floor crying and everything," Victorian said.

The care and concern from officers caused Victorian to grow up wanting to do the same – to become an officer of the law. Plus, at age nine, she fell in love with law enforcement by becoming a fan of the TV show, *Miami Vice*. Her direction took a slight turn when she began the first leg of her journey at Texas Southern, earning her B.A. in Administration of Justice in May 1992. She still wanted to go into criminal justice, but set her sights on becoming a probation or parole officer. When that route did not work out, a fortuitous meeting with a former classmate convinced her to submit an application to the Houston Police Department.

"I returned to my original dream and I did it, and 23 years later I'm still doing it," Victorian said with modesty.

Being named an HPD captain is rare air for an officer of any race or gender, but Victorian is only the second active African-American female captain in HPD history. HPD, as of October 2015, was considered the most diverse big-city police department in the nation with 53 percent of its officers classified as minorities (Hispanic, 24 percent; African-American, 22 percent; Asian/Pacific Islander, Native American and those from countries from all over the world combined, 7 percent). Females are 16 percent of the force, outpacing the national average which hovers between 10-12 percent.

Victorian's rise to captain is no small feat and she knows it. Her new title and responsibilities are a major milestone.

"It's definitely an inspiration, especially to younger African-American women, to see that this level is achievable with hard work, compassion, commitment, and dedication. For the community, for people to see a person they know in law enforcement with the community's best interest at heart, is important. I can bridge that gap between community and police, because yes, I am African American and believe black lives matter and in treating all people with respect. I also believe in working with community for better policing," she said.

Dorothy Edwards, HPD's first Black assistant chief, gave Victorian the opportunity to see that HPD leadership was achievable for Black women. But it was her second stint at TSU that provided the credentials necessary to make her appointment possible. Victorian earned her Ph.D. in Administration of Justice in 2013 through the Barbara Jordan – Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs.

"My Ph.D. allowed me to become a better communicator and critical thinker, to attain a different level of success professionally and personally, and to become a more competitive candidate for positions like this," said Victorian, who credited her challenging professors for much of her success, especially TSU's Dr. Helen Taylor Green.

Victorian stays busy with other interests outside of law enforcement. She is a Christian playwright, writing and directing a production performed at the Wortham Theater in 2009, and an adjunct professor at Southern New Hampshire University. Victorian is also as an authenticator for Major League Baseball. Now, she is inspiring others, displaying the strong and compassionate side of law enforcement with a foundation laid at Texas Southern University.

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Honors College engages community in student scholarship fund-raising



(l-r) Asa Sampson, Sr., Elizabeth Brown-Guillory and Asa Sampson, Jr.

The Thomas F. Freeman Honors College has begun reaching out to local churches for scholarship funding. Pastors **Asa Sampson, Sr.** and **Asa Sampson, Jr.** of Hopewell Temple Missionary Baptist Church, both TSU alumni, presented a check to Interim Dean Dr. **Elizabeth Brown-Guillory** on November 13.

Senior Pastor Sampson, Sr. said he was happy that the Honors College asked his church for support. He rallied his congregation asking everyone to give generously to support TSU and the College named for Dr. Freeman.

“This is a brave and bold move and one that will garner support because Texas Southern University has educated many members of our congregation. They will want to give back to their beloved alma mater,” he said, beaming as he announced to the congregation that Dr. Freeman had been his professor and mentor years ago. “TSU has given so much to me and I am honored to help raise scholarships for deserving Honors College Scholars.”

The Honors College has set an ambitious fund-raising campaign. In October, the College hosted *Runway Extraordinaire*, a fashion show that featured religious, business and community leaders to raise money for scholarships. TSU alumna Mrs. Georgia Provost was one of the organizers of the event. The College has also established a fund-raising board and its members have committed to donating \$5,000 each to support deserving students. Two Honors College alumni have joined the board and will be feted at an upcoming installation event.

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