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Entertainment/music industry leader, Ernest Walker becomes new GM at KTSU-FM radio



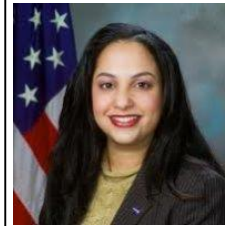
A graduate of nearby Jack Yates High School School of Communications, an alumnus of the School of Music in Washington DC, and President of Walker Entertainment Group Inc., **Ernest Walker** has joined Texas Southern University as the new general manager of its radio station at KTSU-FM (90.9). Walker brings more than 20 years of experience in business, production, entertainment, fundraising and professionalism to the Texas Southern University radio station. Walker has served as a producer and music director in all aspects of the entertainment industry, including new mediums, for many years.

He has been the producer and director for national and international recording artists Chante Moore, Kirk Whalum, Al Jarreau, Regina Belle, the late Natalie Cole, Quincy Jones and countless other artists.

He has collaborated on major projects with Radio One, Clear Channel Radio, KHOU-TV, ABC, TV-One, The Kennedy Center and produced shows and handled technical production, schedules, marketing, sponsorships and sales for various national conventions, concerts and festivals. He often selects TSU students to serve as musicians and/or interns.

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Pharmacy Health Science alumna named editor in chief



Dr. Noreen Khan-Mayberry has been appointed the Editor in Chief of The Journal of Clinical Toxicology. The Journal of Clinical Toxicology deals with the study of manmade and environmental xenobiotics (chemical or biochemical factors that are a "stranger to life" or not

inherent to the given organism) and toxic effects of drugs. The peer-reviewed journal addresses both scientific research and clinical advances in clinical toxicology.

Dr. Noreen, a College of Pharmacy Health Sciences alum also known as "The Tox Doc", is a toxicologist that specializes in environmental, space, food and nutritional toxicology. Her personal mission is to translate the language of science for non-scientists in order to educate and inform the public of critical issues that affect their health and quality of life.

TSU Presidential Search website up

The search for Texas Southern University's 12th president has begun. The search process is designed to be open and transparent with considerable outreach to TSU students, faculty, staff, alumni, community leaders and administrators.

A webpage and online survey were created to provide an overview of the search process with an opportunity for individuals to offer input.

See [Presidential Search webpage](#)

Research Week 2016 dates announced

Texas Southern University's annual Research Week is scheduled for Monday, March 28 – Friday, April 1, 2016. This year's theme is "Interdisciplinary Research Trends in Social and Behavioral Studies, The Arts, and Sciences".

Coordinated by the Office of Research, Research Week provides an avenue for promoting national and local awareness of the exciting research and outreach activities on the campus of TSU. The activities for the week will include visiting scientist, faculty, research staff and student oral and poster presentations, plenary sessions, university research and outreach center exhibits, and a culminating awards program/ luncheon.

Fulbright Ambassador Jeanne Toungara to offer Fulbright Scholar workshop

Dr. **Jeanne M. Toungara**, an Associate Professor of History and Africanist scholar at Howard University, will facilitate a presentation describing her experiences as a Fulbright Scholar during 1992 in Cote D'Ivoire March 15, 2016 in the University Museum.

The Fulbright Ambassador Program trains and utilizes a select group of Fulbright Scholar alumni to serve as representatives for the Fulbright Scholar Program at campus workshops and academic conferences across the United States. At the end of the presentation, there will be time for questions from the audience.

Toungara's research interests include West African intellectual history, pre-colonial state formation, political culture and democratization within francophone African nations, with particular emphasis on Côte d'Ivoire. A website detailing Professor Toungara's Fulbright experience can be seen at: <http://www.cies.org/alumni-ambassadors/jeanne-maddox-toungara>

US Senator John Cornyn visits TSU



TSU Regent Chairman **Derrick Mitchell**, left, is shown with U.S. Senator **John Cornyn** on the campus of Texas Southern University. While in Houston, Cornyn visited TSU's Aviation and Engineering programs in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology as well as the Pharmacy Simulation Lab. Cornyn wrapped up his TSU visit at the TSU Thurgood Marshall School of Law where faculty, students and staff greeted him and held various conversations about

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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.

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

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Walker manages a staff of employees for the Abundant Life Cathedral, the Mayor's Holiday Tree-Lighting Celebration and other major city events. He has musically produced the inaugurations of the Mayors of Houston for the past 10 years, and the City's Freedom Over Texas 4th of July Celebration for the past six years. To his credit is the fact that Walker has produced, "Evolution of Gospel," at The John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., for the past six years, and provided the entertainment for the NAACP National Convention for the past three years, traveling to various cities.

He is the vice chairman of the Gospel Music Heritage Month Foundation Board and has the following experience: President/CEO, Walker Entertainment Group since 1991; Chief Operating Officer, Marketing Houston; Business Manager, Abundant Life Cathedral; General Manager, Ablife Records, where he spent a great deal of time handling radio functions from sales to promotions, managing talent and operations. He is also President of Keeping the Music Alive Organization, a company based in Houston and designed to keep "real music" in a safe place and archived.

Over the coming weeks, Walker will assess the needs of the station and its resources and align his goals and plans with successful outcome strategies.

"To state that we're excited about Mr. Walker joining the station, is putting it mildly," stated Eva Pickens, University Spokesperson, Advancement VP and Chair of the Search Committee. "We certainly did see some outstanding talent in the applicant pool. However, the majority of committee members feel that Mr. Walker's energy, creativity, innovative style and knowledge, and perspective is what the station needs right now. The majority of the committee is familiar with Mr. Walker's experience in the field, his work ethic, dedication to students and resources will play a vital role in taking the station to the next level. We are happy for our students in that regard as it will be critical that they receive the proper training to launch their careers before or soon after graduation day," Pickens added.

Walker chimes, "I am anxious to get started. I have so many plans to connect KTSU with the community and beyond. For the students, I want nothing more than to see them properly trained, interning in real world experiences and succeeding beyond measure." Continuing Walker adds, "It really is an honor to lead this entity as we look forward to charting a path to keep KTSU vital and vibrant. We will work hard to build a stronger station for our community of listeners and members. Please stay tuned."

\$10K in royalties raised for Political Science program



Dr. Michael O. Adams, Professor of Political Science & Public Administration and Department of Political Science Interim Chair, announced that as a result of the Political Science book publishing agreement he negotiated and with contributions of original articles by Professors **Jay Aiyer**, **Carroll G. Robinson**, and Adams, the Department of Political Science has received its first semi-annual installment of \$10,602 to assist students in the department. Because of these and previous efforts, over \$17,000 in total has been secured for the department in the past two years.

Ocean of Soul says thanks for a wonderful experience



Texas Southern University's Ocean of Soul Marching Band participated in the Krewe of Endymion Mardi Gras Parade February 6, in New Orleans, Louisiana. Known as the largest and 'monster of parades', the "Ocean" served as the honorary marching band in the parade. Crowds of onlookers along the parade route were left dazzled with

the "Oceans" high-step marching, unique dance moves, and solid grove beats.

In addition to the Krewe of Endymion, the band performed in the Parade of Bands in the Mercedes-Benz Superdome at the Endymion Extravaganza Ball. The "Ocean" received a standing ovation from an arousing crowd of 20,000 plus attendees. The "Ocean" also received applause and overwhelming reactions from excited spectators while playing "under the bridge", one of the favorite spots for marching bands.


Under the leadership of Interim Band Director, **Clarence Gibson**, a music workshop, auditions and recruitment events were held at the renowned all-boys parochial school St. Augustine High School.

With heartfelt thanks and gratitude for an amazing experience, members of the Ocean of Soul Band and staff members extend sincere appreciation to the following administrators for making this trip possible: Dr. **John Rudley**, President, Dr. **James Ward** Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. **William Saunders**, Vice President & Dean of Students, Ms. **Eva Pickens**, Vice President for University Advancement, Dr. **Charles McClelland**, Vice President for Intercollegiate Athletics, Ms. **Connie Cochran**, Associate Vice President of Alumni Relations, Ms. **Julia Askew**, TSU National Alumni President and the **TSU National Alumni Association**.

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Hayes-Perry helps lead Lady Tigers to new heights



The Texas Southern University Lady Tigers basketball team recently won their second consecutive Southwestern Athletic Conference Regular Season Championship Title with a 53-41 road victory over the Alcorn State Lady Braves.

Under the direction of third year TSU head coach **Johnetta Hayes-Perry**, the Lady Tigers have flourished and quickly transformed themselves into one of the top programs in SWAC, evident by the Championship banners and trophies that have recently found permanent homes at TSU's H&PE Arena.

"Back-to-back regular season championships is a great accomplishment for our program," said Hayes-Perry. "These young ladies, my staff, and our support staff have worked extremely hard to make this goal a reality. I'm just blessed to be a part of a family that believes in Dr. **Charles McClelland's** vision for where he sees this program going."

Hayes-Perry is no stranger to turning around programs at the collegiate level. Prior to becoming head coach at Texas Southern she was a part of former head coach Cynthia Cooper-Dyke's staff at UNC-Wilmington and TSU. In 2012-13 while serving as an assistant coach she helped guide the Lady Tigers program to its first ever SWAC Regular Season Title.

During her second season as head coach she won her first title at TSU. This season the Lady Tigers were crowned Tri-Champions after compiling a 15-3 mark in league play. Equally as impressive, the Lady Tigers have qualified for postseason play for three consecutive seasons after going multiple decades without qualifying for postseason play.

According to Hayes-Perry the keys to getting the programmed turned around was simple.

"We looked to recruit young ladies who have a winning attitude, are loyal to the collective goals of a team, and dedicated to getting better daily," said Hayes-Perry. "The single biggest factor for getting the program turned around is the people and support surrounding it. I truly believe that winning becomes contagious and when you surround yourself with people who push you and your staff and student-athletes to be great you can't help but to learn from their examples."

For the Lady Tigers, this season has centered around the heavy contributions of some familiar faces along with the addition of several key newcomers.

Perhaps the biggest threat to opposing teams on both ends of the floor has been TSU starting center **Keiana Vines**. Vines has single handily won games for the Lady Tigers this season with her stellar play on offense and defense. The California native averages a team leading 13.7 points per game to go along with 7.7 rebounds and 3.3 blocks which ranks her nears the top on the NCAA chart of the country's best rim protectors. For her efforts she was named the 2016 SWAC Defensive Player of the Year along with garnering a first team selection on the All-SWAC team at center.

Joining her on the All-SWAC team were fellow teammates **Brianna Sidney** (11.9 ppg-4.7 rpg) and **Toni Cheadle** (9.4 ppg-6.4 rpg).

Also making a big impact this season has been true-freshman point guard **Joyce Kinnerson** (9.5 ppg-2.4 apg). She currently leads the team in assists per game and has logged the most minutes this season at the floor general position.


Tigers fall short of SWAC tournament titles, men qualify for NIT

The Texas Southern University men's and women's basketball teams dreams of making it to the NCAA tournament came to an end in the semi-final round of the SWAC tournament March 11 in the Toyota Center. Both teams scored quarterfinal victories versus Alabama A&M and Jackson State, respectively, before falling to the Jaguars of Southern University. By virtue of claiming the regular season SWAC championship, the men will face Valparaiso March 15 at 8:15 p.m. on ESPN 3. The Lady Tigers did not qualify for postseason play.



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