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TSU Spring Commencement set for Saturday, May 14

Texas Southern University students from all academic disciplines, both graduate and undergraduate, are preparing themselves to participate in the one activity for which they came – Commencement.

Texas Southern University's Spring 2016 Commencement activities are scheduled for Saturday, May 14, at 9:30 a.m. in the H&PE Arena.

The Reverend Dr. **Marcus D. Cosby**, Senior Pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church (WABC) in Houston will serve as this year's commencement speaker.

As the successor to the Founding Pastor of WABC, Dr. William A. Lawson, Pastor Cosby has been blessed to continue the ministry of this intentionally intergenerational congregation in the inner city of Houston, Texas, since 2004, having served as Associate Pastor since 1998. With four Sunday worship services and a membership of nearly 13,000, he has led the congregation to ensure its impact both on and far beyond the

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TSU hosts State appropriations special hearing



Pictured above is from left to right, John Pitts, President John Rudley, Rep. Helen Giddings, Rep. Gilbert Pena, Rep. John Raney, and Dean Edward Stemley.

Members of the Texas House of Representatives Committee on Appropriations subcommittee on Art. III (Higher Education) held a committee hearing in the Rod Paige Education Bldg. May 5, to discuss the current formulas used to fund institutions of higher education.

The committee hearing, coordinated through the TSU Office of Governmental Relations and chaired by Representative **Trent Ashby**, heard testimony from **Jeff Pool**, Legislative Budget Board analyst; and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner Dr. **Raymond Paredes** and Dr. **Julie Eklund**, respectively.

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Faculty and Staff Campaign concludes with Victory Celebration



*Pictured holding the mock check representing the \$263,200 raised during the 2016 Faculty and Staff Campaign are, from left, **Remon Green**, Campaign Chair, **LaRence Snowden**, Associate Vice President of Development, **Eva Pickens**, Vice President of University Advancement, and Dr. **John M. Rudley**, Texas Southern University President.*

The 2016 Faculty and Staff Campaign concluded May 3 with the Victory Celebration held in the Science Center Atrium. Thanks to your generosity and willingness to financially support Texas Southern University students across the spectrum of program offerings, a record \$263,200.29 was raised.

Buildings and Grounds continued their Family Feud winning streak. This year they took down the Department of Public Safety in a clean sweep – a no contest.

Campaign award winners were presented with a trophy and medallion for their efforts in securing funds. Winning areas and their ambassadors were: **Total Achievement (100% Participation & Exceeded Goal)**: Student Academic Enhancement Services, **Sannie Reagan**; COSET, **Dolly Spencer**; Graduate School, **Carol Mitchell**; General Counsel, **Kedric Patterson**; University Advancement, **Tiffany Asberry**; Athletics, **Rosiland Thomas-McRae**; Human Resource/Payroll, **Stacie Hawkins**; **Team Work (100% Participation)**: President's Office, **Kristina Reed**; Internal Audit/Compliance, **Patricia Lewis**; Office of Board Relations, **Martha**

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First-of-its-kind program to expose minority boys to STEM



Boys from middle schools across Houston will have the opportunity to learn technology skills this summer at Texas Southern University as part of the Verizon Minority Male Makers Program.

Texas Southern University and Verizon will announce a Minority Male Makers Program, at an 11 a.m. press event, Thursday, May 12, in the University Museum on the campus of TSU.

This first-of-its-kind, two-year program exposes young male minority students to technology, including coding, app development and 3D printing, and provides valuable science, technology, engineering

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Urban Planning professor appointed to chair committee on diversity



Jeffrey S. Lowe, Ph.D., Associate Professor in the Department of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy, has been appointed (by President Lois M. Takahashi, Ph.D.) chair of the Committee on Diversity for the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. The purpose of the Committee on Diversity is to work with and encourage planning schools to develop specific programs and incentives for increasing faculty and student diversity as well as expanding diversity in the curriculum. Professor Lowe's term covers a two-year period (2016-2018).

Procurement training available beginning May 19

The Office of Purchasing now has the ability to host group and/or individualized Procurement Services training sessions in their office. If you are new to TSU, Banner or the requisition process; or if you just want to brush up on how to input requisitions, track requisitions, track payments, and see where and why things happen as they do; they are ready to help you.

There will be a standing hour-long training session on the 3rd Thursday of every month at 2:00 p.m. in Hannah Hall room #333. Registration will be required. Eight persons can be accommodated at one time and registration will be on a first come first served basis. Individual sessions can be scheduled on an as-needed basis.

The initial training session is scheduled for Thursday, May 19. Requests can be sent to **Thomas Britt** at brittb@tsu.edu or **Sceffers Ward** at wardsv@tsu.edu.

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Morgan; Institutional Assessment, Planning & Effectiveness, **Stephanie Neveu**; College of Education, **Leeandra Roderique**; RJT Library, **Barbara Ritcherson**; Department of Public Safety, **Remon Green**; Buildings and Grounds, **Zenobia Alex**; Purchasing & Procurement, **Felicia Garrett**; **Top Investment (Exceeded Goal)**; Thurgood Marshall School of Law, **Susan Bynam**; JHJ School of Business, **Johnnie Williams & Ron Brown**; and **Outstanding Accomplishment Award (Most Dollars Raised Overall)**; Thurgood Marshall School of Law, **Susan Bynam**.

Opening time for extended hours at Robert J Terry Library

For the Spring 2016 final exam period, the Robert J. Terry Library plans to operate on the following schedule: The Library will open Sunday, May 8 at 12:00 p.m. and remain open continuously through 12:00 midnight, Thursday, May 12, 2016. Normal hours will resume Friday, May 13, 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The best day of my life: White House College Reporter Day



By **Lenzi Causey**, Editor-In-Chief, TSU Herald Student Newspaper

Fifty students from across the nation attended the first-ever White House College Reporter Day on April 28th at the White House. As each student received his or her place setting and

briefing folder in the Indian Treaty Room in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building, they prepared to make history, not knowing what was ahead of them. I was one of those fifty students.

College Reporter Day, coordinated by White House Director of Special Media, Hallie Ruvin and a team of White House correspondents, is a day-long conference that serves to educate young, emerging journalists on the nation's issues of the day, i.e. college affordability, sexual assault awareness and students' exposure to opportunities to attend college and receive scholarship dollars.

Each student who attended is enrolled at a college or university in the United States, including Historically Black Colleges and Universities such as Howard, Hampton, North Carolina A & T, Morgan State and Wayne State Universities. As a representative of Texas Southern and HBCUs across the nation, I pondered on the issues we have when it comes to acquiring and paying for our education. As a student leader and as the top editor for our student-produced publication, it was an honor and privilege to sit amongst other great students, some of which are graduating and going straight into the field of journalism.

Secretary of Education, John King, spoke on ways to promote college affordability and options students have to

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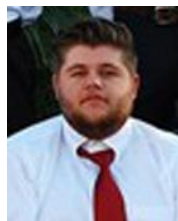
church campus with the inception of the Wheeler Avenue Christian Academy, serving children from 6 weeks old through the fifth grade; by opening a transitional housing facility for homeless single mothers in the Third Ward community of Houston; through cultivating a missional outreach in multiple villages in South Africa, and maintaining a passion for creatively impacting the lives of the forsaken and forgotten wherever they may be found.



State Representative The Honorable **Helen Giddings** is scheduled to receive the highest honor bestowed upon an individual by the University – the Presidential Medal. Giddings is president of Multiplex, Inc., a specialty concessions company, which she founded in 1989. She is presently serving her 11th term in the Texas House of Representatives where she serves as the Vice Chair of the State Affairs Committee and previously chaired the Business & Industry Committee for three terms. Today, she continues to serve on the House Appropriations Committee, the State Affairs Committee, and the Calendars Committee. Giddings was instrumental in ensuring that Texas Southern University was provided with the proper funding amount established by the Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights. She was also responsible for legislation that ended the state's B-On-Time program which had adverse funding effects on Texas Southern University.

For a full listing of Commencement activities and schedule see the flyer on page 3 of this publication.

TSU's McLaughlin qualifies for 2016 NCAA Golf Championships



Texas Southern Tigers Golfer **Thomas McLaughlin** recently qualified for the 2016 NCAA Men's Golf Championships after an impressive finish at the 2016 SWAC Golf Championships. McLaughlin was also named First Team All-Conference. Fellow golfer **Kyle Smith** was named Second Team All-Conference. As a team, Texas Southern finished second in the rain shorten event at the Oak Wing Golf Club in Alexandria, Louisiana.

TSUSports.com correspondent Marcus Smith sat down with McLaughlin to discuss that remarkable achievement and also about the path that led him to Texas Southern University. [Click here](#) to see the entire interview.

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pay for their education while minimizing debt such as pay-as-you-earn plans and federal dollars that contribute to Pell Grants. Senior Advisor to the President and Chair of the White House Council for Women and Girls, Valerie Jarrett, spoke on the White House's #ItsOnUs campaign that raises awareness and works to prevent sexual assault on college campuses.

“One in five girls are assaulted during college, and men are assaulted, although there are smaller numbers,” Jarrett said. “About two-and-a-half years ago, the President and Vice President created a task force to look at what we can do to end sexual assault on college and university campuses.”

Aside from all the great information we acquired, the best part of attending White House College Reporter Day was the connections we formed with one another and with the White House staff as we went through the day's press conferences. We met White House Chief of Staff, Denis McDonough, several White House administrators and correspondents. We met the Obamas' dogs, Bo and Sunny. But to top it all off, following our press briefing with Press Secretary Josh Earnest, we were surprised by none other than, President Barack Hussein Obama, aka #POTUS.

“I hear there's some hotshot journalists here. Josh was speaking for me, and I wanted to make sure he was getting it right,” President Obama joked as he approached the podium to give us the most prized press conference any of us will probably ever have, as he closes his final term as, arguably, the best President of the United States.

To hear from our nation's leaders about what they are working to do to provide us quality, affordable education as we endure our tenures at our respected colleges universities, was an experience I am sure none of us will forget. As we continue on to find and report the truth, and build our careers around that, we are secure in knowing that there are many firsts, including being the first class of college reporters ever to try and grill the President on his own turf -- Certainly grounds to say College Reporter Day was the best day ever.

TSU News

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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Dr. **John M. Rudley**, President, Texas Southern University and Dr. **Edward J. Stemley**, Dean, TSU College of Pharmacy and Health Science (COPHS) testified on the impact formula funding has had on TSU and COPHS, specifically.

It was noted by Dr. Rudley that the current formula funding does not recognize the type of student that TSU serves. “So if the Legislature is going to do outcomes based funding I hope that the Coordinating Board would run the formula to see if that is going to result in more or less money for Texas Southern University.”

F. Lamar Pritchard, Dean, University of Houston, College of Pharmacy also testified on the impact of formula funding at UH pharmacy school. Also, testifying was **Amy Shaw Thomas**, Vice Chancellor for Academic and Health Affairs, University of Texas System, who provided an update of the University of Texas' proposed new medical schools.

The night before, TSU hosted a reception at the home of **John and Bain Pitts** honoring the committee's decision to have a hearing on the campus of TSU. **Leonard Spearman, Jr.**, TSU Director of Governmental Relations, noted that it was an outstanding team effort to convince the House leadership that formula funding is a critical issue for the continued success of TSU students and it would be great to have this extremely important discussion at TSU. Vice-Chairman **Helen Giddings** had the opportunity to tour the campus and get a first-hand look at the TSU College of Pharmacy and the College of Engineering simulators and Labs. Chairman Ashby closed the meeting, and stated he was honored and pleased with his visit to TSU, along with the other members of the committee.

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and math (STEM) and entrepreneurship skills. The program also pairs the young men with mentors for continued learning and support throughout the school year.

The Verizon Minority Male Makers program is designed to open the eyes of young male students to the many future career opportunities these skills create.

Over the summer students will participate in technology workshops on campus, 4-5 days per week, for approximately four weeks, taught by university professors and graduate students. Students will also meet with mentors throughout the school year.

Students can participate in one of the four sessions: June 6-10, June 13-17, June 20-24, June 27-July 1. Daily sessions are six (6) hours each day from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., and meals (breakfast and lunch) are included. Approximately 25-50 students will participate per session. There will be a recognition program at the culmination of each session and each participant will receive a certificate of completion.

For more information and applications [click here](#).

 TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY SPRING 2016 COMMENCEMENT ACTIVITIES			
SCHOOL/COLLEGE	EVENT	DATE AND TIME	LOCATION
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (COE)	"Spring 2016 Graduation Reception"	Tuesday, May 10 th , at 6:30 p.m.	Rod Paige Education Building Auditorium
GRADUATE SCHOOL	"Spring 2016 Graduation Reception"	Wednesday, May 11 th at 7:00 p.m.	SSLC, President's Lounge, 4 th Floor
ALUMNI RELATIONS	"Meeting/Rehearsal for Degree Candidates"	Thursday, May 12 th 12:00 p.m.	H & P E
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS	"After Rehearsal Reception for Platform Guests"	Thursday, May 12 th 5:00 p.m.	MLK Building
SCHOOL OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS (SOPA)	"Spring 2016 POLS Graduation Reception"	Friday, May 13 th 2016, at 6:30 p.m.	SOPA. RM 114
Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSLAW)	"Class of 2016 Hooding Ceremony"	Friday, May 13 th at 6:30 p.m.	H & PE Building Main Campus
College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences (COPHS)	"Culmination Ceremony" End of Year Staff Meeting	Friday, May 13 th at 6:30 p.m.	Westin Galleria
Commencement Activities	"University Commencement"	Saturday, May 14 th 2016	All University

Commencement Ceremony, Saturday, May 14th at Health & Physical Education (H&PE),
Commencement Speaker: Reverend Dr. Marcus D. Cosby, Sr. Pastor, Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church