

# FREEMAN HONORS

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## About This Edition

Freeman Honors, is the bi-annual newsletter of the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College at Texas Southern University. It connects the students, faculty and office personnel of the College with its many benefactors and partners in education within the University.

The College anticipates that this connection will reflect and cultivate the relationships in a family whose members are dedicated to maximizing the preparation of College students for service as citizens and as leaders in a global society.

## Spring 2018 Valedictorian is Honors Scholar Omoikhefe (Efe) Eboime



*Efe Eboime with Dean Jemison Pollard*

The Valedictorian at the Spring 2018 Commencement at Texas Southern University on May 12, 2018 is a Thomas F. Freeman Honors College scholar. **Omoikhefe (Efe) Eboime** (pictured left with Dean Jemison Pollard), graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.S. in Computer Science and a 3.95 GPA. While a scholar in the Honors College, Efe participated in the Honors Model United Nations team and represented TSU and the Honors College nationally (in Greensboro, North Carolina) and internationally (in Kobe, Japan). Upon graduation, Efe will join ExxonMobil in Houston as a Software Developer. The Honors College wishes him well.

The list of Honors College scholars who graduated in the spring of 2018 is on Page 5 of this newsletter.

**See May 2018 Graduates -- on Page 5**

## Dean's Message



*Dr. Dianne Jemison Pollard*

Returning to the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College as Dean in Fall 2017, has been a joy in so many ways. The scholars of the 2018 Graduating Class were sophomores when I left in July 2015. I remember all of them as if it were yesterday. The May 2018 graduates have continued their academic development as well as their service learning experiences. One of them, **Efe Eboime**, has been named class Valedictorian. As a Freshman, Efe showed me his grades, all A's, a 4.0. I told him that one day he would be the valedictorian. We both enjoyed that lighthearted moment. Four years later, Efe is the Spring 2018 Valedictorian!

As the College moves forward, several initiatives are now in place: the honors courses have been reinstated; seniors will present a research thesis before graduating; and the Frederick Douglass Lecture series, introduced in 2012, will have a global focus, one with social justice and advocacy as the backdrop. Together, with the help of the honors faculty and staff, students' learning experiences will promote critical thinking skills and provide strong research opportunities. The College will prepare its community of scholars to become accomplished independent thinkers, researchers, contributing members of their communities, career professionals, and global leaders.

Please enjoy the spring 2018 edition of Freeman Honors.

Dr. Dianne Jemison Pollard

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## Spring 2018 Retreat



*Honors Scholars participating in ice-breaker activity at the 2018 Spring Retreat*

The Honors College welcomed the Honors Scholars back to campus with a Spring Retreat held in the CS Lane building on Saturday January 20, 2018. Mr. Shandon Neal kicked off the retreat with an interactive ice breaker that promoted team building.



*Break-out session with new continuing students and Ms. Nair*

After the ice-breaker, the scholars were divided into three groups by classification. The breakout sessions were facilitated by Dean Jemison Pollard (freshmen), Ms. Renuka Nair (new-continuing) and Mr. Neal



*Break-out session with 2017-2018 freshman students and Dean Jemison Pollard*

(upper-classmen). During the breakout sessions scholars discussed their short term and long term goals, and were asked to reflect on the role of the Honors College in helping them attain their goals. Afterwards, the scholars were able to

listen to presentations by guest speakers **Mr. Michael Koch** (College Success, HISD) and **Dr. Gregory Maddox** (Dean of the Graduate School and Director of International Programs, TSU). Mr. Koch discussed the Scholars-in-Training program, initiated by Dean Jemison Pollard, which is a partnership project between the Honors College and HISD, designed to mentor high achieving students who need to take/retake the SAT or ACT exams.



*Break-out session with upperclassmen and Mr. Neal*

Dr. Maddox discussed TSU's international program opportunities (China, Spain, Tanzania, Ghana, France, etc.) and answered the scholars' questions. Additionally, the Spring 2018 Calendar of Honors Events was distributed.

## Honors Celebrates Black History Month: #ForTheCuture

On Tuesday, February 13, 2018, Honors Scholars celebrated Black History Month with a program presided by freshman scholars **Kiara Chatman** (Finance) and **B.J. McCaskill** (Political Science). The event featured four of our junior scholars who each presented a tribute to African Americans who have made their own unique mark throughout history. **Josie Deese** (Junior, Entertainment and Recording Industry Management/ERM) presented her research on the “life and works of renowned photographer Gordon Parks,” who was the first African American photo-journalist for the prestigious *Life* magazine. **Daryl Gardner** (Junior, Political Science) presented his research on the “Black Nationalist Movement: its origins and how its principles continue to pervade several aspects of modern society.” **Keyse Musse** (Junior, Music) presented his research on “African American singer and composer Henry Thacker “Harry” Burleigh,” who worked with and influenced famous European composers, such as Anton Dvorak. Keyse then proceeded to impress the audience with a rendition of *Deep River*, one of Burleigh’s most famous Negro spirituals. The program culminated with a performance by **Darlise Goodlow** (Junior, Marketing), who presented “a monologue on the speech of Congresswoman Barbara Jordan.” Kiara and B.J. concluded the event by reciting Langston Hughes’ poem, *I too*.



*Honors Black History Month Program Participants (Left to right): Kiara Chatman, Darlise Goodlow, Keyse Musse, Daryl Gardner, and B.J. McCaskill*

## The Scholars-in-Training Program: A partnership between HISD and the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College



*Michael Koch, HISD, Lanetta Dickens, Graduate Research Assistant, and Dean Jemison Pollard*

For the 2017-2018 academic year, the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College developed a partnership with the Houston Independent School District (HISD) to establish the “Scholars-in-Training” program. Facilitated by Honors Graduate Research Assistant **Lanetta Dickens**, the program consists of Honors College Scholars assisting high school juniors and seniors with their college entrance exams, including the ACT and the SAT. Scholars who signed up in January 2018, to volunteer as mentors and tutors for the program, were assigned to certain HISD high schools. Some of these schools included James Madison High School, Phyllis Wheatley High School, and Evan E. Worthing High School. The high school students from these schools were scheduled to complete their ACT session on February 10 and their SAT session on March 10, 2018. Therefore, the scholars were instructed to tutor the students in February and March of 2018 using the Khan Academy academic software approved by HISD. The scholars provided individual reports about the high school students and their progress during the program. Overall, the Scholars-in-Training program was successful, in

that students were able to attain and apply the knowledge gained from the program on the college entrance exams. The Honors College appreciates the Scholars-in-Training volunteers **Ibrahim Adeyemi** (Senior, Biology/Pre-Medicine), **Bose Anifowose** (Freshman, Pre-Pharmacy), **Clinton Emeh** (Freshman, Biology/Pre-Medicine), **Darlise Goodlow** (Junior, Marketing), **Kayla Gregory** (Freshman, Biology/Pre-Nursing), **Jayla Jimerson** (Junior, Journalism), **Dieu Lam** (Freshman, Pre-Pharmacy), **Kiya Reeves** (Sophomore, Health Studies), and **Destiny Riddle** (Freshman, Pre-Pharmacy).

## Fredrick Douglass Lecture Series

The Frederick Douglass Lecture Series is a required attendance event for the Honors College Scholars. Two lectures are presented each semester and each has a community and/or global focus.

### Dr. Virgil Wood—February 20, 2018

During Black History Month, **Dr. Virgil Wood** shared his experiences with the Honors Scholars as a civil rights activist working alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. While in Virginia Dr. Wood became actively involved with the Civil Rights movement where he worked alongside Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. He served with Dr. King on the National Executive Board of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) for the last ten years of Dr. King’s life and work. Dr. Wood has committed much of his life’s work to the struggle for economic and spiritual development among the nation’s disadvantaged. He helped coordinate the citizens of the state of Virginia during the historic March on Washington in 1963, and even today he continues to fight for “total community success.”



*Frederick Douglass Lecture featuring Dr. Virgil Wood (center) along with Dean Jemison Pollard (left) and Interim Associate Provost Dr. Rasoul Saniefard (right)*

Ordained as a Baptist minister in his late teens, Dr. Wood has served churches for over 50 years, in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, and Virginia. He received his B.A. degree from Virginia Union University, a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Theological School, and his Doctorate in Education from Harvard University.

Program participants were **Miss Siete Richardson** (Freshman, ERM), who delivered the invocation, **Miss Delight Onyejebu** (Sophomore, Pre-Pharmacy) recited Maya Angelou’s poem *Still I Rise*, Mister Honors College, **Enoch Culliver** (Senior, Sport Management) introduced the speaker, and **Dr. Thomas F. Freeman**, the founding dean of the Honors College, delivered the closing remarks.

Also, in the audience were Interim Associate Provost **Dr. Rasoul Saniefard**, along with **Dr. Roger Hart**, Director of the Confucius Institute, and **Dr. Willie Capers**, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, both Honors College Faculty Fellows.

### Dr. Roger Hart—April 10, 2018



*Clockwise from top left: Dean Jemison Pollard, Dr. Gregory Maddox, Dr. Maurice Odine, Founding Dean Dr. Thomas Freeman, and Dr. Roger Hart*

**Dr. Roger Hart** introduced the Honors Scholars to the Confucius Institute at Texas Southern University, along with its many benefits to the scholars. He underscored the rapid economic growth that China continues to undergo and how study abroad opportunities in China would help the scholars learn and grow as global citizens. Dr. Hart is the Director of the Confucius Institute and an Associate Professor in the Department of History and Geography at Texas Southern University. He has received numerous fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies (ACLS), National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Dr. Hart’s previous appointments include Seoul National University, University of Texas at Austin, University of Chicago, Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton), Stanford University, University of California at Berkeley, and Harvard University.

Dr. Hart’s approach to the study of history and cultures is truly interdisciplinary, just like his educational background. He received a B.S. in Mathematics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, an M.S. in Mathematics from Stanford University, and a Ph.D. in History from the University of California -Los Angeles. Dr. Hart spent a total of six years teaching, studying and researching in China and is the author of “The Chinese Roots of Linear Algebra” (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2010) and “Imagined Civilizations: China, the West, and Their First Encounter” (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2013).

Program participants were, **Miss Sneha Thomas** (Freshman, Pre-Pharmacy), who delivered the invocation, **Mr. Ibrahim Adeyemi** (Senior, Biology/Pre-Medicine) introduced the speaker, and **Dr. Thomas F. Freeman** delivered the closing remarks.

Also, in the audience were **Dr. Gregory Maddox**, Dean of the Graduate School and Director of International Programs, and **Dr. Maurice Odine**, Dean of the School of Communication.

## Creative Expression

### *The Life I Live*

*"To walk in my shoes, one must know what it means to,*

*Deal with a lack of confidence within yourself.*

*Compare yourself to others even though people tell you you're fine the way you are.*

*Having to hear that, "I'm angry" all the time and, Trying to work on it, but it's a climb*

*You see, there's a lot that comes with walking in my shoes,*

*Even trying to fill my shoes!*

*Be the person that smiles on the outside*

*But on the inside, trying to go run and hide.*

*Turning to my best friends to let out my feelings,*

*Believing that they're tired of hearing me.*

*Struggling, being an African American girl trying to be successful,*

*But many people putting you down, telling you your dreams won't be conquered.*

*Giving back to people who don't even seem like they are deserving*

*Reaching for the stars but sometimes thinking they're too high."*

- Jaida Lewis  
Junior, Chemistry  
Chicago IL

## May 2018 Honors College Graduates



*Back row (l to r): Dean Jemison Pollard, Enoch Culliver, Miranda Remekun, Efe Eboreime and Shandon Neal  
Front row (l to r): Renuka Nair, Chioma Anugwom, Marlene Garza, Kalifa Kelly, Jericho Johnson, Kapil Sapkota, and David Utaegbulam*

*Seated: Dr. Kenyatta Cavil, Dr. Thomas Freeman, and Dr. Humphrey Regis*

On Friday April 27, 2018, at 12 p.m., the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College celebrated its 14 Spring 2018 graduates at a luncheon with family and friends of the graduates. **Dean Jemison Pollard** presided over the Honors Graduation Recognition Ceremony/Luncheon held in the Heartman Collection in the Robert J. Terry Library. A graduate tribute was delivered by **Dr. Humphrey Regis**, Honors College dean 2011-2014. Dr. Regis offered invaluable advice to the graduates on their next steps as Honors alumni and global citizens. The Recognition Luncheon concluded with **Dr. Thomas F. Freeman**, the founding dean, leading the graduation pledge. The graduates pledged to continue to uphold the core values of the Honors College (Honesty, Integrity, Community, Creativity, and Excellence). Each graduate was honored with the special Honors College stole, a certificate of completion, as well as TSU Alumni memorabilia as tokens of appreciation. The

May 2018 graduates are: **Chioma Anugwom** (Chemistry, 3.46), **Abreah Ash** (Pharmacy, 3.35), **Calvin Chukwuka** (Finance, 3.59), **Class Valedictorian Omoikhefe (Efe) Eboreime** (Computer Science, 3.95), **Enoch Culliver** (Sport Management, 3.53), **Marlene Garza** (Radio, Television and Film, 3.62), **Jericho Johnson** (Chemistry, 3.36), **Kalifa Kelly** (Chemistry, 3.66), **Frank Khong** (Biology/Pre-Medicine, 3.49), **Nneka Ofoegbu** (Pharmacy, 3.50), **Dale Rajan** (Pharmacy, 3.50), **Miranda Remekun** (Accounting, 3.49), and **Kapil Sapkota** (Biology/Pre-Medicine, 3.62).

Faculty mentors **Dr. Kenyatta Cavil** (Department of Health & Kinesiology) and **Dr. Mark Harvey** (Department of Physics) were also present to support graduating seniors Enoch Culliver and Kalifa Kelly, respectively.

Congratulations to our graduates as they embark upon the next chapter in their lives.

## Call to Alumni: Make Contact with the Honors College

We are continually updating our database of alumni of honors units at Texas Southern University. The database includes information on those past students who have been in the Honors College, Frederick Douglass Honors Program, and other honors activities or units that may have preceded

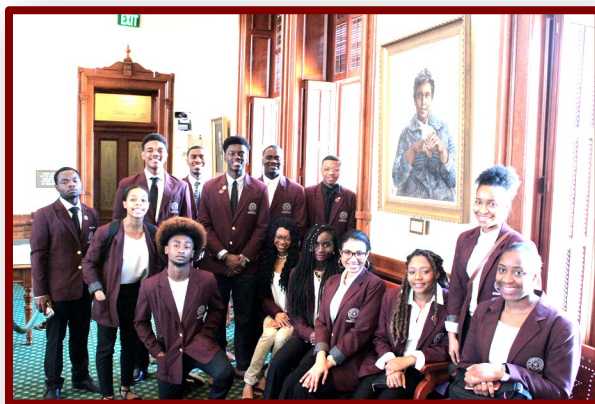
ed them. If you are one of these alumni, please provide the information to the Honors College by contacting **Mr. Shandon Neal**, at [Shandon.Neal@tsu.edu](mailto:Shandon.Neal@tsu.edu) or 713.313.1180 or **Mr. Chizara Nwakanma** at 713.313.6725.

## Honors Research and Recruitment Trip to Austin



*Dean Jemison Pollard (front row, first from left) and the Huston-Tillotson Honors Program Director Ms. Autumn Caviness (front row, 2nd from right) with Thomas F. Freeman Honors Scholars and W.E.B. DuBois Scholars*

During February 28 through March 2, 2018, the Thomas F. Freeman Honors Scholars, along with Dean Jemison Pollard and program coordinator, Shandon P. Neal, traveled to Austin, Texas, to build a scholastic partnerships with fellow HBCU Huston-Tillotson and recruit prospective students at local high schools. During the visit, the group got the opportunity to indulge in the unique culture of the Austin-based HBCU and its W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program. While at Huston-Tillotson, Thomas F. Freeman Honors Scholars and DuBois Scholars presented their research to the two groups and engaged in an exchange of ideas, aspirations and plans for collaboration. **Somone Winn** (Junior, Healthcare Administration) presented her research on mental health issues among African Americans, while **LaQuinton Armbrister** (Junior, Aviation Science Technology) presented his research on flying an aircraft in crisis situations with real-life examples. The visit was an enjoyable learning experience for both sides. On the second day, the scholars visited the State Capital where they toured State Representative Shawn Thierry's office and saw the house and senate chambers.



*Back row (l-r): LaQuinton Armbrister, B.J. McCaskill, Julian Black, Clinton Eneh, Chukwu Ononenyi, and Devontrell Davis  
Front (l-r): Somone Winn, Christopher Jones, Siete Richardson, Eniola Otukoya, Gabriella Tavera, Kayla Gregory, Destiny Riddle (standing), and Janik Smith*



*Honors Scholars serving as panelists at Lyndon B. Johnson High School*

They enjoyed lunch at the Capital Grille and later toured the Bob Bullock Texas State Museum, where every floor was filled with exhibits, artifacts and movies. The scholars saw “Star Destiny,” a movie about the history of the state of Texas. On the third day, the scholars visited the Lyndon B Johnson high school where they were met with a group of high-achieving students. The Honors Scholars served as panelists as each

spoke to the students about their Honors College experiences. The high school students had an opportunity to ask questions. The scholars then toured the school and saw its impressive simulation hospital for students planning to pursue healthcare-related majors.

## Honors Sweeps the Model United Nations in North Carolina



*The Most Outstanding Overall Performance Award*



*2018 Model United Nations Team (clockwise from left to right): Jimara Thomas, LaQuinton Armbrister, Eniola Otukoya, Dorian Fernandez, Marlene Garza, and B.J. McCaskill*

The Honors Model United Nations (MUN) team represented the College and Texas Southern University at the 29th Annual North Carolina Consortium for International and Intercultural Education (NCCIIIE), March 22 to 25, 2018. The 2018 Honors MUN Team comprised of scholars across many disciplines: **LaQuinton Armbrister** (Junior, Aviation Science Technology), **Dorian Fernandez** (Junior, Biology/Pre-Medicine), **Marlene Garza** (Senior, Radio Television and Film), **B.J. McCaskill** (Freshman, Political Science), **Eniola Otukoya** (Sophomore, Biology/Pre-Medicine), and **Jimara Thomas** (Freshman, Computer Science). Freshman Jimara Thomas, won the Best Delegate award for the Second Committee for Human Rights. She was highly regarded for her proposal at the conclusion of the consortium which promoted great humanitarian efforts on a global scale. The TSU Honors MUN won the Most Outstanding Overall Performance Award. The trip was a learning experience for our scholars who were the only delegation from outside of North Carolina. Congratulations to our MUN Team and their coach, Mr. Shandon Neal, for representing TSU and the Honors College well.

## TSU Research Week: Honors Research Day

Texas Southern University Research Week was held this year from March 26 through 30, 2018. It is a weeklong event celebrating scholarly activities across campus. All colleges and schools hold symposia where faculty and students showcase their research and invite the campus community to witness and support their academic activities. This year, the Honors College participated and held Honors Research Day on Wednesday March 28, 2018, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Junior Honors Scholars **Dorian Fernandez** (Biology/Pre-Medicine), **Jamalia Henry** (Marketing), and **Precious Zite Oguonu** (Civil Engineering) presented their research. The presenters engaged the audience members with interesting facts and vivid imagery.



*Dorian Fernandez*  
Junior/Biology  
*"Effects of Dietary Fatty Acid Composition in a High Fat Diet: A Research Opportunity at University of Texas-El Paso (UTEP)"*



*Jamalia Henry*  
Junior/Marketing  
*"Analysis of HBCU Data Using Tableau Software: A Research Opportunity at Texas Southern University"*



*Precious Zite Oguonu*  
Junior/Civil Engineering  
*"Radio Astronomy: A Research Opportunity at Texas Southern University"*

## Spring 2018: University Honors Day Convocation



On Thursday April 5, 2018, over 3,800 undergraduate students who earned a 3.0 or better, were recognized for their academic achievements. The Honors staff, with the help of a team of faculty and staff from across the University, coordinated this massive effort. **Dean Jemison Pollard** served as Chairperson and **Ms. Linda Coach-Riley** and **Mr. Shandon Neal** served as co-chairpersons. The deans from the colleges and schools provided key staff and faculty to assist with generation and distribution of certificates and medals to the honorees and ushering students, their families, and faculty members to their designated seats. TSU faculty further elevated the event in their academic regalia. This validation of all students with certificates and medals reflects the University's efforts to applaud its hardworking students while encouraging more students to strive for academic excellence. **Ms. Clare Bailey**, the TSU Class of 2005 valedictorian and a former TSU Debate Team President and SGA President, delivered an inspiring and engaging keynote speech on the responsibility of Honors students to be advocates for social justice in the nation and the world. The deans of the ten colleges were a part of the platform party along with Honors Scholars **Kalifa Kelly** (Senior, Chemistry) who delivered the invocation, **David Anderson** (Senior, Finance) introduced the speaker, **Destiny Riddle** (Freshman, Pre-Pharmacy) made the announcements, and **Christopher Jones** (Freshman, ERM) delivered the benediction. **President Austin Lane** and **Provost Kendall Harris** each offered congratulatory remarks to all the students who worked hard to earn excellent grades. The celebration concluded with a reception for the honorees, where students enjoyed an opportunity to greet the president, provost, deans, department chairpersons, and faculty. The University Honors Day

*Honors Scholars during the Honors Day Convocation ceremony: (clockwise from top left) Mariela Rodriguez (Sophomore, Biology), Somone Winn (Junior, Healthcare Administration), Kayla Gregory (Freshman, Biology), Alexis Shavers (Sophomore, Biology), and Clinton Emeh (Freshman, Biology).*

Convocation serves to foster TSU pride, and demonstrates that Texas Southern University produces high quality academically prepared students.

## Honors Junior College Open House



*Honors staff and Honors Scholars along with junior college honors program directors and their invited students*

The Honors College hosted an Open House for Junior College Honors Program Directors and students on March 29th, 2018.

Facilitated by Graduate Research Assistant **Chizara Nwakanma**, the open house imparted important information on the benefits of enrolling in the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College. Attending the open house were four program directors representing the Honors Program within the Houston Community College (HCC) system: **Dr. Cheryl Peters** (HCC), **Mr. Dan Flores** (HCC Northwest), **Deanne Schlanger** (HCC Southwest), and **Nicholas Rangel** (HCC). The Open House was held in the President's Suite in Hannah Hall for one hour. During the second hour, the directors and their invited students were invited to a reception in the Robert J. Terry Library. Students from HCC had an opportunity to share ideas and socialize with scholars from the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College.



*HCC Honors Program Directors receive engraved trophies in appreciation for attending the Open House. Left to right: Prof. Nicolas Rangel, Prof. Dan Flores, Dean Jemison Pollard, Dr. Cheryl Peters, Professor Deanne Schlanger.*



## Spring 2018 Undergraduate Research and Internships Symposium

On Wednesday and Thursday, April 25 and 26, 2018, the Honors College hosted its 7th semi-annual Undergraduate Research and Internships Symposium, showcasing the interdisciplinary research and internship activities of 26 junior and senior Honors scholars. Celebrating scholarly research and internship experiences, the symposium serves as a forum for upperclassmen to present their works that are completed in the course augmentation proposals (CAPs). The presentation topics and content are based on the scholars' chosen fields of study. Participants were given 10-15 minutes to present their topics. Below are three presentations from the Spring 2018 Symposium.

### Examining the Dose Assessment of Radiation I in the First Optical Enclosure of Beamline 8-ID at the national synchrotron light source-II

Dr. Mark Harvey (Faculty Mentor, Dept of Physics)



*Kalifa Kelly*  
(Chemistry)

The National Synchrotron Light Source II (NSLS-II) at Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL) produces high energy x-rays for imaging and high-resolution energy analysis. X-rays are transported through beamlines to experimental enclosures where experiments are conducted. The purpose of this experiment was to characterize the stray radiation dose contribution from energetic gammas produced inside the first optical enclosure (FOE) of beamline 8-ID-A at NSLS-II for the first time. "I worked with a fellow TSU student and was offered this opportunity by Dr. Harvey from the physics department here at TSU. This experience has improved my professional work environment skills and taught me valuable lessons in collaboration, patience, and teamwork."

### Facts Concerning Aviation Security

Dr. Vernon Baker (Faculty Mentor, Dept. of Aviation Science Technology)



*Olajumoke (Lizzie) Omosebi*  
(Aviation Science Technology)

9/11 brought to light air transportation security issues that most Americans were oblivious to. Although the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), was created as a response to the 9/11 attacks, the cost of aviation security today is estimated at \$7.4 billion annually. Recent undercover tests of multiple airport security checkpoints by the Department of Homeland Security show that the TSA failed 95% of the time to stop undercover inspectors from smuggling weapons or explosive materials through screening. The purpose of this research project was to study the efficacy of TSA's security measures including the "3-1-1" security rule for flying with carry-on liquids. It was found that at present, the only useful airport security measures since the 9/11 attacks, were locking and reinforcing the cockpit doors to prevent terrorists from breaking in, and positive baggage matching while empowering and educating the passengers to fight back.

### Etiology of the "Locked-In" Syndrome

Dr. Andrew Taylor (Faculty Mentor, Dept. of Health Sciences)



*Malik Currie*  
(Health Information System)

Locked-In Syndrome is a neurological disorder that often times results from a very severe stroke. The stroke is so severe that it damages a portion of the brain stem, causing one to become "Locked-In." A Locked-in patient is afflicted with paraplegia with little to no chance of ever regaining mobility. "I became interested in this medical condition from reading the book, *The Diving Bell and the Butterfly* by Jean-Dominique Bauby, in which the author himself is afflicted with the disorder. The book inspired me as it shows that no matter how difficult the situation is, if you remain determined and undeterred, you can accomplish anything." This presentation highlights Locked-In Syndrome in conjunction with the four principles of Ethics.

## Scholar Highlights:



*Darlise Goodlow*  
(Marketing)

### Honors Scholar Wins Theatre Award

**Darlise Goodlow**, Marketing major and a Visual and Performing Arts minor, represented Texas Southern University at the 82nd National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts (NADSA) conference held March 22-25 at Dillard University in New Orleans.

Darlise won an award in the Oral Interpretation–Prose category for her original selection about the life of Barbara Jordan. Twenty-two universities from across the U.S. participated in the NADSA competition. The NADSA conference is a forum for HBCU theatre programs to compete in several categories and participate in workshops. Other HBCUs at the conference included Grambling State, Winston-Salem State, Jackson State, Bethune–Cookman, Delaware State, Prairie View A&M, Coppin State and Dillard University.

Congratulations!

### Honors Athlete Wins Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Award

On April 30, 2018, at the All Sports Banquet held by Texas Southern University’s Athletics Department, Honors Scholar **Kayla Smith** was recognized as the Athlete with the Highest GPA on the Team. She also received the ALL SWAC First Team award for the 2017-2018 season. Kayla is a member of TSU’s Lady Tigers Soccer team. She is a sophomore, Business Administration major, hailing from Santa Ana, California.

Congratulations!



*Kayla Smith*  
(Business Administration)

### Honors Scholars in Leadership Roles Across Campus

The Honors College is very proud of all the scholars who competed in the various elections for the 2018-2019 academic year.

#### Student Government Association

*President*



*Aaron Dallas*  
(Marketing)

*Comptroller*



*Suzonne Goudeau*  
(Mathematics)

*Vice President  
External  
Affairs*



*Marcus Nash*  
(Human  
Performance)

#### Texas Southern University Royal Court

*Mister TSU*



*Orlando Sutton*  
(Biology/Pre-  
Dentistry)

*Miss Junior*



*Alexis Shavers*  
(Biology/Pre-  
Medicine)

*Mister Junior*



*Devontrell Davis*  
(ERM)

Congratulations!

## Staff Highlights:

### Honors Dean Recognized for Excellence in Education



*Dean Jemison Pollard*

On Friday, April 27, 2018, the Houston League of Business and Professional Women, Inc. presented the Education Award to Dr. Dianne Jemison Pollard for her service to the academic community. For over ten years, Dean Jemison Pollard served as the Chairperson of the Department of Fine Arts (Art, Music and Theatre). In her tenured service to the University, she has served as Director of Theatre/Theatre Coordinator, Education Coordinator for the Deluxe Theatre in Fifth Ward, and four years as the Associate Dean of the Honors College. In October 2017, she assumed the position of Dean of the Honors College after a national search. Her vision for the College is for it to serve the needs of its scholars by providing a learning environment that fosters a commitment to excellence in education.

Dean Jemison Pollard has directed over 50 university stage productions, and has written over eighteen religious pageants that have been produced around the globe. She earned the B.A. in Speech and Drama from Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee, the M.A. in Communications-Theatre from the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisconsin, her M.F.A. in Directing from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., and the doctorate in Counseling from Texas Southern University.

The Honors College congratulates Dean Jemison Pollard.

### Honors Graduate Research Assistants Earn High Accolades

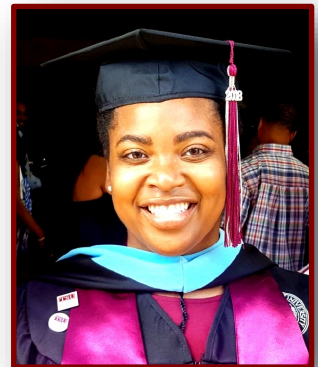
The Honors College will miss the services of our Graduate Research Assistants (GRAs) Ms. Theresa Jibunor and Ms. Lanetta Dickens.



*Theresa Jibunor*

Theresa graduated from the College of Science Engineering and Technology in December 2017, with a Doctorate in Environmental Toxicology. As a GRA at the Honors College, Theresa was primarily responsible for direct correspondence with the Honors Scholars and she played a vital role in maintaining the Honors College master list.

Lanetta graduated from the College of Education in May 2018, with a Master of Education in Curriculum and Instruction. During the Spring 2018 semester, as part of her GRA functions in the Honors College, Lanetta successfully facilitated the Scholars-in-Training Program. She communicated with high school counselors and coordinated schedules for our Honors Scholars to volunteer their time at the selected schools.



*Lanetta Dickens*

Their hard work and persistence has helped the Honors College continue to grow, and we wish them well as they move on to the next chapter in their lives.

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