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The Return of Tiger TV

By Nyah Peebles

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Jenae Talison, Creative Director and Producer of Tiger TV.

Tiger Television is officially back to grace the screens of TSU once again. Led by Senior Mass Communications Major, Jenae Talison serving as the Creative Director and Producer, TSU students can expect an episode on the first of every month. After running for SGA President last semester, Talison had no plans to take on an SGA position this year, but when current SGA President, Derrick Sanders Jr. approached her about bringing Tiger TV back, it was an offer she could not refuse. "As a person who aspires to be a tele-

vision director, producer, and overall media mogul, he asked me to spearhead the project and I of course said yes. However, I didn't do it with the intention of Tiger TV, cont'd to Page 7

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By Alexandria Whigham

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Breast cancer is another ugly disease that has taken the lives of too many. Breast cancer is very common and unfortunately a cure has not been discovered but there are many ways to notice the symptoms and take care of it before it has a chance to become a larger problem. Women must be aware of signs and symptoms and have an idea of what they should do about it. If one was to find out that they have breast cancer, during their journey, they may stay faithful by listening to others' surviving stories that explain what it was like for them, and how they got through it.

Signs and symptoms are not inclu-

sive for everyone but, if any woman were to notice a few of the following then they should approach a doctor and have it checked out. According to Nucleus Medical Media, one sign is feeling a small hard lump on the breast or your underarms. This is a small 2-5cm tumor on the lymph nodes which are small bean-shaped structures that are part of the immune system throughout your body. During the first couple of stages of breast cancer, the tumor proceeds to grow and at most times paired with cancer or abnormal cells. Healthline.com warns to look out for bloody discharge coming out of the nipple and if the discharge runs to be constant. The third symptom is the breast becoming dimpled and or the skin color

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Get to Know the Top 3 Non-Greek Male Orgs on Campus

By Tori Raquell Roberts
Staff Writer

With so many new freshmen on campus they are still trying to figure out all of the organizations TSU has to offer on campus. Our top three non-Greek male organizations are B.L.A.C.K. Inc. (Brothers for Love Achievement Culture and Knowledge), G.E.M. (The Generation of Educated Men), and Collegiate 100. Each of these organizations have done a lot on Tennessee State University's campus. They have all completed campus cleanups, held community service events and value the importance of Brotherhood. They have each made a

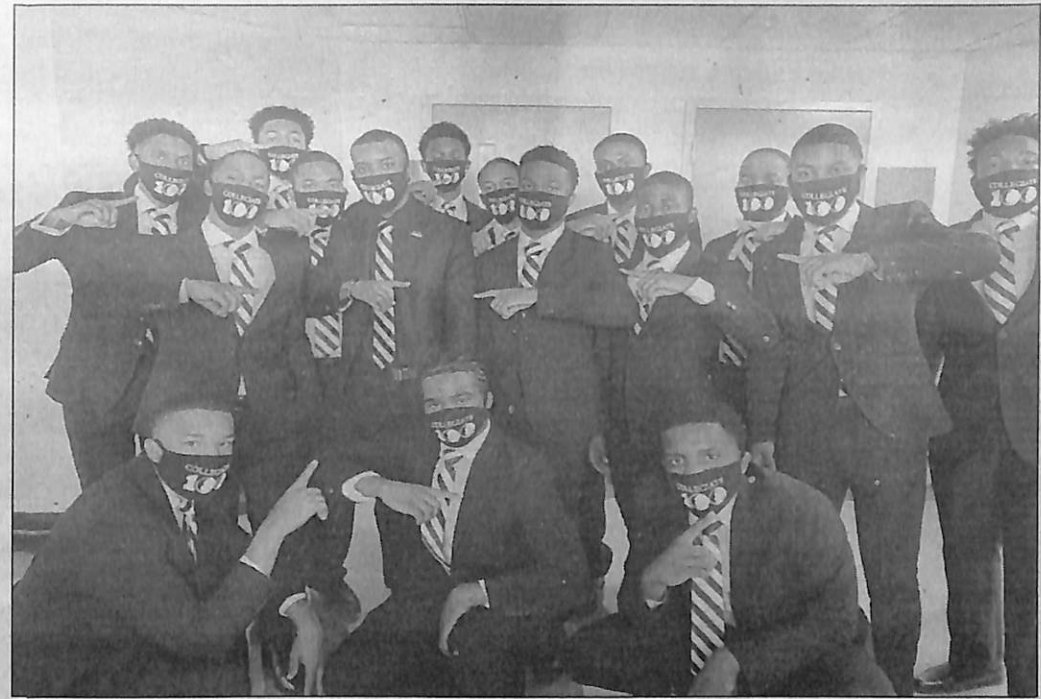
great impact on Tennessee State University's campus. It seems like each male that joined these organizations have become leaders around campus in many different ways. Many of them have gone on to have positions in SGA. Collegiate 100 is known for having many members of TSU's royal court come from their organization. They have produced the last four Mr. Juniors, the last three Mr. Seniors and have secured the role of Mr. Tennessee State University for the last three years consecutively. G.E.M. is also no stranger to leadership roles, as the current SGA President, Derrick Sanders is a member. While neither Collegiate 100 or G.E.M. were available for comments, B.L.A.C.K. had this

to say about their organization, "We stand for something that our HBCU is founded upon which is Black and our focus which is for the betterment of the black male figure in society, people see us and know that we are approachable and friendly to all that we see and interact with amongst our community." One of the B.L.A.C.K. members stated that his organization saved him. "My org saved me from myself in a very desperate and vulnerable time in

my life, the brothers and love that I've gained from this group of men is something I will never forget and will be forever grateful for the rest of my life." With so many organizations on campus it is nice to see these three organizations making a difference in these young men's lives. To learn more about these organizations, follow them on Instagram at @black-inc199, @tsugem, and @tsu_c100.



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Collegiate 100



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Editorial

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Your Body is Beautiful, Don't Let Social Media Body Standards Tell You Differently

We've all been there, scrolling through Instagram seeing images of 'perfect' bodies, causing us to compare what we see when we look into the mirror to those glorified images on social media. Short for Brazilian Butt Lift, the BBL trend is what's in right now and it's fueled every time you open Instagram, Twitter or Tik Tok.

Social media's influence on body image is clear as BBLs have become one of the fastest-growing cosmetic procedures in the world. Designed to give patients the perfect hourglass figure by liposuctioning the fat from their stomach and injecting it into their buttocks and hips, BBL procedures have increased by 77.6% since 2015, according to a 2020 survey conducted by the International Society of Aesthetic Plastic Surgery. Despite its popularity, the surgery has been named the world's most dangerous cosmetic procedure.

According to the New York Times, the procedure has the highest mortality rate of any cosmetic surgery with one to two out of 6,000 BBLs resulting in death as reported in July 2017 by the Aesthetic Surgery Education and Research Foundation. A BBL can become fatal when the liposuctioned fat is accidentally injected into the gluteal muscle veins, allowing it to travel into the lungs and cause blockage of blood flow. If this procedure is so dangerous, it begs the question of why so many women are getting it?

It seems as though social media is to blame. Body image has become the celebrated norm. Inspired by celebrities like Kylie Jenner and endless Instagram models and influencers, many women are going under the knife to get the perfect shape. It's easy to draw comparisons to idealized body types on social media and feel inadequate if you do not meet those standards, but most of those bodies are altered to perfection.

All bodies are beautiful and if someone wants to get a BBL, that's their



prerogative. That person shouldn't be shamed for it. However, the issue comes along when women are shamed for not meeting the current body image standard. For example, pop sensation Lizzo is constantly shamed for flaunting her body on social media just because she doesn't meet society's and social media's standard of body image, drawing in a double standard when other celebrities are praised for posting the same type of images she does.

Another example is female rapper Yung Baby Tate, who was met with criticism when she posted a picture of herself on stage at this year's Afropunk Festival wearing a cropped top with her stomach showing. Despite the negative comments, the rapper turned the situation into a body positivity movement, sharing photos of herself in a bikini captioning the photo "Natural bodied babes quote this with ur fav body pics!" Over 3,000 people responded with their own pictures.

Despite the harm social media contributes to negative body image, it can also bring about positive representation through the body inclusivity movement, which allows different body types to be celebrated. The body inclusivity movement helped NaKailah Shields Robinson, a model signed to Tribe Talent Management, love her body. "I was insecure about my legs and my length; now I'm very confident in my legs because I believe that they're beautiful," says Robinson.

Jahnari Edwards, the founder of the social media platform Building Beautiful Women, designed to uplift all women with a primary focus on plus-sized women, says seeing different body types uplifted on social media helps normalize unedited and unaltered bodies. "We as women really can't meet those standards, so to see different body types... just makes people feel better," Edwards said.

Graduating Seniors: Is TSU Trippin'?

By Tori Raquell Roberts
Staff Writer

With so much changing due to Covid-19 on campus one very important date was changed. Graduation. If you are not up to speed here's what is happening. TSU changed graduation from online to in person but, there's a catch. The graduation date on the 202-2021 academic calendar has changed from December 11th to November 27th to November 20th! The current schedule seems as though students that are graduating may still have to come back to complete the semester and final exams. When asked how seniors felt about this, many responded negatively. With many seniors giving statements, they each wanted to remain anonymous. "Why would TSU change the date of graduation when we already told our families the day we graduate." This seems to be the case for a lot of students who aren't locally from the Nashville area. They are having trouble telling family to come to graduation after the date change due to families already taking off work. "I am happy it's in person but, I refuse to come back and take final exams after I graduate. That does not make any sense." Another source stated "It was inconsiderate because it was last minute. I refuse to come back for exams after graduation. If I do have to come back for exams, then Tennessee State University did not do a good job mapping out exams." It seems like many seniors can relate to this person's quote. Many are upset that they have to come back to school after graduation. "They changed the date so much that it made it very confusing for travelling family members." There are students with families that have to travel far. There are also families who took off work several times due to TSU changing its graduation date. "It just doesn't make sense why would I still come back to school after I graduated?" With many students feeling that their questions are not being answered, many students have had to lose out on family members making it to graduation. Although the circumstances are not ideal, the graduating seniors are ready to throw their caps in the air and walk across the stage. They just have to do one little thing after graduating... final exams. Good luck and happy graduation seniors!

TSU Makes Taking Student Portrait Easy With First Self-Serve, Innovative Professional Photo Booth

By Emmanuel Freeman

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — Do you need a professional-quality headshot for graduate school or a job application but don't know where to go? Look no more, the Tennessee State University Career Development Center has you covered!

On Oct. 6, the center held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Iris Booth, an innovative, self-serve professional photo booth that allows students, faculty, and staff to take headshots. TSU is the first historically black higher education institution to use the Iris Booth, and one of only six universities in the nation with this high-tech equipment. It is used by corporations and hospitals in North America, Europe, and Asia.

"This is amazing, and it is groundbreaking as our students now have the opportunity to experience professional photography brought by the Career Development Center," said Frank Stevenson, associate vice president for Student Affairs and dean of students. "We are excited about what this will mean for our students moving forward. It gives them a head start going into the marketplace. It prepares them and allows them to have their best foot forward as they prepare for potential employment opportunities."



Participating in the ribbon-cutting ceremony were Prof. Rita Fleming, who represented Dr. Kimberly Triplett, chair of the Faculty Senate; Mister TSU Mark T. Davis, Jr.; Miss TSU Mallory Moore; and Tanya McNeal, student ambassador.

Brionika Johnson, a senior business administration major, was one of the first students to sit for her headshot in the booth, following the ribbon cutting. She was impressed by the clarity of her photo and how easy it was to use the system.

"One thing that students complain a lot about is that they can't get professional headshots when going to interviews, or going to companies," said Johnson, who is from Atlanta. "This is another good example of the Career Development Center helping students prepare for the workforce."

Officials say the Iris Booth demonstrates the university's commitment to engage and support students as they begin or continue their career journeys. The easy-to-use unit – located in the CDC – uses high quality lighting and allows users to approve or retake photos. It also allows users to crop photos, touch up blemishes, whiten teeth, or apply filters, and instantly delivers digital photos via email.

"With the Iris Booth, we no longer have to find somebody for you to get a professional picture. We no longer have to hire anyone," Antoinette Har-

grove Duke, director of the Career Development Center, told students, as she thanked the leadership of the Student Affairs office for supporting the idea for the booth.

"Our students deserve this cutting-edge technology," Duke added. "They no longer have an excuse for looking their very best when going to look for internships or going for job interviews."

Duke also thanked her staff and the student leadership for their support, as well as the staff of the TSU Facilities Department for transforming the previous office space to install the photo booth.

Derrick Sanders, president of the Student Government Association, expressed appreciation to the CDC for its support, and urged his fellow students to take advantage of not only the new booth, but the center.

"I just want to say to all the students to make sure you come here, not only to get your headshot, but take advantage of the resources in this office," said Sanders. "The headshot is definitely a key piece to the industrial field and life after TSU. But I also encourage all of you to be engaged in this office."

For more information on the TSU Career Development Center, visit <https://www.tnstate.edu/careers/>.

Funding Renewed for TSU, Meharry, Vanderbilt-Ingram Partnership on Cancer Disparities

By Lucas Johnson

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — The Meharry Medical College/Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center/Tennessee State University Partnership (MVTCP) has received renewed funding for the next five years to continue long-standing collaborations to eliminate cancer health disparities. The news comes during the annual campaign to raise awareness about the impact of breast cancer.

The National Cancer Institute, a division of the National Institutes of Health, awarded the grant through the U54 Comprehensive Partnerships to Advance Cancer Health Equity (CPACHE) program. The MVTCP is the longest-standing partnership in the United States through this program, entering into its 22nd consecutive year of funding in September of 2021. The partnership was formed in 1999 between Vanderbilt-Ingram Cancer Center (VICC) and Meharry Medical College,

and a year later, successfully competed for one of only two funded CPACHE grants. Tennessee State University (TSU) joined the partnership in 2011.

The MVTCP's goals include strengthening the infrastructure and capabilities of Meharry and TSU to engage in cancer research and expanding cancer health disparities research at VICC. Six principal investigators lead the MVTCP from the three partner institutions: Samuel Evans Adunyah, PhD, and Duane Smoot, MD,

of Meharry, Tuya Pal, MD, and Ann Richmond, PhD, of VICC; and Margaret Whalen, PhD, and Venkataswarup Tiriveedhi, MD, PhD, of TSU.

"This partnership is also crucial in providing opportunities for our undergraduate and graduate students to participate in cancer research and in increasing the ability of our faculty to garner support for their cancer research projects," said Whalen, professor of Chemistry at TSU.

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Miss TSU Focusing on Student Mentoring

By Emmanuel Freeman

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News) — As the 2021-2022 Miss Tennessee State University, Mallory Moore is using her unique position to implement a platform built around mentorship and providing opportunities for fellow students.

To achieve her goal, she has initiated “Our Turn – Doing M.O.O.R.E.,” or Making Opportunities Open to Retain Excellence, aimed at continuing TSU’s legacy of scholarship, leadership, and service; as well as “Shadowing a Tiger,” a mentoring program for freshmen and sophomores.

“I want to do a mentorship initiative because I know for me coming in as a freshman, I didn’t have that and it made things a lot difficult for me,” says Moore. “I don’t want other students to face those difficulties. So, I want to create this program for the freshmen, and I am including the sophomores because the sophomore class didn’t get one because they were home due to the pandemic.”

Moore is a senior health science major from Birmingham, Alabama.

She won the coveted Miss TSU title in April after a fierce election process that also ushered in a new Mr. TSU (Mark T. Davis, Jr.), a new Royal Court, and other Student Government Association officers.

As a former Miss Junior, Moore says she understands the challenges students coming to college for the first time face, such as coping in a new environment, developing new study habits, and making new friends. She wants to help them overcome potential pitfalls that could hinder their progress.

“I am very determined, and I see that a lot of people see that I am very confident, and as a leader, I want to pass that on to them,” says Moore. “I want them to understand that

college is fun, but to also remind them that there is a greater goal and an expected end, which is their eventual graduation.”

Moore says although coming to TSU was to fulfill her mother’s dream of attending an historically black college or university (HBCU), she has no regrets about becoming a “Big Blue Tiger.”

“The reason why I chose to come to TSU is because my mom wanted to go to TSU when she was my age, but my grandmother wouldn’t let her. She wanted her to go to a predominantly white institution.

So, she begged me to go on a visit. I took my mom’s advice and came on a visit, and I immediately fell in love the moment I stepped on the

campus. It has been the perfect home for me.”

In addition to being Miss TSU, Moore is active in many campus organizations and programs. For two years, she served on the university’s cheerleading team, whose coach, Dwight Pope, she credits with helping to keep her on track.

“Coach Pope was very hard on , and I was upset with him at times, but looking back, he was teaching things I needed to know for this moment,” she says.

Moore is a member of the TSU choir, and the National Honor Society of Leadership and Success. She was initiated into Chi Psi chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity Incorporated, Alpha Psi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, and Order of Omega National Honor Society for Greek Leaders.

The coronation of Mr. TSU and Miss TSU will be part of Homecoming week activities. It will take place Oct. --- in Kean Hall starting at 7 p.m.



Miss TSU Mallory Moore

Mr. TSU Wants to Help Male Students Be Responsible Men in Society

By Emmanuel Freeman

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) – Mark T. Davis, Jr., the new Mr. Tennessee State University, says his goal is to help male students develop into men with good character traits that others can emulate. The goal, he says, is to change the stereotypical view people have of “our young males” because of the way many carry themselves.

“We must try to change the way the world looks at our students, especially the black males, and TSU is doing a very good job in that area,” says Davis, a Cincinnati native. “I came here on an HBCU college bus tour, and immediately fell in love with the university. ‘No durags, wife beaters, or sagging pants.’”

A senior English major, Davis has developed a five-point plan called “BLUE IS KING,” where BLUE stands for Building Legacies Upon Existence. The plan focuses on sexual assault awareness, mental health, campus engagement, creating a definition

of what a man is, and embracing your difference. He hopes this will leave a legacy that impacts future students.

“This HBCU is preparing us for the real world,” says Davis, who formerly served as Mr. Junior. “What I want to accomplish as Mr. TSU is to really make sure that by the time I am done with my reign, people will remember how I made them feel as Mr. TSU.”

As part of his plan, Davis has initiated several events he says help students stay engaged. They include: “Eye of the Tiger Scavenger Hunt,” an informative program with hints that tell something new about TSU; “Tailored Tuesdays,” which challenges males and females to dress up in business casual attire but emphasizes business professional; and “Today’s Quote,” that involves passing out motivational quotes in the courtyard on Wednesdays.

“I really just am excited about my initiatives, in pushing forward what kings or professionals are sup-



Mr. TSU Mark T. Davis, Jr.

posed to look like, or what’s business casual,” says Davis. “I just want to make sure that when other people come on our campus and see a male, that that male is a good representation of TSU.”

Davis is part of Allure Modeling Troupe, Collegiate 100, and Pep Club.

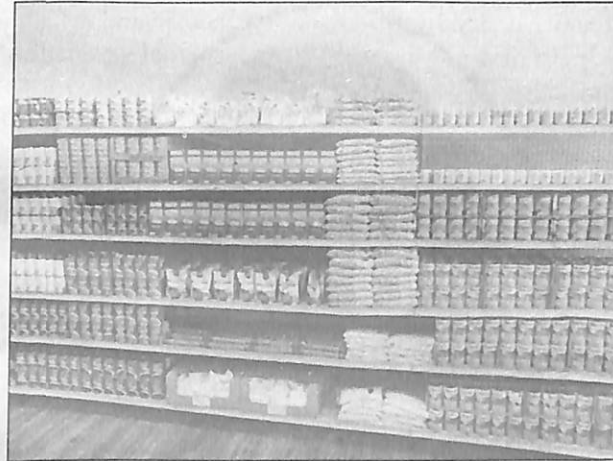
TSU Opens Newly Expanded and Relocated On-Campus Food Pantry to Support Students Facing Food Insecurity

By Lucas Johnson

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — Tennessee State University and Kroger celebrated the grand opening of the newly expanded and relocated Tiger Food Pantry on Oct. 7 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony outside Wilson Hall where the pantry is located.

The pantry, which is on the lower level of the dormitory, is the result of a partnership between Kroger and TSU to help continue to address food insecurity on campus. The College and University Food Bank Alliance estimates that 30 percent of college students in the United States are food insecure. The pantry will offer TSU students in need access to shelf stable food items, frozen meals, and fresh product at no cost. The pantry will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11am – 3pm, and will be staffed in part by student volunteers.

“We are extremely grateful to have this partnership with Kroger that will allow us to do even more to meet the needs of our students,” said Frank Stevenson, associate vice president of Student Affairs and dean of students at TSU. “The last thing they need to worry about is what they’re going to eat. Partnerships like this between the business community and TSU show the concern companies like Kroger have for the well-being of our students. Together, we can make a difference.”



The food pantry is located in the lower level of Wilson Hall.

As the presenting partner of the Tiger Pantry, Kroger contributed \$25,000 in cash, as well as equipment to TSU to help establish the new pantry inside Wilson Hall.

“Through our Zero Hunger | Zero Waste plan, we are committed to ending hunger in the communities we call home and eliminating waste in our company,” said Melissa Eads, corporate affairs manager for the Kroger Nashville division. “It is through partnerships like this one with TSU and the Tiger Pantry that we can address food insecurity while helping students succeed.”

While some of the Fresh Food for the pantry will come from Kroger, most of the food for the Tiger Pantry will come through Second Harvest Food Bank of Middle Tennessee. As a Second Harvest Partner Agency, TSU will have access to food through the food bank to select the items best suited for the students’ needs.

Student Government Association President Derrick Sanders said the pantry removes a concern a student should not have.

“It cost a lot to go to college,” said Sanders, a senior English major from Cincinnati, Ohio. “Some students are paying off loans, balances, and dealing with other things. The last thing they need to worry about is food.”

Nancy Keil, president and CEO of Second Harvest, agreed.

“Students facing hunger don’t always have access to the foods they need to reach their full potential even as they enter college,” said Keil. “We are proud to partner with TSU and Kroger to provide greater access to food directly on campus so students can focus on achieving their goals instead of wondering where their next meal will come from.”

The Tiger Pantry officially opened to students on Oct. 8.

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“At Meharry, this new award will support one full project in prostate cancer, one pilot project on cancer immunology and several cores, including the PRAC-TICE CORE, which includes Oncology Clinical Trials to enhance recruitment of minorities to cancer clinical trials, Translational Pathology Core and Research Education Core. Moreover, it will provide support for at least three PhD trainees and 15 first year medical students in Meharry,” said Adunyah, chair and professor of Biochemistry and Cancer Biology at Meharry.

VICC will continue to engage with Meharry and TSU researchers and students by sharing its state-of-the-art resources, focusing on probing the reasons for cancer health disparities and investigating interventions to address these inequities.

“While we are proud of what our partnership has accomplished over the past 20 years, we still have much to do. We will continue to build capacity for cancer disparities research while engaging the community that we are so honored to serve,”

said Pal, associate director for Cancer Health Disparities at VICC, Ingram Professor of Cancer Research and professor of Medicine at Vanderbilt.

“This grant will further ongoing opportunities to continue to grow funding for cancer research at Meharry Medical College and Tennessee State University and to further cancer disparities research with the VICC. The impact and outcomes of the MVTCP cancer research education activities result in the building of a more diverse population of cancer researchers,” said Ann Richmond, PhD, Ingram Professor of Cancer Biology and director of the Graduate Program in Cancer Biology at Vanderbilt.

TSU offers experience and expertise in reaching minority populations in a culturally appropriate manner. It can extend the impact of the MVTCP’s shared goals and serve as a pipeline for future cancer researchers. The university enrolls over 8,000 students each year and offers both graduate and undergraduate health science degrees.

“Through the MVTCP, TSU will continue to engage in critically important community outreach efforts regarding cancer. The partnership has been and will continue to be vital to the development of cancer research and outreach capacity at TSU,” said Whalen.

While the grant will support overarching research goals, it will also fund three special projects to address cancers that disproportionately affect African Americans either by incidence or mortality.

- The BRAVE Strategy (Breast Cancer Risk Assessment, achieving Equity) project will conduct a clinical trial focused on developing and testing strategies to reduce racial disparities in breast cancer mortality. According to the latest statistics, African American women have a 31 percent breast cancer mortality rate – the highest of any U.S. racial or ethnic group. Lucy Spalluto, MD, of VICC, Maureen Sanderson, PhD, of Meharry, and Rebecca Selove, PhD, MPH, of TSU, lead the initiative.

- The “Role of Fetuin-A in Prostate Cancer Progression and Prevention” project will address the significant need

to identify biomarkers that can differentiate between prostate cancers that stop responding to hormone therapy and prostate cancers that are more indolent and don’t require aggressive treatment. Josiah Ochieng, PhD, of Meharry, Zhenbang Chen, PhD, of Meharry and Robert Matusik, PhD, of VICC lead the initiative.

- The “Developing Immune Checkpoint Controlled-release Biomaterials for Cancer” project will test whether immunotherapy response can be improved in ovarian cancer patients by optimizing controlled and sustained local release of checkpoint ligands. Anil Shanker, PhD, of Meharry, Todd Giorgio, PhD, of VICC, and Richard Mu, PhD, of TSU, lead the initiative.

The MVTCP has achieved numerous goals throughout its history. During the five years of its prior funding cycle, the partnership increased its research productivity, invested in collaborative infrastructure, advanced cancer research education, recruited new investigators and engaged with community partners to better inform research.

Esports at TSU

By Asia Jones
Staff Writer

Over the summer Tennessee State University announced they are adding esports to their list of Athletics starting this Fall 2021 in hopes to increase diversity in STEM related classes for students such

as coding and design. Esports has been gaining popularity in the last five years due to mainstream video games such as "NBA 2K" and "Overwatch." Esports is a form of competition for online multiplayer games that are played in tournaments or stages between professional players or teams. Most tournaments are held in



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being in SGA again, I did it with the intention of wanting to create content" said Talison.

Packed with a team of camera operators and writers, Talison is ready to bring new content to Tiger TV. She says she plans to highlight more student accomplishments, give students a space to promote their businesses, and allow student leaders to showcase what they are doing on campus. She spoke highly of the show's hosts, Mass Communication majors, Carlye Coppins and Timbrel Williams, saying "they're energetic, they're enthusiastic, they want to do this and they love talking to students

and guests." According to Talison, Tiger TV provides a space for mass communications to freely create in a way that has not been provided for them.

Students can watch episodes of Tiger TV on the SGA Instagram live page (@tsusga) for now, but once the TV studio is up and running Tiger TV is expected to be broadcasted in the student center. Talison confirms that SGA's top four will be featured on the show soon to hopefully address an incident of mold being investigated in Wilson Hall. She said, "I definitely think that our top four representatives need to have some sort of statement on that, wheth-

er that's just... Miss TSU and Mr. TSU just offer their comfort and support and try to work towards a solution to figure it out, but definitely we're doing something with top four soon."

If anyone is interested in being featured on Tiger TV, Talison instructs them to fill out an Accomplishment Form posted in the SGA Instagram bio. "It's typically posted between the days of the tenth and fifteenth...students can fill out the form, fill out their accomplishments, or what story they want to tell," said Talison. Students can be on the lookout for the second episode of Tiger Television to debut on Nov. 1.

front of a live audience with officials to monitor the players. One of the first major esports leagues that was formed was the Overwatch League in 2016, which is now comprised of 20 teams. Since then, several other leagues were founded such as eMLS league in 2018 and the Call of Duty League in 2020. With Esports growing in popularity more companies and universities want to capitalize on it.

Many universities in the United States, China, and South Korea began offering scholarship opportunities to join their school's Esports team. As of 2019, over

130 colleges have an esports program. Tennessee State University is now a part of this long list. In August, TSU held esports tryouts for games such as: Fortnite, Counterstrike: Global Offensive, Madden, FIFA, NBA 2k, and Rocket League with the hope of adding more in the future. TSU has been invited to the Legacy Classic NBA 2K tournament against 16 other HBC's on Dec. 16. This tournament aims to increase diversity within the Esports community. Hopefully, this will create new opportunities for Tennessee State and gain interest in the community.

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changing and crust appearing around the breast .

According to Nucleus Medical Media, breast cancer can hardly be predicted but there are a couple risks that have been tracked to lead to it. A woman having her first child over the age of 30, Exposure to radiation, Taking Hormone replacement Therapy, which is medicine to reverse the effects of menopause and produce more estrogen to stop problems such as: hot flashes and vaginal discomfort. Which is not to be confused with Breast cancer Hormone Therapy Treatment. More treatments include surgeries such as: Lumpectomy, Mastectomy, and Sentinel Lymph node removal. Other treatments are Chemo-therapy, Radiation therapy,

and Targeted therapy.

Breast cancer survivor Laboria Purdie was happy to share her journey with breast cancer. In May 2015, she was diagnosed with stage 2 noninvasive carcinoma breast cancer. She was 31 years old when she noticed a lump in her breast. She scheduled an appointment with her doctor soon after. "I was numb and nonchalant upon hearing the diagnosis," she explains. She goes on to say, "The doctor informed me that I was going to lose my hair, bruise, and bleed easily. I would also have nausea and my nails would turn black. The worst effect for me was the nails because I missed having my nails done." Laboria had five weeks of chemo and a lumpectomy to remove

the lump. The chemotherapy damaged her ovaries and reduced her chances of having kids, she admits that she was very sad from hearing that.

She changed her diet greatly, limiting dairy, shellfish and red meat. She concentrated on vegetables, fruits, nuts, apple-sauce, yogurt, and lots of water. She stayed part of a prayer line at her church and would work with family members during her healing. Finally she was able to ring the bell and announce that she was cancer free. Now she has been cancer free for 6 yrs and sees an oncologist annually. For more breast cancer awareness information visit <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org>



Breast Cancer Survivor Laboria Purdie (third from the left).



Grammy® Awarding-Winning Artist Howard Hewett, Rapper Chief Keef to Headline Homecoming

By Lucas Johnson

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — Legendary R&B crooner Howard Hewett and rapper Chief Keef will headline Tennessee State University's 2021 Homecoming, the first in-person celebration in over a year.

The COVID-19 pandemic forced TSU to have a non-traditional virtual homecoming last year. But, appropriately themed "The Return," this year's celebration Oct. 24-31 is pretty much back to normal.

"This is an exciting and special time at Tennessee State University. After a year without a homecoming because of the pandemic, we have returned!" says TSU President Glenda Glover. "This homecoming is extra special because of what we have all endured over the last two years. This is a time for us to come together, and celebrate, as one big family. So, it's with extra enthusiasm that I salute this year's honorees, grand marshals, and special presidential grand marshal. May this homecoming be spectacular!"

This year's honorees are: Herman Brady, educator and U.S. Army veteran; Dr. Dorothy Granberry, higher ed. administrator and columnist; Dr. James Haney, retired history professor; and Dr. Sandra Holt, educator and ordained elder.

Tennessee Rep. Harold Love, Jr. is this year's Special Presidential Grand Marshal. Other grand marshals are:

Dr. Alvin Crawford, a world-renowned orthopaedic surgeon and U.S. Navy veteran; Celestine Lowe, educator; and Alvin Marley, CPA.

Homecoming organizers say while they are excited to once again gather in-person, safety remains a priority amid the pandemic.

"The excitement to reunite again this year has been overwhelming, and for good reason, after having to make the difficult decision to cancel our in-person homecoming last year," says homecoming chairman Grant Winrow. "However, we have modified a few of our events as we are committed to adhering to all safety protocols. We will have temperature check stations, as well as disposable masks for those who may need them."

Student Government Association President Derrick Sanders says he's glad the university is keeping safety in mind, and hopes homecoming participants will be responsible.

"We want everybody to stay safe; to wear a mask, protect one another," says Sanders, a senior English major from Cincinnati, Ohio. "This is going to be a homecoming to remember."

Besides the big game against Murray State at Nissan Stadium on Oct. 30 and the parade that morning, another major highlight of TSU's homecoming is the Annual Scholarship Gala, TSU's signature fundraising event. It

will take place on Oct. 29 at the Music City Center. This year, the gala welcomes Grammy award-winning artist Howard Hewett, and for masters of ceremony, award-winning radio personality Jasmine Sanders and comedian and actor Rodney Perry.

"The Gala provides the critical funds necessary to meet the significant need for student scholarships, as well as ensure students have access to relevant academic programs that prepares them for an innovative and global marketplace," says gala chairwoman Iris Ramey, who is assisted by co-chairs Debbi Howard and Marie Sueing. "We are very fortunate to have a community of donors and friends who have given of their time, energy, and personal resources to invest in Tennessee State University."

Other homecoming activities this year include the Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest on Oct. 24; the Coronation of Mr. TSU and Miss TSU on Oct. 27; the homecoming concert featuring rappers Chief Keef, Sada Baby, Dreezy, and Big Scarr on Oct. 28; the Breakfast of Champions, the Charles Campbell Fish Fry, and the National Pan-Hellenic Step Show on Oct. 29; and the legendary Homecoming Parade on Oct. 30.

The parade will be from 14th and Jefferson Street to 33rd and John Merritt Boulevard.

For more information about TSU's 2021 Homecoming, visit <https://bit.ly/3aBoV7M>.