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Tennessee State University opens \$9 million performing arts center

Tennessee State University has officially opened the doors of its new state-of-the-art performing arts center, a \$9 million, 40,000-square-foot facility more than 10 years in the making.

Part of the original \$112 million capital improvements project begun in 1988, the complex is any performer's dream come true. It has a first-rate, high-tech theater, a refurbished and expanded rehearsal hall for the Music Department and TSU bands, and build-out space for radio and television studios.

The theater seats 360, but it's surprisingly intimate, and the stage, though spacious, seems accessible to the entire audience. Usually, college theaters lack a roomy back-stage area—not this one. Not only is there ample room in the three-stories tall stage and wings area; it's neatly connected to a large prop room and loading dock. In other words, the Statue of Liberty could be wheeled on stage for a set piece.

The world-class theater presents opportunities few other colleges and universities can boast. A theater student at Tennessee State can learn how to computerize up to 27 fly lines (for scenery and backdrops) and can run a full-fledged light board, working 24 computerized moving lights and a sophisticated touch-control dimmer system.

Gone are the days of changing into costume in the nearest men/women's room: there's a make-up room, a large rehearsal room, a costume room, a green room, and a conference room—plenty of room—all equipped with the amenities performers need to work their craft. The lay-out of these prep rooms is sensible and convenient to the stage, but, just as they should, they have video and audio piped in so performers can follow the action on stage and watch for their cues while getting into make-up or running lines. Romeo can then know when Juliet is out on the balcony without having to peep through the curtain.

Techies like the audio system, which makes the space suitable for concerts and musical events as well as theater. Both digital and analog recording is possible, and, if needed, audience members may use amplification at their seats. Does a performer want to have a Grammys-lighting effect, a multi-media presentation behind the band, complete with video footage of Mt. St. Hellens? Why not? There are DVD, VHS, and Power Point to make it all happen. The cost of this sound and lighting experience? An impressive \$500,000, not your run-of-the-mill college theater lighting board.

And for theater-goers, there are extra niceties: generous parking, an indoor ticket office, a sky-lit rotunda in the column-lined lobby.

Though the performing arts complex awaits a docent to build out space that has been allotted for radio station and television studios, it has been designed with the integration of all three in mind, offering easy access from one space to another

and balanced acoustics. The Strange Music Building, which has been modernized and expanded, is part of the complex and accommodates orchestral and band rehearsals. A couple of dozen small rehearsal rooms are sound-proofed for individuals to enjoy uninhibited practicing.

The complex has a pedigree in more ways than one. First, the design and construction have been managed by Tuck Hinton Architects, the firm that designed the new Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, the Frist Center for the Visual Arts, the headquarters for Warner Bros. Records — as well as the Floyd-Payne Campus Center — and Moody Nolan Inc., who designed the Hermitage police precinct and the renovation of Fisk University's Cravath Hall and Jubilee Hall Tower, including Cravath's renowned murals.

Second, the theater management team is Barry Scott, Kimberley LaMarque, and

Mark Collino. Audiences have enjoyed Scott and LaMarque for years in re-creations of August Wilson and other productions under the auspices of the American Negro Playwright Theatre. Scott recently travelled the country with his one-man show about Martin Luther King Jr. Collino, formerly a lighting director at Opryland and an instructor at Colgate University, has thrilled audiences through his technical wizardry and will put it to work with TSU's new cutting-edge technology.

The theater is being christened in late-March with a student production of *In the Blood*, a modern-day adaptation of *The Scarlet Letter* by Pulitzer Prize winner Suzan-Lori Parks. Next, the American Negro Playwright Theatre will present an original script by leading Black writer/director John Henry Redwood.

"I feel that the performing arts center is an established new facility for students and the city of Nashville," LaMarque said. "For students, it offers hands-on participation with state-of-the-art equipment, better preparing them for graduate studies and the mainstream. For the city of Nashville, it offers a high-tech alternative to the existing performing arts spaces and further enhances Nashville's desire to be an arts Mecca."

From the beginning, Tennessee State University's vision has been to enhance the community at large with its new performing arts center. The venue will be available as a teaching/performing center, and President James Hefner hopes to see the space used to full advantage.

"Nashville has a rich tradition of the performing arts, as does Tennessee State University," said Hefner. "The late actor Moses Gunn and Oprah Winfrey are two of the better known talents from the stage at TSU, and there are certainly more Gunns and Winfreys in our future. Both Nashville and Tennessee State University can be proud of TSU's contributions to the arts and of the future that will be inspired by this new facility."



Background: lobby of the performing arts center

Engineering Distinguished Lecture Series brings power company official to campus

Jerry L. Stewart, executive vice president and chief production officer of Southern Company Generation and Energy Marketing, was the guest speaker for TSU's College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science's Distinguished Lecture Series.

Stewart is responsible for 63 plants, consisting of 273 units, with a rating of approximately 35,000 megawatts. These include the fossil, hydro, combined cycle and combustion turbine plants owned by Alabama Power, Georgia Power, Gulf Power, Mississippi Power, Savannah Electric and Southern Power companies.

During the lecture, future engineers were informed on environmental, economical and industrial issues and the diversity of energy. However, Stewart's focus was not on engineering mechanics but on the "basic ingredients of success," said Decatur Rogers, dean of the college. Stewart encouraged students to be confident, be as well rounded as they could be, be able to communicate and have trustworthy relationships. Most important, he said, "Have fun. Life is too short to go without being happy and enjoying what you are doing."



Jerry Stewart, executive vice president and chief production officer of Southern Company Generation and Energy Marketing; Roosevelt Luster, TSU engineering alumnus; and Decatur Rogers, dean of the TSU College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science

TSU hosts HBCU Health Conference

Tennessee State University hosted the HBCU Health Services Research Conference Jan. 31, where the focus was "Improving Minority Health Disparities." The TSU conference was sponsored by the Center for Health Research and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The HBCU health conference focused on such minority health disparities as cancer, diabetes, hypertension and other health-related topics. The main focus of the conference was to identify the disparities of the patient's mistrust of the doctors and nurses in the hospital, lack of education on each disease, factors of why it is important to be informed about the diseases, and ways to solve health problems among minorities. Seven historically black colleges and universities came together to help determine ways to cut the cost of health care in Tennessee and educate others about the significance of learning about health issues.

Patrice Williams, a research center student, believes that everyone should be informed about these conferences and other channels of information. "I cannot stress enough how important it is for people, especially minorities, to know about the necessity of being well informed about these diseases. It is important to be educated about health issues," she said.

"This was a very informative conference," said Baqar A. Husaini, director of the Center for Health Research. "This was a good avenue through which we established networks with other health professionals from 15 states and exchanged views on the ways to improve health disparities. Overall it was a useful conference."

The Center for Health Research was established in 1976 with funding by external grants from federal agencies, such as the



Baqar Husaini, director of the TSU Center for Health Research, welcomes professionals to the HBCU Health Services Research Conference.

Russell Simmons (left), hip hop and media mogul, poses with Thomas Martin, vice president for student affairs. Simmons spoke to an overflow crowd as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs, in conjunction with the Division of University Relations and Development. Simmons said "Hip-hop is the voice of disenfranchised, voiceless people." Among his other memorable quotes was "The most intelligent, creative and talented ones are not always the ones who make it. The ones who are the most focused are the ones who make it."

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National Institutes of Health, Agency for Health Care Quality and Research, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Centers for Disease Control. The mission of the center is to direct health research projects aimed to improve health outcomes and the delivery of health and mental health services in the local community and to inform policy at the state, national, and international levels.

Atlanta Life and TSU make insurance agreement

Tennessee State University and Atlanta Life General Agency, Inc., one of the nation's largest African-American owned life insurance companies, have agreed to begin offering life insurance policies to TSU supporters who will name the university as their beneficiary. The two institutions' collaborative effort will support the university through the Atlanta Life Planned Giving Program.

During the kick-off reception for the partnership, Atlanta Life General president William C. Souder Jr. said, "This partnership between two historical institutions will help ensure a continuous source of funding for the goals and mission of Tennessee State University. Atlanta Life General is proud to be a part of this legacy."

The members of TSU's National Alumni Association and other members of the TSU family are encouraged to participate in this program, which is slated to begin this year.

Master of education degree, other teacher training programs available online

Teachers and education paraprofessionals now can receive courses online to enhance their education. The Tennessee Board of Regents, the State Board of Education and the Tennessee



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Department of Education have established a partnership to provide teachers with easily accessible, new opportunities to enhance their skills and to address the state's teacher shortage. Teachers now have the opportunity to work online to earn a master of education degree or to obtain alternative licensure. An online program was launched this semester, offering add-on endorsements in five high-demand subjects. These initiatives will help Tennessee meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind program mandate for highly qualified teachers and paraprofessionals in every public K-12 classroom in the state.

The master of education online degree program courses are designed for a 12-week semester and, like other Regents Online Degree Program courses, are interactive and available at the student's convenience. Students who are employed full time are limited to two online courses per semester. Successfully completing two courses per semester, students easily can obtain a master's degree in less than two years.

The alternative licensure in-service program is also available online. The target population is individuals who are currently employed as K-12 teachers but are on permits or waivers or are seeking alternative licensure (Interim A or E). The goal of the program is to support these teachers and move them toward licensure as quickly as possible.

Online study is available for add-on endorsements in math, biology, chemistry, special education and English as a second language. The target group for this program is teachers who are now teaching one or two classes out of their own fields, which will not be permitted under the No Child Left Behind program.

IBM executive search committee courts TSU students

A team of IBM executives from across the country visited TSU for three days in late January to learn about the university's technology curricula and interview prospective students for IBM careers. Since the information services firm and TSU formed a strategic partnership, IBM has placed 22 students from TSU from the disciplines of computer science, business information systems and engineering.

"We are impressed with the caliber of both the students and programs at Tennessee State and are pleased to be working the institution to strengthen our relationship," said Wilbur Carmon, IBM's client director-AT&T.

IBM chose Tennessee State last year as an IBM Extreme Blue institution and an IBM Scholar

School. Extreme Blue is IBM's executive search program, and IBM Scholar schools are provided access to software and instruction by multiple vendors, broadening their scope of instruction. As a member of the IBM Scholar program, TSU does not have to negotiate individually for licensing and usage agreements, saving significant sums of money and increasing the marketability of its technology programs.

The IBM executives visiting TSU, led by Carmon and Bill Lawrence, senior diversity program manager, represented a range of divisions within IBM, including Lotus software products, Solution Technologies development, Sony/Toshiba/IBM microelectronics emerging software, Tivoli software, and Global AMS delivery. John Thompson, an information technology consultant to TSU and retired IBM senior manager, coordinated the visit.

In June, TSU became the first institution in Tennessee authorized by IBM to test and certify students as e-business solution advisors, professionals who are versed in the integration of data and information across multiple platforms and networks.



TSU President James A. Hefner with IBM executives who visited TSU

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TSU boasts of two students who have been named IBM GEM Scholars.

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Judge Greg Mathis, who presides over a weekday courtroom show, addressed TSU students, faculty and staff as part of the Distinguished Lecture Series, sponsored by the Division of Student Affairs in conjunction with the Division of University Relations and Development. Pictured with Mathis are Patricia Clayton (left), coordinator of special projects, university administration, and her daughter, Yuri Clayton. Mathis talked about the fight against a "self-destructive culture" and a "self-defeating attitude" and told the audience, "The passport to freedom, justice and equality is education."



TSU celebrates first fall commencement

Nearly 500 students participated in Tennessee State University's first fall commencement exercises, held Saturday, Dec. 14. Jamye Coleman Williams, retired department head and professor of speech communications and theater, addressed the graduates.

"As you leave your alma mater and its challenge—Enter to learn; go forth to serve—I submit that your work is to make a difference in a world so in need of your gifts and talents," Williams said. "I charge you as you go forth on your journey to be



committed to those who are left out and be agents of change and catalysts for action."

Jamye Coleman Williams

Williams praised the diversity she saw before her and encouraged the graduates to speak out against inequities.

"I remind you that the opportunity to act sometimes comes only once. When it does come . . . I urge you to stand up and be counted and make a difference. There comes a time to all of us when we must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but we must take it because conscience tells us that it is right."

A half billion strong: Tennessee State University: AN ECONOMIC POWERHOUSE

Tennessee State University's impact on the local economy was nearly \$500 million for 2001-2002, according to a study released by the Office of Business and Economic Research.

"The study verifies how beneficial TSU's role is to our local economy," said Nashville mayor Bill Purcell. "We applaud all that the university contributes, both academically and economically."

The study considered the greater Nashville area, comprised of eight counties: Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson and Wilson. Factoring into the \$493.5 total impact were \$76 million in compensation to faculty and staff; \$69 million in operating expenses, capital outlay and construction activities; \$105 million in spending by students; and \$18 million in spending by visitors. As a consequence of the expenditures of business units, faculty, staff and students, TSU directly injected about \$270 million into the greater Nashville economy annually. Each dollar that was expended directly by TSU, or in connection with any of its activities, induced additional spending of approximately 84 cents per dollar and created jobs in the local economy.

In 2001-2002, Tennessee State University created 9,120 jobs and generated approximately \$329 million in personal income, contributing to Nashville's reputation as one of the most attractive cities for living in the United States. The total impact of visitor spending attributable to TSU events in the greater Nashville area was \$42.4 million.

"Tennessee State University has made substantial impact on the community's economic base," said TSU president James A. Hefner, an economist who commissioned the impact study. "The employment and revenue generated by the university rank it among the area's largest employers and purchasers of locally produced goods and services. In this context, it is also important to note that the university's economic impact takes on added significance during periods of economic downturn and recovery."



Soumen Ghosh, director of the Office of Business and Economic Research

The total impact of TSU's expenditures was diffused throughout the local economy. The majority of the impact was felt in the domestic trade sector (\$130 million), followed by the maintenance and repair industry (\$30 million), wholesale trade (\$26 million), management and consulting services (\$20 million), and communications (\$13 million).

With millions of dollars of direct and indirect economic impact, TSU also strongly supported local government and its revenue base by generating tax revenues. The total tax revenues through TSU-related expenditures amounted to about \$38 million for the local, state and federal governments.

Tennessee State University employed 2,592 individuals as full-time and part-time faculty, staff, and student employees. In addition to these jobs, a total impact of \$494 million of annual expenditures was attributable to the university community for many more jobs created.

Studies have shown that for each additional \$1 million in expenditures on consumer goods, approximately 18.5 new jobs are created. By that estimate, a total of \$494 million in direct and induced expenditures attributable to the university community has created an additional 6,528 local jobs, including children's daycare center workers, travel agents, construction workers, janitorial staff, retail food employees, doctors, dentists, and many more.

Soumen Ghosh, director of the OBER, compiled the study, which breaks down the various areas in which TSU impacts the greater Nashville economy, including banking, communications, real estate, trade and utilities.

"Tennessee State contributes significantly to the continued growth and development of Metropolitan Nashville and directly injects about \$270 million into the greater Nashville economy annually," Ghosh said.

"I am unequivocally confident that the university will continue to play a pivotal role in Middle Tennessee's economic growth and expansion and in increasing the quality of life for all of its citizens," said Hefner.

The Vision of a Dreamer Lives on

"Why did one man put so much into stopping something that still exists today? This man was a visionary and his vision gives hope to the hopeless and a dream to the discouraged," Leea Allen, senior Girl Scout of the Girl Scouts Council of Cumberland Valley, said of slain Civil Rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

Seventy-four years ago a visionary was born and no one could predict how important his life would prove to be. The winter day he was born would later become so monumental that it is celebrated by a nation years after his untimely death. Martin Luther King Jr. was much more than a man to his followers and those who believed in the non-violent, non-racist philosophy he lived by. On Jan. 20, thousands of people marched for, lectured about, listened to and remembered King. Students, faculty, and staff of Tennessee State University, members of the surrounding community and various political and religious leaders gathered for an early morning march and concluded with a commemorative convocation in the Gentry Center on the main campus,



hundreds of marchers make their way onto the Tennessee State University campus to converge on the Gentry Center for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day convocation.

over which TSU president James Hefner presided.

A multicultural audience of all ages took part in celebration of the importance of King's life and death. Mayor Bill Purcell quoted the Civil Rights leader, "We should tear down the walls that separate us." Purcell used this comment to describe what the audience he looked out upon had done. Senator Thelma Harper followed Mayor Purcell and advised that we "not continue to fill Dr. King's shoes but to fulfill his dream."

The keynote speaker, Rev. William Thomas Young IV, explained that the audience and "the dignitaries" on stage were celebrating "the spirit of a man and the life of a movement." He described stories of slavery and pain in the Bible and he compared those with the mental and physical enslavement of this country's past and present. "We are blinded by our success," he said.

In conclusion, Young said with a level of certainty, "One day we will say 'We have overcome,' not 'We shall.'" While reflecting on all the speakers, especially the words of Rabbi Ken Kanter—"We remember and we are inspired"—Young urged his listeners to prophesy, protect and be dissatisfied with the unfair and unjust conditions of society.

Even 40 years after the dreamer was assassinated, he said, it is the dignitaries, students, faculty and staff, and community members that continue to prove King's powerful vision cannot be snuffed out by a sniper's bullet.

Rev. William Thomas Young IV



Nashville Mayor Purcell cites “clear, strong and critical connection” with TSU at Foundation Dinner

The 17th Annual TSU Foundation Dinner at Gaylord Opryland Resort and Convention Center raised more than \$700,000 for student scholarships. An estimated 800 people attended the gala affair, which honored Nashville Mayor Bill Purcell.

“TSU is an incredible blessing to the city and all the people of Nashville, and because of your presence, your contributions and your commitment, there will be many more blessings for us all,” said Purcell, adding that he was honored to be in the company of past honorees Gov. Ned McWherter, baseball great Hank Aaron, Gov. and former Nashville Mayor Phil Bredesen, Tennessee Titans owner K.S. “Bud” Adams, and Sen. Fred Thompson.

“What we [the honorees] have in common is Tennessee State University,” said Purcell. “We have a clear, strong and critical connection with TSU.”

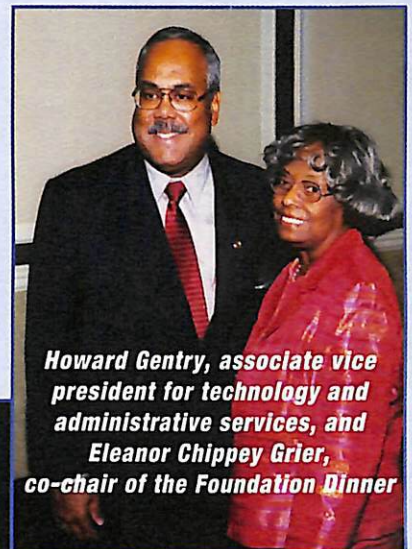
“In Nashville, Tenn., we believe that education is the most important thing that we do. It is a core function of this city. Every child ought to have access to a good school,” Purcell said, noting that businesses interested in locating to the city look at public schools first, then “quickly move to higher education.” The mayor pledged to support TSU as it seeks to advance its work during this phase of annual fund raising.

“TSU has nearly 9,000 students; that [enrollment increase] is not happening everywhere,” said Tom Negri, chairman of the TSU Foundation board of directors. “It’s up to us to get that secret out.”

“We prepare graduates to excel and keep many of them in our marketplace,” said TSU president James A. Hefner. “We want Tennessee State University to be the urban university of choice for all Nashville citizens. We want people to think, ‘I live in Nashville. TSU is a big part of my city. TSU is a place where I invest my money.’”

“I appreciate all the businesses, corporations and individuals who contributed to the cause of providing funds for scholarships for students. At TSU,

students matter most. We exist because of them and we want to do everything we can to prepare them for a great and productive future.”



Howard Gentry, associate vice president for technology and administrative services, and Eleanor Chippey Grier, co-chair of the Foundation Dinner

Traditionally, artist Malenda Trick (right) presents a painting of the honoree at the annual Foundation Dinner. Here, Mayor Purcell accepts his portrait, along with President Hefner.



Foundation Dinner guests Geraldine Butts and Francene Gilmer.

Funds raised at the TSU Foundation Dinner support student scholarships and will count toward matching funds from the State of Tennessee as part of the consent decree settling a desegregation lawsuit. About 250 students benefit from TSU Foundation scholarships annually.

Delorse Lewis, executive director of the TSU Foundation, said, “The support of the Nashville community for students is immeasurable and its gains unimaginable for what benefits derive from this support.”

Mayor's Breakfasts



General Breakfast: Mayor Purcell and Delorse Lewis, executive director, TSU Foundation

Mayor Bill Purcell held a general kick-off breakfast and a minister's breakfast in anticipation of the Foundation Dinner.

Minister's Breakfast: Homer Wheaton, TSU associate vice president for university relations and development; Rev. Murry Thecker; Sidney Bryant, pastor of Payne Chapel AME Church; and Neal Darby, TSU interim director of corporate relations.



Minister's Breakfast: T. B. Boyd III, president and CEO of the R. H. Boyd Publishing Corporation; Mayor Bill Purcell; Gerald Washington, TSU vice president for university relations and development; and Tom Negri, chair, TSU Foundation board of directors.



General Breakfast: Mayor Purcell and TSU First Lady Edwina Hefner



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Gifts, grants and resources

Tennessee State University was awarded a three-year grant from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory at the California Institute of Technology for its proposed research on "Visual Telerobotic Task Planning of Cooperative Robots Based on Soft Computing Techniques." TSU will receive \$100,000 per year for the next three years. **Amir Shirkhodaie**, associate professor of mechanical and manufacturing engineering, is principal investigator.

The **College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science** received a contribution of \$10,000 from the Bechtel Foundation to establish a manufacturing process laboratory. Bechtel, one of the world's largest engineering-construction firms, is one of the parent companies of BWXT Y-12, which operates the Oak Ridge Y-12 National Security Complex for the National Nuclear Security Administration. Y-12 has a mentor-protégé agreement with TSU through the Department of Energy. **Naila Howell** and **Spencer Rollins**, recent TSU graduates, are employed by BWXT Y-12.



Decatur Rogers, dean of the TSU College of Engineering, Technology and Computer Science; **Naila Howell**, BWXT Y-12 professional; **TSU President James A. Hefner**; **Sandra Plant**, BWXT Y-12 director of public relations; **Robert Waters Jr.**, BWXT Y-12 manager of socioeconomic programs; and **Inman Otey**, director of the TSU Career Center.

Departmental and organizational news

The Federal Aviation Authority has granted the **Department of Aeronautical and Industrial Technology** its Air Agency Certificate, recognizing TSU as an Approved Ground Training Facility. Students graduating from the program are certified as pilots with an instrument rating and flight instructors.

The **American Chemical Society Student Affiliates** chapter at TSU has been selected from more than 950 chapters to receive an honorable mention award. TSU is one of 71 chapters to receive such an award.

The Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) has granted Tennessee State University continuing accreditation in the **Health Information Management (HIM) program**.

TSU President James Hefner and **TSU alumna and Harvard graduate student Jamil Scott** at the second Honors Convocation. "It is not good enough to be simply intelligent," said Scott, the keynote speaker. "You must surround yourself with supportive people and know how and when to ask for help. Begin with the end in mind. You must envision yourself as reaching the land even if you are riding the middle of the storm."

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TSU is the only state-supported university in Tennessee that provides a four-year degree in health information management.

Research, presentations and publications

Lynetta Alexander, reference librarian, made a presentation on networking at the Southeastern Library Association meeting.

William Annesley, department head of aeronautical and industrial technology, presented two papers: "A Work in Progress—HBCUs and Aviation Programs" and "Federal Aviation Regulations—Instructional Methodologies, Integration and Student Comprehension" at the University Aviation Association's Fall Education Conference.

Tennessee State University is listed among the nation's 50 best schools for African-American students in *Black Enterprise* magazine. TSU ranked No. 44; the magazine studied nearly 500 colleges.

Barbara E. Brown, director of the master's program in nursing, presented a paper, "A phenomenological study of anger among women in selected ethnic groups," at the 44th Annual Conference of the Western Social Science Association in Albuquerque, N.M. Brown also participated in the "Research of Ancient Celtic Healing and Discovery" in seven counties of western, northwestern, and northeastern Ireland. **Kesha Russaw**, a 2002

graduate (MSN), presented a paper, "Violence prevention model for high risk youth," at the conference. Another 2002 MSN graduate, **Anett Wakefield-Franklin**, presented a paper, "Risk factors of homeless minority males," at the conference.

Anthony Blasi, professor of sociology, presented the paper "Secular Sociology at Catholic Notre Dame," at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association in Chicago. The paper is based on the recently published book, *A History of Sociological Research and Teaching at Catholic Notre Dame*,



Anthony Blasi



which he co-authored with Bernard F. Donahoe. He presented a similar paper, with the same title, in Brisbane, Australia, at the meeting of the International Sociological Association.

Wayne Guyette, professor and head of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Administration, delivered a colloquium to Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI)/Geographic Information Science (GIS) computer scientists and University of Redlands GIS faculty and graduate students at ESRI Corporate Headquarters in Redland, Calif., on "Tourism/GIS: Elements for the Creation of a New Field of Study."

Arie Halachmi, professor of public administration, had an article, "Who gets what, when and how: performance measures for

accountability? for improved performance?" published in the *International Review of Public Administration*. He also had "Performance Measurement Accountability and Improved Performance" published in *Public Performance and Management Review* and "Performance Measurement as a Source of Potential Dysfunctional Tradeoffs" published in *Evaluation and Accounting Standards in Public Management*.

Sandra Holt, director of the University Honors Program, and **Eric Doss**, with the Division of Student Affairs, served as presenters at the 31st Annual National Society for Experiential Education conference. The topic of their workshop was "Experiential Education: An Exploration of HBCUs, Community Colleges and Community Development."

Bonnie Johnson, assistant professor of nursing, was the keynote speaker at the American Holistic Nurses' Conference in Nashville. Her topic was "Telling our story: The symphony of holistic nursing and healing." **Debra Wilson**, a 2000 graduate (MSN) presented a paper, "Therapeutic touch: The lived experience of energy healing for adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse" at the conference.

Honors, awards and achievements

Prem Kahlon, professor of biological sciences, has been appointed to the MARC (Minority Access to Research Careers) Review Subcommittee to serve as reviewer for applications submitted to the National Institutes of Health through May 2004.

Murle Kenerson, assistant director of libraries and media centers, is a member of the Tennessee Library Association's strategic plans committee.



Prem Kahlon



Cosmas Okoro

Cosmas Okoro, assistant professor of chemistry, participated in the 2002 American Chemical Society's Annual Faculty Peer Review Conference held in Washington, D.C., July 19-21. Okoro also is chair-elect of the Nashville section of the American Chemical Society.

Princess Patton, extension communications specialist, was elected chair-elect of the communications and information technology program leaders committee and **Thelma Sanders-**



Princess Patton

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Hunter, extension family living specialist, was selected as the 1890 representative to the family and consumer sciences program leaders committee at the recent meeting of the Southern Region Program Leadership Network.



Sam L. Polk Sr.

Sam L. Polk Sr., director of facilities management, received the Pacesetters Award during the annual leadership conference of the Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers of Universities and Colleges (APPA). The award is the association's third highest award and is given in recognition of significant contributions to APPA and leadership within the association and the profession.

Victoria Slater, assistant professor of nursing, received the Holistic Nurses' Award from the American Holistic Nurses' Association for her research and scholarly activities.

Lynn McMeekin Swain, advisor of the University Peer Counselors and a counselor in the University Counseling Center, recently had her professional license upgraded from licensed psychological examiner to senior psychological examiner.

JoVita Wells, associate director of sponsored research, has been elected president of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities National Sponsored Program Administrators Alliance.



JoVita Wells



Roger Wiemers

Roger Wiemers, assistant professor of educational administration, represented TSU at the Plenum, the primary governing body of the University Council of Educational

Administration, an organization devoted to improving professional preparation of educational administrators. **Paula Myrick Short**, professor of educational administration and vice chancellor for academic affairs at the Tennessee Board of Regents, made a presentation on organizational justice at the conference.



Paula Myrick Short

Celeste Williams, assistant professor of teaching and learning, is a GLOBE (Globe Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment) trainer and coordinator for the College of Education. GLOBE is an international curriculum enhancement project designed to give primary and secondary students hands-on experience with environmental science.

Jewell Winn, superintendent of administrative services, was recently appointed to the International Association of Higher Education Facilities' Officers Membership Committee. She is the first African-American female to be selected for the post.

Alumni news

Diane Campbell, a 2000 graduate (MSN) was the keynote speaker at the National Health Corps Nurse Scholarship Conference in California.

Former Tennessee State University football defensive greats **Richard Dent**, **Ed "Too Tall" Jones** and **Claude Humphrey** were among 74 nominees for the National

Football League Hall of Fame. The Ohio State University was the only other college with three nominees for consideration.

Mia Evans, class of 2002, won the title of Miss Bluegrass Festival in Savannah, Tenn., which enables her to compete for the title of Miss Tennessee.



Mia Evans

Fred Jones, honorary TSU alumnus, was named to the Memphis City Schools Alumni Schools Hall of Fame. Jones is founder of the Southern Heritage Classic and part-owner of the Memphis Grizzlies.

Student news

Sumita Chakraborti-Ghosh, assistant professor of special education/teaching and learning and interim coordinator of the special education program, has revived the Student Council for Exceptional Children (SCEC) chapter at Tennessee State University.

Chakraborti-Ghosh is a faculty advisor of the SCEC chapter, which is officially designated by the national Council for Exceptional Children. TSU SCEC officers are **Lisa Cox**, president; **Paul Onduri**, vice president; **Lorinda Walden**, secretary; and **Courtney Wormely**, membership chair.

Four TSU students, **Aueyia Dixon**, **James Guster**, **Amy Willoughby** and **Courtney Lytle**, are participating in the National Student Exchange (NSE) program during the 2002-2003 academic year. They are attending Ball State University, Florida International University, the University of West Florida and Marshall University, respectively.

Tennessee State University's **Forensics Team** won 21 national awards in the Southern Comfort Swing Forensics Tournament held at Middle Tennessee State University. **Amy Harrison** won first place for poetry interpretation. **Tia Smedley** won second place and third place for poetry interpretation, **Mia Bankston** won second place. **LeBraun Robinson** and **Marquis Best** placed third in the dramatic duo interpretation competition. Bankston and **Brenton Powers** placed third for their dramatic duo interpretation. The team won seven mid-year championship awards in the 55th Annual L.E. Norton Invitational Tournament, held at Bradley University.

Pius Imafidon, a first-year MBA student at Tennessee State University, won second place in the 2002 World Trade Council of Middle Tennessee Essay

Competition, for his essay titled, "America under Siege—the Impact on World Trade." He received a \$1,500 cash award for his effort.

New faculty and staff, new appointments

Donald Brown has joined the Center of Excellence-Basic Skills as an associate investigator for the BERS-TN Cares program.

Lee McGahey has been named assistant director of the University Honors Program.



Lee McGahey

Rebecca Rhodes and **Lisa Smith** have joined the Office of Business and Economic Research as research associates.

We remember

Richard Enochs, a professor who headed the joint program in health care and administration and planning

at TSU and Meharry Medical College, died Jan. 25. In 1996, Enochs established the Elmer and Annie Morgan Enochs Scholarship in honor of his grandparents. The scholarship assists deserving students who live in or near Calhoun County, Miss., where his grandparents lived.

Edet Okon Eyoh, professor of computer science, died in January from injuries he received from a traffic accident while visiting his homeland of Nigeria. He was buried in Akwa Ibom, Nigeria, Jan. 17.

Samuel Jones, class of 1937, who established the university's first charitable remainder trust, died Sept. 3, 2002, in Bolivar, Tenn.

Ira Kellum, retired custodian, died in January. He worked in the library from Sept. 1961 until his retirement in Jan. 1999.

Congratulations to the Women's Track Team for capturing the Ohio Valley Conference CHAMPIONSHIP in indoor track and to Coach Chandra Cheeseborough for winning Coach of the Year honors again. Way to go, Tigerbelles!



The Tennessee State University Honors Program hosted the National Association of African-American Honors Programs (NAAAH) Annual Conference last fall. Pictured above are **Erice Doss**, TSU Division of Student Affairs, conference presenter; **Gene Alpert**, president of National Society for Experiential Education, conference presenter; **Jacqueline Young of Jacqueline's Bridal Salon**, conference presenter; and **Sandra Holt**, director of the TSU Honors Program and NAAAH president.

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God made each of us to help the other guy.
—the late **Samuel E. Jones**
Alumnus who in 1996 established the
university's first charitable trust

The passport to freedom, justice and equality
is education.

—**Judge Greg Mathis**
television personality and
civil rights activist, at the
Distinguished Lecture Series

You must envision yourself as reaching the
land, even if you are riding the middle of the
storm.

—**Jamil Scott**
TSU graduate, graduate student
in the Harvard School of Medicine
and speaker for the honors convocation

The most intelligent, creative and talented
are not always the ones who make it. The ones
who are the most focused are the ones who
make it.

—**Russell Simmons**
hip hop and media mogul,
at the Distinguished Lecture Series

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