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The Women's Center encouraged everyone to wear red on February 3rd for "Wear Red Day" with the purpose of informing Tennessee State University's students and faculty about the importance of heart health. More women die from heart disease than any other health issue.

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Dr. Tracey Ford appointed as the new Vice President of Student Affairs.



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For Valentine's Day, African American iconic couples that are idols and inspirations of the Black community.



OPINION/EDITORIAL

Should College Students be Allowed to Carry Guns?



By Ada Taylor
Editor in Chief

Did you know Tennessee law allows full-time employees of public universities to carry a concealed weapon on campus? Not very many people do and that is unfortunate.

That means that when you walk into your biology or political science class here at TSU, your professor could be packing. For some, this is a reasonable measure. This group of people believe that a person's second amendment right should not be infringed upon when they come onto campus grounds.

For others, the idea of their professors and cafeteria staff being in possession of a

concealed firearm makes them uncomfortable. This group of people understand that tensions often rise in a collegiate environment, which can sometimes lead to harmful repercussions.

Still, what many on both sides of the debate believe makes all the difference is the fact that faculty and staff members are allowed to carry — not students. However, there is speculation that that may soon change.

In anticipation of such legislation arising, Randy Byington, president of the Faculty Senate at East Tennessee State University, said that, "While we have the highest regard for the Second Amendment rights of all individuals, we are all aware that there are many conversations surrounding academic performance, disciplinary actions, financial aid status and other issues that can become intense and potentially volatile."

However, perhaps even of more concern, is the genuine possibility of an increase in self-inflicted injuries. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), suicide is the second leading cause of death for people between the ages of 15 and 34.

Furthermore, it is estimated that a suicide takes place once every 13 minutes. This means that putting guns in the hands of students, many of whom are susceptible

to feeling overwhelmed and/or irrational, is not the safest of bets.

Unfortunately, there are not only purposeful self-inflicted injuries, but accidental as well. This is made evident by the recent case at Kansas State University in which a 19-year-old male accidentally shot

himself in his dorm.

Regardless of where you stand on the issue, now is the time to speak up. Write, call or email Tennessee senators and congressman and allow your voice to be heard!

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The Women's Center, located on the 2nd floor of the student center, is hosting a series of events to celebrate "Love Month."

The Women's Center Hosts Events for 'Love Month'

By Shayla Simmons
Copy Editor

The Women's Center is hosting a series of events to celebrate the month of February, now alternatively known as "Love Month." The purpose of the month is to promote self-love amongst the student body, specifically the young women that make up Tennessee State University.

The main event of the month is the Sadie Hawkins Valentine's Dinner. The concept of Sadie Hawkins is to reverse the stereotypical roles, resulting in women asking out their date. Yet rather than asking out a male counterpart, the dinner is meant to have a more relaxed tone, prompting participants to bring a friend to enjoy the holiday typically meant for lovers.

The guests lucky enough to enjoy the night will enjoy spoken word and even have the chance to win prizes.

Other events included "Ms. Representation" and "What Women Need Versus What Mean Want", both of which take place on February 8, 2017.

"Ms. Representation" explores the

"mask" that people wear when talking to others, especially for the first time, hiding away their true personalities. Participants will each be given a mask at their arrival and later given the opportunity to reveal their true self by removing that mask.

The Seminar "What Women Need Versus What Mean Want" is intended to be a respectful, open conversation between men and women to discuss what makes a successful, modern relationship.

The purpose of these events and the Women's Center as a whole, as explained by Ms. Seanne Wilson, whom heads the Women's Center, "is to empower women to succeed academically, financially, mentally, spiritually, and professionally."

"What I am finding," Wilson continued, "is that young women come to college and start focusing on anything but. The purpose of these events is to allow women to make peace with their past to be more successful in the future. The events are meant to stress the importance of loving yourself first before you love someone else."

Pullen Named Mr. Ivy

By Christina Young
Staff Writer

In honor of Black History Month, Tennessee State University honors one of our very own black kings. This year we recognize Dwight Pullen as Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated's new Mr. Ivy. Pullen's goals for the upcoming semester include seminars on man-hood, a college student's every day battles and a poetry slam generated on faith and struggles.

Pullen wanted the title of Mr. Ivy in order to use it as a platform for people to receive and to respect. His primary focus is towards African-American men, especially the ones in college.

"I got into the role mainly to cater to men. I see a lack of respectable manhood in our community, and I want to help restore that."

Pullen is also involved in Tennessee State University's Collegiate 100 and is a fellowship leader for Lift Every Nation. He says he uses those organizations as a stepping stone which assisted him in becoming a leader.

"I was tired of being the tall light-skin



Dwight Pullen is the AKA's 2016-2017 Mr. Ivy.

guy in Collegiate 100 that cuts hair."

Being raised by Alpha women also influenced him to compete to become Mr. Ivy.

"My mom is an AKA. She raised me and taught me everything I know."

Mr. Pullen's ultimate goal is for people to start coming to bible study on Wednesdays and to get involved in life groups. God and his relationship with Christ are the most important things in his life. He hopes the title of Mr. Ivy will influence young men to be great, faithful and inspirational.

50 for 50

By Victoria Gourdin
Staff Writer

There is a distinct difference between a grade that is passing and grades that leave a student in good academic standing. Furthermore, anyone who is either active throughout the camps, invested in their grades, or both can easily understand how difficult getting to that good academic standing goal can be. Every day students are expected to balance their personal and social lives all while trying to keep up with the main reason for coming to a university: academics. With that being said, Tennessee State University's SGA noticed a problem. At midterms this past semester, over 4,000 D's, F's and W's were given to students throughout campus. For many, that number may not be relevant. However, the problem lies with the fact that the school is home to just over 9,000 students. In other words, about 40 percent of students were well below the "good academic standing"

line. With these statistics, certain leaders within the SGA decided to take a stand and make a difference. They sat together and wondered how they could potentially decrease those numbers and statistics. Eventually they came up with a solution. The Student Government Association came up with the idea of 50 for 50. As a sort of incentive for people doing above average, fifty random TSU students will be receiving fifty dollars for making the Dean's List. When asked about the 50 for 50, student Timia Porter mentioned that "it is a good way to get people to consider their grades more carefully." She also said that she felt it was an overall good idea. The 50 for 50 is a way to encourage students to be better than average. Not only does it offer a slight incentive for a group of hard-working students but it also reinforces the importance of the intellect and what it really means to be in school. The 50 lucky students will find out who they are at the upcoming basketball game during halftime.

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Ford Appointed VP of Student Affairs

By Shayla Simmons
Copy Editor

A new Vice President has been appointed to serve the office of Student Affairs here at Tennessee State University. Beating out 72 applicants, Dr. Tracey Ford said she is “very, very student-centered” and will work hard for their success.

Ford was hired after searching for six months for a new replacement to fill the vacant spot and formally introduced to the members of Student Affairs and university deans on January 30 by president Glenda Glover.

She said she plans to take the next three months to get to know the staff and establish best practices. “I believe in a shared vision,” Ford said. “I look forward to partnering with all of you to make a difference.”

Originally from North Carolina, Ford said, “I am new to Nashville,” she said. “When seeking opportunities, I work in areas that are part of my passion. I want to be in the right place, at the right time, doing the right thing for that time.”

“We need to know what the students are looking for, have the students give us feedback. We need to develop our stu-

dents. They must feel safe and know they are in a welcoming environment,” Ford said. She continued by saying, “caring and compassion for the students has to shine through.”

Ford also said it is important that “we are always at our best. We need to go to the next level our leader has set for us.”

Charles Jennings has also been introduced as new Director of the Career Development Center by president Glover. Jennings said he is excited about connecting with the students and helping them with their career and employment needs.



Dr. Tracey Ford

TSU Helps Celebrate the Life, Legacy of MLK

By Lucas Johnson

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — Tennessee State University partnered with the Interdenominational Ministers' Fellowship and the Nashville community to help celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Hundreds of people assembled in front of Jefferson Street Missionary Baptist Church on Monday, January 16, to march to TSU's Gentry Complex for its annual Convocation honoring King.

Before the march, a youth program and rally were held at the church. TSU President Glenda Glover pumped up the crowd by reminding them of the historical role Nashville played during the Civil Rights Movement, as well as the strong participation of youth in that movement.

She said that same fervor should burn within youth today, and she lauded those who came out to honor King.

“We are so thankful that the youth movement is here,” Glover said. “It was youth like you who touched the consciousness of America. That torch has now been passed on to you who are present today. Let's keep the flame burning.”

Nashville Mayor Megan Barry, who has set a goal to find jobs for 10,000 youth this summer, said part of continuing King's legacy means not ceasing to act on the things he fought for, like jobs.

“Today is about that speech that he gave so many years ago when he talked about his dream,” Barry said. “But you know what, before that speech, that march was called the march on Washington for jobs and freedom. So today it is about jobs, because we know if they (youth) have paid meaningful intern-



Participants in MLK Day march head to TSU's Gentry Complex for Convocation. Photo by Courtney Buggs, TSU Media Relations

ships, that's going to lead to opportunity, that's going to lead to hope. Government can't solve all the problems, but together, we can absolutely have an impact.”

Whether at the youth program and rally, or the Convocation, the collective message of this year's King Day seemed to be the empowerment of today's youth at a time of heightened social injustice, said many of the participants. The killing of young, unarmed black men by police has particularly caused tension across the country.

“It really brings to light what's going on with our young people right now, and what he (King) really wanted for us,” said Avery Davis, who participated

in the march.

TSU senior Kourtney Daniels agreed the police shootings, as well as the results of the recent presidential election, have seemingly taken the country back decades. But she said she always looks forward to honoring King, because doing so provides a dose of needed hope.

“It's just a great day to get together with the community, reflect, and plan for the future,” Daniels said.

The Convocation's keynote speaker, activist and educator Brittany Packnett, said before her speech that there's still a lot of work to be done in terms of equality, but that we should all be undaunted, like King was.

“My message is to leave with a spirit

of hope, with a spirit of power, and with a spirit of resistance for the work that lies ahead,” said Packnett, a co-founder of Campaign Zero and a member of the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing and the Ferguson Commission.

Other Convocation participants included Dr. Glover, Mayor Barry, U.S. Congressman Jim Cooper, State Rep. Harold Love, Jr. and Dr. Shawn Joseph, director of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools.

During the Convocation, the Interdenominational Ministers' Fellowship presented \$1,000 each to TSU, Fisk University, Meharry Medical College and American Baptist College for student scholarships.

Administration Reviews Intake for Non-Greek Organizations

By Shayla Simmons
Copy Editor

Campus Administration has taken steps to standardize the protocol for student intake for non-Greek organizations here on Tennessee State University's campus.

The origins as to why the intake processes is under speculation are not yet

known. The strides being taken to regulate intake are slowly being revealed, though there are more questions that are rising.

As of yet there have been no changes to the intake policy that stands for non-Greek organizations on Tennessee State University's campus. Randy Arnold, Director of Student Organizations and Leadership, commented, "We are still reviewing the policy and recommenda-

tions from non-Greek student organizations."

The first step into the investigation involves each organization submitting their current intake processes. The administration has also opened the floor to leaders within their respective organizations to share recommendations for the new intake window.

"As of now, I've only received documents from a few organizations and

no recommendations pertaining to the window. All of the feedback received will be considered in determining the new policy. After I receive these documents, I will submit to President Glover for review. I'm not sure of the time line but I know that most non-Greek organizations have intake in the Fall semester and my hope is to have something in place by then," said Arnold.

TSU Pro Football Hall of Famers Recognized at Super Bowl LI

By Lucas Johnson

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — Tennessee State University's Super Bowl legacy was once again in the spotlight when its Pro Football Hall of Famers were recognized at Super Bowl LI.

The National Football League hosted Hall of Famers from *Historically Black Colleges and Universities* "to highlight their achievements and as part of the NFL's growing relationship with HBCUs," Troy Vincent, Sr., executive director, Football Operations, said in a letter to TSU President Glenda Glover.

"Tennessee State University has had a number of former players who have been in past Super Bowls dating back to the first one. It's an extreme honor," Glover said. "It also speaks to our proud tradition as a University and as an HBCU."

TSU's Hall of Famers are Richard Dent, a 2011 inductee and MVP of Super Bowl XX with the Chicago Bears; and Claude Humphrey, a 2014 inductee who played in Super Bowl XV with the Philadelphia Eagles.

The HBCU Hall of Famers were recognized in several ways, including an on-field ceremony prior to kickoff on Feb. 5 in Houston.

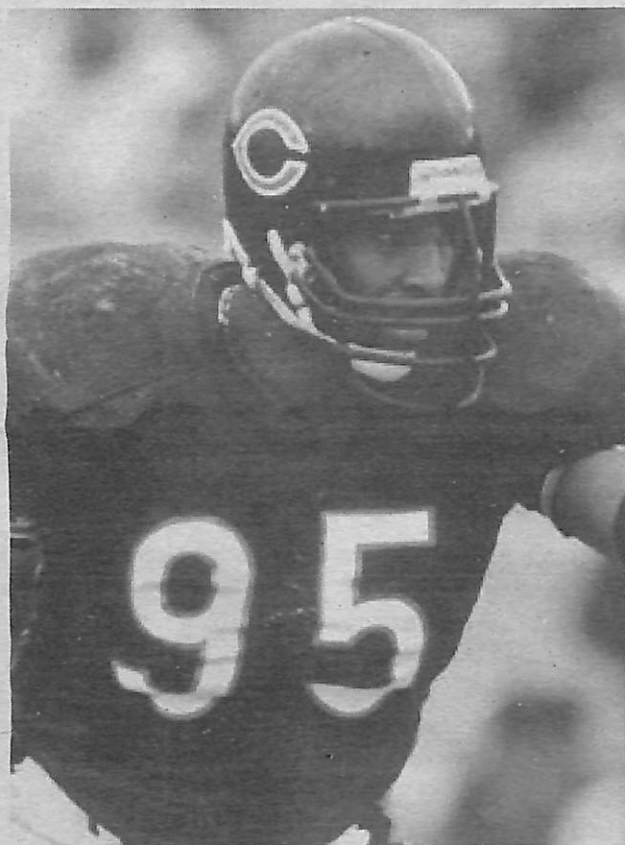
"Very few football players make it to the NFL," Vincent said. "Fewer still reach the pinnacle of our sport: The Pro Football Hall of Fame. Student-athletes at HBCUs represent only a small portion of the college football population, but an amazing 10 percent of all players in the Hall of Fame attend HBCUs."

TSU's football legacy dates back to the first Super Bowl in 1967. Then, former TSU Tigers Willie Mitchell and Fletcher Smith appeared as teammates for the Kansas City Chiefs. More than 20 others have followed them over the years. The most recent Super Bowl participants are Lamar Divens (2010); Anthony Levine (2011); and Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie (2014). Former TSU offensive guard Robert Myers was on the Denver Broncos squad that won Super Bowl 50.

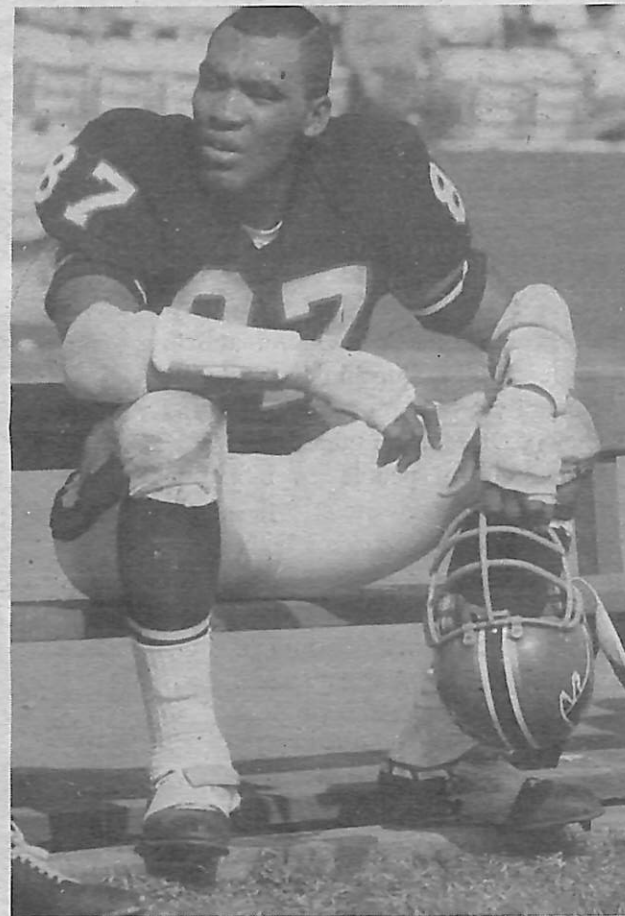
Last year, Tennessee State was recognized at the 7th Annual John Wooten Leadership Awards in San Francisco for the number of TSU football players who have gone on to play in Super Bowls.

Altogether, TSU has had 31 Super Bowl appearances. Of the 393 schools with Super Bowl alums, only 55 have more than Tennessee State's 21.

To see a list of TSU Super Bowl participants, visit <http://www.tnstate.edu/pr/news5/superbowl.aspx>



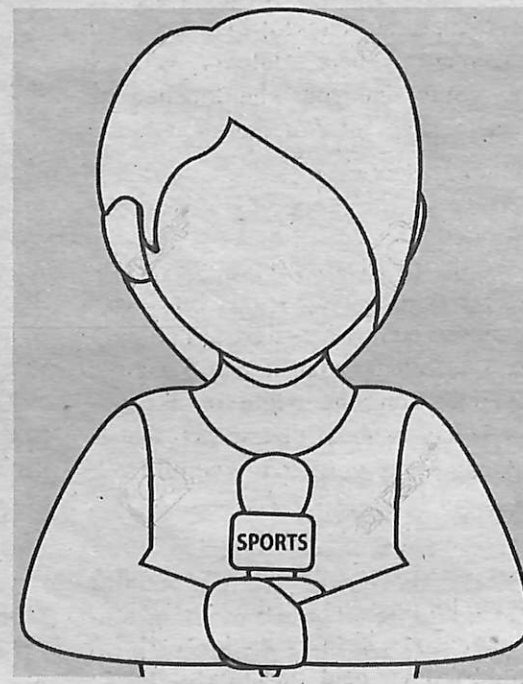
TSU hall of famers Richard Dent (above) and Claude Humphrey (right) were recognized an on-field ceremony prior to kickoff.



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Black Love Through the Ages



1946

1946 - Jackie and Rachel Robinson: The pair married a year before Jackie became a pro in the big leagues, later having three kids together. After his death, Rachel started the Jackie Robinson Foundation to honor her husband's legacy.

1953

1953 - Dr. Martin Luther and Coretta Scott King: Known as leaders in the fight for civil rights, this power couple worked tirelessly to ensure freedoms for future generations.

1958

1958 - Malcolm X and Betty Shabazz: Together the couple had six daughters. Even after X's untimely assassination, Betty never remarried.

1986

1986 - Oprah Winfrey and Stedman Graham: Though not officially married, and with no plans to do so, this duo has been inseparable for years. Their quiet love affair remains one for the history books.

1992

1992 - Barack and Michelle Obama: As the former heads of state, their love was a spectacle no one could deny ever since hitting the campaign trail in 2009. Since then, their love has only intensified.

1997

1997 - Will and Jada Pinkett Smith: This celebrity couple is no stranger to the limelight, both being successful actors. With two children making their own headlines, they are most definitely "goals"

2008

2008 - Beyoncé and Jay-Z: With a long romance that is documented through features and cameo appearances in each other's music throughout their careers, this musical duet is a fan favorite. The couple had their first child together in 2012.

Each of these couples has been iconic in their own way, and they remain within the hearts of the black community as idols and inspirations.

More Than 300 Students, Volunteers Participate in MLK, Jr. Day of Service

By Emmanuel Freeman

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — Tennessee State University is continuing the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with an MLK Day of Service.

On Saturday, Jan. 21, more than 300 TSU students and volunteers participated in various projects around Nashville that included working with kids, assisting elderly residents, packing food, painting and hanging photos.

The MLK Day of Service at TSU is organized each year by the Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement to give students, faculty and staff an opportunity to celebrate King's legacy through service.

The center was one of six organizations to receive federal and matching funds two years ago from the Corporation for National and Community Service to mobilize volunteers to honor King's memory through service projects.

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed in service, and this initiative falls in line with not just his belief, but TSU's motto — Think. Work. Serve," said TSU President Glenda Glover. "We're proud that TSU was selected as one of six institutions to help lead this national service project."

Like the other institutions, TSU mobilizes students and community volunteers to take on projects around the city.

Barbara Dudley, a senior economics and finance major, was one of about 25 students who cleaned windows, sanitized chairs and shelves, moved trash and cleaned the yard and the parking lot at Grace M. Eaton Child Care and Early Learning Center on Saturday.

"It feels really good to give back," Dudley said. "I have always had a passion for service and for children and to be able to help at a day care just makes it more meaningful for me."

Mahalia Howard, the executive director of the center, agrees.

"I think it is wonderful for young people to give back to the community," she said. "What they are doing for us here today is a blessing because we are a non-profit. We don't have the funds to pay for the things they are doing. What they are doing is helping to support at-risk students."

In La Vergne, Tennessee, more than 30 volunteers performed various chores for elderly residents at AHEPA 343, an independent living apartment complex for seniors. They cleaned living areas, moved trash, hung pictures, and moved furniture.

Linda Tynan, 68, a six-year resident, who just needed company, was moved



TSU students Courtney Couser, left, and Cochilla Wright move boxes at Madison Middle School on MLK Day of Service. Photo by John Cross, TSU Media Relations

to tears by the students' willingness to help.

"I think it's terrific to see these students take up their time to come and lend a hand to people they don't even know," Tynan said. "What they are doing today might not seem much to them, but I appreciate every minute of it."

Dr. Linda Guthrie is the director of the Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement. She said the MLK Day of Service is one of the most exciting events the center has ever undertaken.

"It is an honor to lead 11 other HB-

CUs throughout the southeast region of the country in serving our communities," she said. "We should feel challenged and act on the challenge to do something good every day to make a difference in the lives of others."

"We want people to realize that Dr. King's holiday is not just a day off," said Shirley Nix-Davis, director of a youth empowerment program at TSU and one of the MLK Day of Service project directors. "But it's an opportunity to serve, and continue serving throughout the year."

The Grassroots Are Moving

By Khandi Wilson
Staff Writer

Marc Sternberg, a native born in Baton Rouge said in an interview with NPR, "Before Dr. King had a dream, before Rosa kept her seat, and before Montgomery took a stand, Baton Rouge played its part".

In 1950, Baton Rouge had African-American owned buses that transported their black passengers to and from work. The system of these black businesses was struggling and asked for a wage increase. As a result, the pay increased all of five cents. The same day the fare increased, Reverend T. J. Jemison was present at city council when they passed Ordinance 222, which ran based on "first come, first served".

These buses also catered to white pas-

sengers who were legally allowed to sit in the front of the bus while blacks sat in the back. The bus drivers did not comply with the new law and thus stopped coming to their jobs. The community then followed suit by communicating with local African-American residents telling them to not ride the city bus. The company lost a lot of money since the amount of passengers who used this system were 80% black. This movement gained national attention and a few years later Martin Luther King, Jr. implemented this system in Montgomery during the Civil Rights Movement.

Disagreeing with an idea is normal and quite common. As of late, Americans have been using their voice to fight for a system that represents them and their values. Just like in Baton Rouge, a grassroots' movement has taken flight



In honor of Black History Month, we acknowledge Baton Rouge's contribution to the Civil Rights Movement.

TSU Goes After Legislative Support



President Dr. Glenda Glover and other TSU officials gathered at the capitol for the 4th annual TSU Day

By Lavenia Chappel
Staff Writer

From the ground breaking cancer research to the new developments within the engineering department, members of the Tennessee State University family on Feb. 1 presented information about its innovative programs at the 4th annual "TSU Day at the Capitol."

The event was held from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. and started with open displays and a continental breakfast.

President Glover started the event in 2014 after accepting her position in 2013. During the meet and greet day, each university department created a display table highlighting its academic work. While learning about the diverse programs the University has to offer,

students, faculty and staff members also had a chance to interact with legislators.

"TSU Day at the Capitol", gives lawmakers the opportunity to see student achievements and discuss the priorities of the school. The event is open to the community giving everyone the chance to voice their opinions and learn about an HBCU firsthand.

Rated as one of the top universities in the country by Washington Monthly for its research, the day on the Hill allowed TSU representatives to brag about the school's accomplishments. "TSU Day at the Capitol," welcomed supporters, promoted growth within the student body and attracted community leaders while making everyone aware of the university's need to continue to progress.

across the country. A group of former congressional staffers have written up the Indivisible guide for the everyday American to use when addressing their local congress representatives. It has not even been two weeks since President Trump moved into the White House, but already his administration is causing an uproar among Americans across the country. Far and wide, people are coming out in mass numbers to protest their opposition to the new administration and the new policies they are im-

plementing using executive orders. This detailed guide teaches people who have no lobbying or governmental experience how to make sure their voices are heard while also being politically active in their community.

Instead of being upset when people see the news or the information being leaked through their newsfeeds, there is something that can be done to fix it, and more than likely someone in your community has already begun planning.




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TSU's Office of International Affairs Partners With Local Middle School for International Day

By Lucas Johnson

Tennessee State University's Office of International Affairs will join students and faculty at Margaret Allen Middle Prep on Friday, Jan. 27, as sponsors of the school's annual International Day.

The celebration emphasizes the advantages of learning about diverse cultures, study abroad opportunities and the exchange of experiences. This is the first year TSU is partnering with Margaret Allen.

"Throughout the year, we work with middle and high schools to establish a pipeline to post-secondary education," said Dr. Jewell F. Winn, senior International Affairs officer and deputy chief diversity officer at Tennessee State. "This year we are looking at going to different international days and will set-up displays and show off the different cultures represented at TSU."

Several of TSU's international student clubs will lead discussions with approximately 250 7th and 8th graders on food, the arts, clothing, music and other cultural aspects from their diverse countries. Workshops will be facilitated by TSU students with Saudi Arabian, African and Kurdish her- itage.

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"We are excited to have an Af- rican drummer who will join us and do an interactive drum session with the student and teach them about Af- rican beats," Winn said. "In addition, our students who have participated in study abroad opportunities will make poster presentations and share those experiences."

Andy Mizell, a member of Marga- ret Allen's International Day Commit- tee, said the school has hosted an In- ternational Day celebration for more than a decade. With a diverse group of about 500 students, 21 different lan- guages are spoken within the school walls.

"It [International Day] has always been amazing to see the diverse pop- ulation of students come together and give special performances, as well as share in some of the cuisines from their cultures," Mizell said. "This year will be the best, having TSU as a partner and adding college level performances and workshops for our students, will greatly heighten the In- ternational Day experience for them. They are surely never going to forget this one!"



Dr. Jewell F. Winn, senior International Affairs officer and deputy chief diversity officer at Tennessee State

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2017 BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENTS

February 10

Nashville Conference on African-American History and Culture

Event Description: For more than 35 years, the Metropolitan Historical Commission and Tennessee State University have celebrated the contributions of African-Americans to Nashville and Tennessee through the Nashville Conference on African-American History and Culture. Each February, Nashvillians come together to honor these individuals through historical and cultural presentations by historians, artists, students, dramatists, musicians, genealogists, and others interested in the history of our city and state. The long-running series, Profiles of African Americans in Tennessee, a collection of almost two hundred short publications, makes the Conference research available to the public. Time: 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Location: Avon Williams Campus (TSU) Contact: Historical Commission, (615) 862-7970 Sponsored by: College of Liberal Arts and Metropolitan Historical Commission Cost: \$25/person (including lunch and parking)

February 14

TSU Black Film Series

(through Feb. 16) Showtimes: Feb. 14, 4–7 p.m.; Feb. 15, 1–3 p.m.; Feb. 16, 7–9:30 p.m. Location: Floyd-Payne Campus Center Forum Contact: Office of Student Activities, (615) 963-5250 Cost: Free

February 16

Spring Blood Drive

Time: 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Location: Floyd-Payne Campus Center Contact: kparke15@tnstate.edu or (651) 963-5649 Sponsored by: Department of Student Health Services Cost: Free

Spring Career Fair

Time: 2-5 p.m. Location: Jane Elliott Hall Sponsored by: Department of Student Health Services Contact: Career Development Center, (615) 963-7465 Cost: Free

Wind Ensemble Black Composers

Concert Time: 7-8:30 p.m. Location: Performing Arts Center, Cox-Lewis Theater Contact: relliott@tnstate.edu or (615) 963-5341 Sponsored by Department of Music Cost: Free and Open to the Public

Pillow Talk with Queens

Time: 7-9 p.m. Location: Hale Hall West Lounger Contact: (615) 963-5069 Sponsored by Office of Stu-

dent Affairs Cost: Free

Academic Night: TSU Tigers vs. Morehead State
Time: 8 p.m. Location: Howard C. Gentry Complex
Contact: TSU Ticket Office, (615) 963-5841 Cost: \$10 (Students free with valid TSU ID)

February 17 & 24

edTPA Writing Day

Time: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Location: Robert E. Clay Education Building, Room 214 Computer Lab Contact: John Tiller, rstewart@tnstate.edu Sponsored by College of Education Cost: Free

Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon

Event Description: In observance of Black History Month, the librarians of Tennessee State University and Vanderbilt University are hosting a Wikipedia Edit-A-Thon. The goal is to improve coverage of black education in Tennessee. The program will focus on important contributors to the desegregation of schools in Nashville and the state of Tennessee, and to increase the number of African-American Wikipedia editors, as well as to heighten representation of African-Americans featured in articles. The event is open to all TSU faculty, staff and students and a wiki page will be created for those wishing to participate to sign up. Time: 9 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Location: Brown-Daniel Library, 315 Computer Lab Brown-Daniel Library Contact: galvin@tnstate.edu or (615) 963-5230 Sponsored by Libraries & Media Centers Cost: Free

February 17 – 19

Softball Tiger Classic

Time: Times and Full Schedule on www.tsutigers.com
Location: Tiger Softball Field Contact: TSU Ticket Office, (615) 963-5841 Cost: Free admission

February 18

Courtside Dining: TSU Lady Tigers vs Eastern Kentucky

TSU Tigers vs. Eastern Kentucky

Time: 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Location: Howard C. Gentry Complex Contact: TSU Ticket Office, (615) 963-5841 Cost: \$12 (Students free with valid TSU ID)

February 20

Senior Career Week (through Feb. 24)

Location: Floyd-Payne Campus Center Contact: Career Development Center, (615) 963-7465 Cost: Free

February 22

African-American Business Tabletop Wednesday

Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Location: Floyd-Payne Campus Center Contact: Career Development Center, (615) 963-7465
Cost: Free

LOVE Your University

Time: 5 – 8 p.m. Location: Floyd-Payne Campus Center Contact: swilson12@tnstate.edu or (615) 963-5621
Sponsored by: Office Student Affairs Cost: Free

Global Pathways Summit

Event Description: The Global Pathways Summit seeks to strengthen the academic bonds that exist between Colombia and the United States. The 2017 summit will be based on how education drives change and can serve as tool for innovation. The transformation of city of Medellin, Colombia will be used as a case study. The summit will bring together 30 universities from Colombia and a number of Universities and Schools from the United States to discuss and analyze how Higher Education Institutions (HEI) can be instrumental in driving change and innovation in their communities. Time: 3 – 6 p.m. Location: Avon Williams Campus Contact: Dr. Jewell Winn, jwinn@tnstate.edu (615) 963-4977 Sponsored by Office of International Affairs Cost: Conference registration required — <https://goo.gl/q4XoNV>

Faculty Jazz Concert

Time: 7–8:30 p.m. Location: Strange Performing Arts Building 174, E.T. Goins Recital Hall Contact: relliott@tnstate.edu or (615) 963-5341 Sponsored by Department of Music Cost: Free and Open to the Public

February 23

Nashville Area Career Fair

Time: 2 – 5 p.m. Location: Nissan Stadium Contact: Career Development Center, (615) 963-7465 Cost: Free

February 25

Civil Rights Trip

Time: T.B.A. Location: National Museum of African-American History and Culture, Washington, D.C. Contact: Office of Student Activities, (615) 963-5250 Cost: Students Only! Contact the Office of Student Activities for prices.

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| FEB 9 | at Tennessee Tech | OVC | Eblen Center | 6 p.m. |
| FEB 11 | at Jacksonville State | OVC | Mathews Coliseum | 4:30 p.m. |
| FEB 16 | Morehead State | OVC | Gentry Center | 8 p.m. |
| FEB 18 | Eastern Kentucky | OVC | Gentry Center | 7:30 p.m. |
| FEB 25 | at Belmont | OVC | Curb Event Center | 5 p.m. |
| MAR 1 | vs OVC First Round | Nashville | Municipal Auditorium | TBA |
| MAR 2 | vs OVC Quarterfinals | Nashville | Municipal Auditorium | TBA |
| MAR 3 | vs OVC Semifinals | Nashville | Municipal Auditorium | TBA |
| MAR 4 | vs OVC Championship Game | Nashville | Municipal Auditorium | 7 p.m. |

Several Graduate from New Management Training Program

By Emmanuel Freeman

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) — Tennessee State University is making sure all its employees holding management positions are proficient in their areas.

On Jan. 12, TSU President Glenda Glover presented certificates to 18 managers who completed the first in a series of management training programs aimed to bring participants up to speed on university processes and procedures.

The 10-week, 30-hour management-training program is for recently hired middle and senior management staff and others who have been in their positions for less than two years.

Glover said the program is part of the university's effort to ensure excellence in all areas of operation.

"This effort is geared toward ensuring that we have continued improvement in staff performance, which is so important on our campus," Glover said. "I am proud of all of the participants and I look forward to the level of productivity that comes with this training opportunity."

Linda Spears, associate vice president of Business and Finance and director of Human Resources, said a focus group of representatives from all divisions came up with the curriculum and topics for the training program after meeting for three months.

"This is something we felt we needed and so Human Resources responded," Spears said.

She said the intent is to acclimate new managers and administrators to TSU because many of them are not aware of certain operational procedures and processes.

"I would say that participants' skill levels have certainly increased with this training," Spears said.

Adrienne Frame, director of budget, has been at TSU for four years but became a director a year ago. She said the training opened her eyes to many things



President Dr. Glenda Glover (center) and other university officials and staff attended a reception in the President's Dining Hall to honor graduates of the university's new management training program.

she didn't know before.

"I learned a lot that I didn't know going in as a supervisor," Frame said. "I feel much more prepared as a new supervisor."

Spears said the management-training program will be offered twice a year, in the fall and spring.

Among those receiving certificates were Dr. Lucian Yates, dean of Graduate Studies and Research, who started at the university in July; and Dr. Coreen Jackson, who assumed the role of interim dean of the Honors College about a year ago.

Others were: Phyllis Danner, director of Research and Sponsored Programs; Natasha Dowell, employment manager; Peggy Earnest, chief of staff in the Division of Student Affairs; Dr. Cheryl Green, assistant vice president of Student Affairs; Albert Hill, director

of Business Operations, Facilities Management; Dr. William Hytche, executive director of Residence Life; Angela Jackson, associate registrar; and Valencia Jordan, associate director and senior women's administrator.

Also receiving certificates were: Arlene Nicholas-Phillips, executive assistant to the president and liaison to the TSU Board of Trustees; Ben Northington, assistant director of fiscal accounts; Julius Proctor, area coordinator of Residence Life; Sonja Revell, Student Affairs coordinator for programming and mediation; Sheila Riley, director of Enrollment Services; Bradley White, associate vice president for Financial Services; and Valerie Williams, associate director for Learning Services.

Graduate School Hosts First Recruitment Fair

By Lucas Johnson

NASHVILLE, TN (TSU News Service) Tennessee State University's School of Graduate Studies and Research is hosting a recruitment fair on Jan. 28 to showcase its excellent programs, and more.

The fair, the school's first, will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday in the atrium of TSU's Avon Williams Campus in downtown Nashville.

In particular, the fair aims to make prospective graduate students aware of TSU's seven doctoral degrees, 24 master's degrees and eight certificate programs. Many of the graduate programs will offer on-site and provisional admissions, as long as a transcript is available the day of the event, said Dr. Lucian Yates, III, dean of the Graduate School.

"This is a grand opportunity for advanced degree seekers to meet, talk, and possibly enroll at a 'one-stop' event," said Yates, adding that prospects will be able to interact with faculty, as well as



Dr. Lucian Yates, III, dean of TSU's Graduate Studies and Research

Alumni Association members.

"The administration, faculty, and staff look forward to this opportunity and the possibility of serving future Tigers."

Yates said the school is also taking advantage of a new Tennessee Board of Regents policy that allows TSU and other state institutions to offer discounted rates to students within a 250-mile

radius of their campuses.

Under the new plan, graduate students taking nine credit hours will pay 35 percent less, or \$6,176, a difference of about \$3,200 from the previous rate.

In publicizing the fair, TSU Graduate School organizers reached out to school districts and other organizations

in the states that fall within the 250-mile radius. They are: Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio and Virginia.

For more information about TSU's Graduate School, visit www.tnstate.edu/graduate

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Nonprofit Group Supports Women on the Rise

By Lavenia Chappel

Shannon Lee in 2015 founded the Nashville nonprofit Ladies Who Strive “to motivate, inspire and educate” young women to accomplish their entrepreneurial and career goals.

The organization is designed to be a support system for striving young women, something Lee felt was missing from the local business scene.

“Women always feel the need to compete with one another and instead we should motivate and help each other because there is enough room for all of us,” Lee said.

Lee, originally from Nashville, attended Tennessee State University for several years before embarking on a four-year journey to work for a real estate company in New York.

“When I was in New York, I got to know so many people that were willing to help me with anything I may have needed or wanted to know. Being from



Shannon Lee

Nashville, I didn’t get that same welcome, especially from other women and it was quite sad.”

Lee enjoyed her time in New York but wanted to start her own daycare business

in Nashville. At the beginning stages, Lee realized no one was willing to help her or advise her on the steps she needed to take to get her business off the ground.

“I would call around to other daycare owners and I felt like I was getting the run around. No one genuinely wanted to talk to me, she said. “I was almost ready to give up because I didn’t have the proper guidance or tools. There was so much negativity surrounding me and unmotivated people telling me what I should and shouldn’t do so instead I formed a group for women that were or are going through the same thing as myself.”

She did not open the daycare center but has started a hair company, Be Hair Envy. She is also working to get the nonprofit going. Ladies Who Strive has a duty to ensure that women won’t fall short of their goals, no matter how small or large they may be, Lee said. The organization offers mentoring, encourages networking and teaches women the value of self research.

“I encourage women to attend workshops outside of the organization as well and when we meet twice a month, they can pass on information,” Lee said. “Everyone doesn’t have the time to attend workshops and it’s important to me that once members surpass their goals they can then teach other women how to do the same.”

Lee plans to host a tea-party style brunch informational session in April. She would like to see as many women as possible to attend “whether you are an entrepreneur, looking to move up in your current career or just looking for a good support group.”

Ladies Who Strive will be accepting new members in the coming months. Lee said she looks forward to connecting with a new group of women and helping them on their journeys.

More information about Ladies Who Strive is available at ladieswhostrive.org or by contacting Shannon Lee at (615) 331-0661.

Women of Empowerment Host Blanket Drive

By Leona Dunn
News Editor

Women of Empowerment, the Tennessee State University chapter of the National association of colored women’s club, held a blanket drive to bring in the new year giving back.

“It was a thought that our president, Imari Scott-Cheatham, our paraphernalia chair Kelli Harris, and Residence Director, Mr. Cribbs all had together, which we decided to put into action,” says WOE member Kiara Davis.

It is not annual, but they might decide to make it annual depending on how successful this year’s drive is.

“The blankets and other warm items will go to both men’s and women’s shelters right here in Nashville. It hasn’t been challenging, besides the weather being wishy washy, but we may extend the drive’s deadline so that we can get more donations,” Davis said.

WOE will also continue servicing their campus and community with their annual Black Business Expo coming up in late February. The Black Business Expo is a showcase of local African-American entrepreneurs and business from the greater Nashville area. This is open to Fashion Designers, Hair Stylist, Photographers, Artist, Authors, Chefs, Bloggers, Nail Technicians and more. It is something to look forward to.

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Academic Calendar

Spring Semester 2017



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| Feb 28-Mar 3 | Student Study Week – No Activities Scheduled |
| Mar 6-11 | Mid-term Examination Week-all classes meet as scheduled |
| Mar 13-17 | Spring Break |
| Mar 31 | Last day to withdraw from courses |
| Mar 31 | Last day to withdraw from University-Counseling Center |
| April 3-Aug 25 | Registration for Summer and Fall 2017 |
| April TBA | Honors Convocation |
| April 24-28 | <i>Student Study Week – No Activities Scheduled</i> |
| April 27 | Last day of class |
| April 29-May 5 | Final examinations for Spring 2016 semester |
| May 5 (Fri.) | Graduate Commencement Ceremony, 5 pm, Gentry Center |
| May 6 (Sat.) | Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony 9 am, Hale Stadium |
| May 9 | Faculty must have posted all grades via “MyTSU” |