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TSU COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES

NEWS UPDATE

“Striving to create access to and delivery of high quality teaching, research, public service and health professions experiences for health care leaders.”

COPHS Annual White Coat Ceremony for Class of 2022



**Texas Southern University
College of Pharmacy
Class of 2022**

The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences held their Annual White Coat Ceremony of which 86 students were inducted in the **Class of 2022** (pictured above) was held October 12, 2018 in the Granville Sawyer Auditorium on the University campus. Goodluck Ijezie-Debois (*Doctor of Pharmacy Program Class of 2020*), presided over the program along with speakers; Kenneth Coleman (Health Administration Class of 2018 and Michelle Dano, PharmD Class of 2019). The White Coat Ceremony is a shared tradition in Pharmacy schools that honors First Professional year Pharmacy Students.

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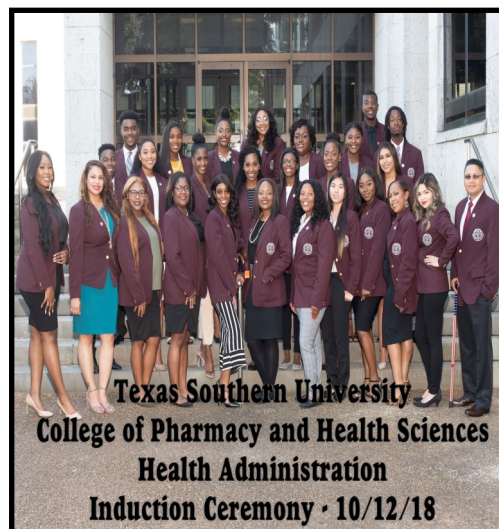
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**Texas Southern University
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Respiratory Therapy
Induction Ceremony - 10/12/18**



**Texas Southern University
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Clinical Laboratory Science
Induction Ceremony - 10/12/18**



**Texas Southern University
College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
Health Administration
Induction Ceremony - 10/12/18**

Texas Southern University Clinical Laboratory Science, Health Administration, and Respiratory Therapy Induction Ceremonies were held Oct. 12, 2018

COPHS Alumni Legends and Legacies



Interim Dean Milton pictured with Dr. Rochelle Akpaffiong, and Pharmacist, Michelle Phillips accepting the Akpaffiong-Phillips Legacy Award.

During Homecoming 2018 the College hosted an educational Program in conjunction with an Alumni Honors and Fundraisers event with the following Honorees:

Family Legacy Awards:

**Akpaffiong-Phillips Families
Mr. Robert Mayes and
Mrs. Julie Mayes**



Dr. Milton presents, Mr. Warren Moody with the Distinguished Alumni Award in honor of the Moody Mentoring Award Sponsorship.



Student, Kashena Kennedy accepting an Endowment Award sponsored by Dean Emeritus Dr. Barbara E. Hayes with Interim Dean Dr. Milton.

Distinguished Alumni Award:

**Mr. Warren Moody (Pharmacy)
Dr. Brandon Moody (Pharmacy)
Mr. Art Abernathy (Pharmacy)
Ms. Emerald Dixon
(Health Administration)**

Thank you to all the Honorees for your participation in this Event.

Alumni also participated in donating to the COPHS. Thank You Alumni for your support.



Dr. Estes, Dr. Milton, and Homecoming Seminar Speaker, Dr. Courtney L. Walker, PharmD
*Managed Markets Medical Liaison
Texas/Gulf Coast -Novo Nordisk*



Dr. Capers, Dr. Charles, Dr. Milton
Dr. Estes, and President, Dr. Austin Lane
enjoying the COPHS Festivities

COPHS- Faculty, Joining Alumni Celebration.

Dr. Shelton, Dr. Capers, Dr. Estes,
Dr. Milton, Dr. Yousefipour,
Dr. Moultry, and Dr. Rasmus



Homecoming 2018 was celebrated October 21-27, 2018. The College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences welcomed its alumni to the University with an Alumni Honors and Tailgating party, which was well attended by alumni from all of the College's programs.



Founder's Day 2018



Texas Southern University celebrated its 90th Founders Day on September 7, 2018 with each College highlighting assigned decades of TSU and College history. The College participated, displaying decades of History from 1947-1955. The college will Celebrate its 70 -year history in 2019.

Homecoming 2018—The Heart and Soul of Houston

TSU ~ COPHS 2018 Kings & Queens

Respiratory Therapy

Mr. Lawrence Taylor
Miss Alexis Joseph

Health Administration

Mr. Darrick Jackson
Miss. Nia Lewis

Health Care Administration

Mr. Cordero Hall-Johnson
Miss Diamond Small

Pharmacy

Mr. Roshan Patel
Miss Melissa Bui



COPHS
Mr. & Miss Pharmacy



COPHS
Mr. & Miss Respiratory Therapy



Dr. Milton with TSU COPHS 2018 Homecoming Court

Student Leadership and Development

Over 35 students traveled to meetings throughout the country to participate in student development and leadership training during the months of October and November.

Meetings:	Locations:	Dates:
American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences	Washington, DC	November 4-7, 2018
Phi Delta Chi Founder's Day	Frisco, TX	November 2-4, 2018
Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy Nexus Conference	Orlando, FL	October 22-25, 2018
AphA Midyear Regional Meeting	St. Louis, MO	October 12-14, 2018
Kappa Psi Southwest Province, Hosted by TSU	Houston, TX	October 5-7, 2018

COPHS and the Community Working Together to Improve Health Outcomes

The Texas Southern University Breast Care Clinic set up at a mobile screening at the Pichon2foundation Health fair at St. Francis Xavier Church on July 28th, 2018.

Over 30 women received educational services while 20 signed up for on site mammograms. These events are continually going on during the fall and winter months of 2018 and will continue in the new year.



The COPHS has partnered with Memorial Hermann Hospitals, Mobile unit screening truck to touch as many women possible with free mammograms. This mobile unit was not only at Francis Xavier Church, but also at an AKA campus event, Texas Association of Ind. Pharmacy Owners event, Komen Run event, Lilly Grove Baptist Church event and Preeminence Church.



TSU students and faculty were delighted to attend the Susan G. Komen, Race for the cure in Houston, TX. Over 100 students and staff participated in the walk With several breast cancer survivors attending the walk.



Faculty/Staff News



Dr. Richard Plott joined the COPHS family in September 2018 as our Director of Assessment, Planning, and Effectiveness. Dr. Plott brings 12 years plus experience in higher education with training from Curtin University, Florida State University, The University of Texas

at Dallas, and completes Chief Information Officer Certification from Carnegie Mellon University Executive Education this fall term. In beginning his higher education career as a Senior Research Analyst and serving recently as a Vice President of Effectiveness; Dr. Plott brings an abundance of experience in higher education program management to our college. Richard expresses that he is very happy to be a part of the COPHS family to help grow our portfolio of programs in the college.

Dr. Kiydra Harris recently joined COPHS in November 2018 as an Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Florida A&M University College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences with her Doctor of Pharmacy in 2015.



Upon graduation, she completed a PGY1 (post-graduate year one) residency right here in the heart of Houston at Texas Southern University and San Jose Clinic as the Community Pharmacy Resident. Dr. Harris went on to complete a PGY2 (post-graduate year two) residency at the Bristol-Myers Squibb Foundation (BMSF)/Rutgers Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy as a Public Health Resident in sub-Saharan Africa and Lawrence Township, NJ. Dr. Harris' research areas of interest include: addressing social determinants of health to promote health equity and addressing the cause for lack of diversity and inclusion in clinical trials. In her spare time, she thoroughly enjoys participating in community service events, watching drama and action movies, and singing along to music. She is excited to be back at TSU to be a part of the great institution that helped start and uniquely shape her career!

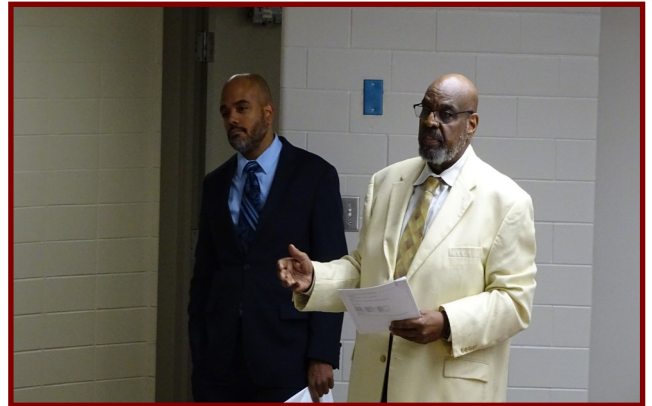


Dr. Elizabeth Donnachie joined COPHS in September 2018 as Assistant Professor in the CLS program. She researched Bleeding Disorders at UT for 14 years and taught in the CLS program at DeVry University from 2014-2016. She is certified as a MT by

the ASCP and holds a BMLSc, MSc, and PhD from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.

Fall IPE Event

The College hosted its Fall Interprofessional Education (IPE) event on Friday, November 9, 2018 in the Interdisciplinary Health Professions Center. Texas Southern University students from dietetics, health administration, pharmacy, and respiratory care programs and University of St. Thomas students from the nursing program participated in a medical error disclosure simulation. This interprofessional education activity was designed to demonstrate communication with patients, families, communities, and professionals in health and other fields in a responsive and responsible manner that supports a team approach to the promotion and maintenance of health and the prevention and treatment of disease. The 125 students were divided into interprofessional teams and communicated with standardized patients and family members. Twelve faculty members observed the simulation and facilitated a debriefing session.

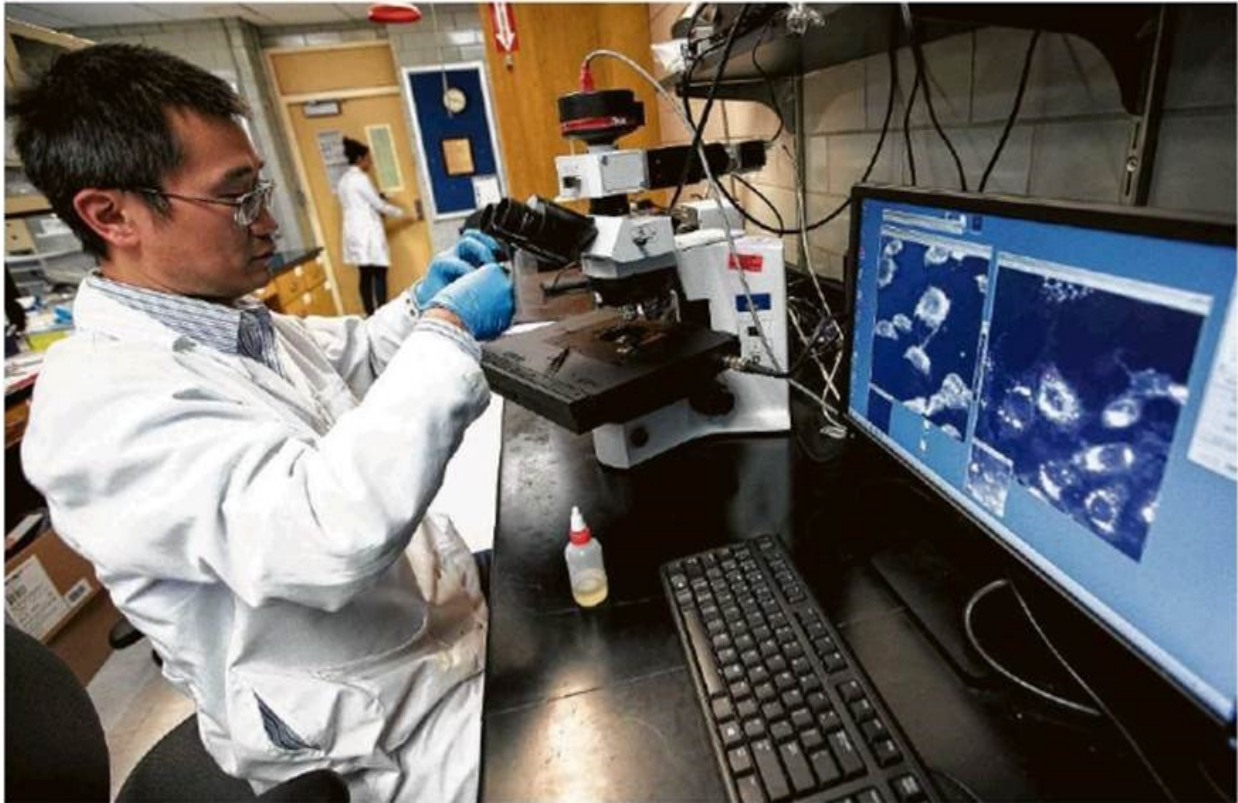


HOUSTON CHRONICLE

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Chance of storms: High 89, Low 76

TSU JOINS CANCER FIGHT



Photos by Brett Coomer / Staff photographer

Research scientist Yuan Chen works in the Nanotechnology and Drug Delivery Lab at Texas Southern University on Friday.

By **Todd Ackerman**
STAFF WRITER

Texas Southern University is joining the state's \$3 billion assault on cancer.

The historically black university in Houston's Third Ward is getting more than \$5 million from the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas for a center to conduct analyses of drug candidates necessary before they can be tested in people, a big need in a city known for its medical research but not the commercialization of it.

"This grant fills a major gap in the pre-clinical phase of drug development," said Dong Liang, Texas Southern's chairman of pharmaceutical sciences and the project leader. "It will allow us to expand our services to more institutions, labs and small companies in the Texas Medical Center and around the state."

The \$5.1 million grant is TSU's first ever from CPRIT, the taxpay-

University getting \$5.1 million grant to analyze drug candidates — a first from state agency for the school



The grant will fund work by College of Pharmacy researchers like graduate students Robin Sunsong, left, and Maria Rincon.

er-funded agency now its ninth year awarding state money to accelerate the war on cancer.

TSU has no medical school but

does have a college of pharmacy, which will carry out the CPRIT grant. The college has conducted such pre-clinical drug research —

studying drugs' chemical properties and pharmacological fate after they've been administered in experimental animals — for the past 20 years.

Observers said the project could improve Houston's drug development, a sore spot.

"Many promising drugs or targets don't make it to clinical trials because of limited pre-clinical data," said Kirstin Matthews, a fellow in science and technology policy at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy. "This center would allow academics access to this work without going through a company."

Though TSU already has conducted such preclinical work for researchers from the University of Texas at El Paso, UT Medical Branch at Galveston, Texas A&M and Texas Children's Hospital, many scientists in the medical center and the state contract with expensive private companies to do such work.

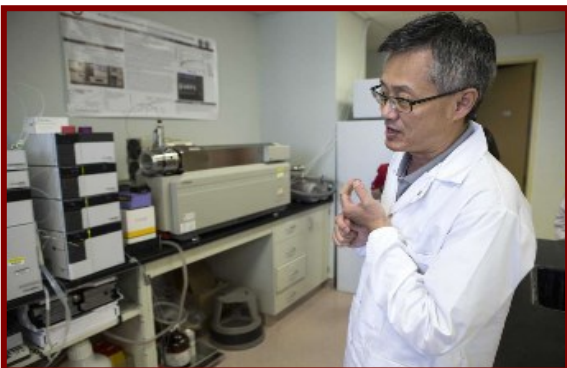
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To view the full article published September 3, 2018, visit <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/houston/article/Texas-Southern-University-joining-state-cancer-13198081.php>

Research News

COPHS faculty receives \$5.1 million grant for cancer research

Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas (CPRIT) funds COPHS faculty to join in the fight against cancer. The five-year \$5.1 million grant is for a center to conduct analyses of drug candidates necessary before they can be tested in people, a big need in a city known for its medical research but not the commercialization of it. This grant fills a major gap in the pre-clinical phase of drug development and provides a platform for TSU to expand our services to more institutions, labs, small companies in the TMC and around the state. It is TSU's first-ever CPRIT award, and it is one of the largest publicly funded grants the university has received in its 90-year history. COPHS faculty members, Drs. Dong Liang, Huan Xie, and Omonike Olaleye, lead the project.



To view the TSU News article published August 30, 2018, visit <http://www.tsu.edu/texas-southern-university-receives-grant-for-cancer-research.php>

Faculty Achievement Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Publications

Ekpenyong O, Cooper C, Ma J, **Liang D**, **Olaleye O**, **Xie H**. A simple, sensitive and reliable LC-MS/MS method for the determination of 7-bromo-5-chloroquinolin-8-ol (CLBQ14), a potent and selective inhibitor of methionine aminopeptidases: Application to pharmacokinetic studies. *J Chromatogr B Analyt Technol Biomed Life Sci*. 2018; 1097-1098: 35-43.

Hedges JR, Soliman KFA, D'Amour G, **Liang D**, Rodríguez-Díaz CE, Thompson K, Romaguera J, Rabionet Sabater SE, Yanagihara R. Academic Response to Storm-Related Natural Disasters-Lessons Learned. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 2018 Aug 17;15(8).

Grants

Grant No.:	R15GM126475
Agency:	National Institute of Health
Project Title:	Developing locally bioavailable drugs to inhibit the aberrantly elevated PGE2 in the colon
Principal Investigator:	Dr. Song Gao
Award:	\$472,250
Period:	9/15/2018 - 8/31/2021

Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR)

COPHS received a grant from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR) in the amount of \$100,000 to be used for the Electronic Health Record Project, which includes software and hardware to support simulation activities in the Interdisciplinary Health Professions Simulation Center. Receipt of 2019 grant funds will be awarded before the end of the semester. This is the third year the College has received funding from the HLSR to support the IHP Sim Center.

T.E.A.M. Center Presents at the HBCU Faculty Development Network

Dr. China Jenkins and Ms. Karen Stewart of the COPHS T.E.A.M. (Teaching, Enhancement and Mentoring) Center presented on their work at the HBCU Faculty Development Network Conference in Jackson, MS in early November. The title of the presentation was *Faculty and Student Development: It takes a TEAM!* Dr. Jenkins and Ms. Stewart discussed the successes and challenges of implementing several high-impact programs for the College. Next year, the HBCU Faculty Development Network Conference will be in Houston. Provost Harris also announced that TSU will be leading the charge to host the event. The T.E.A.M. Center will be actively involved in the planning and development of the conference.

Methodist Internship Longitudinal Experience (MILE) Program

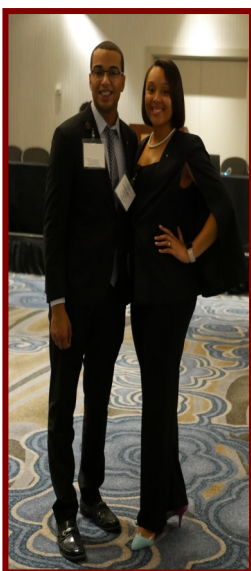


Methodist Internship Longitudinal Experience (MILE) Program is a 3-year pharmacy internship at Houston Methodist Hospital for TSU and UH students where the final year of the internship transitions into clinically-focused activities and longitudinal projects. The three TSU students currently involved in the program are Ryan Hughes (P4), Darlington Francis (P3), and Uzoamaka Abajue (P2). <https://www.facebook.com/MILEprogram/>



The Delta Theta Chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity

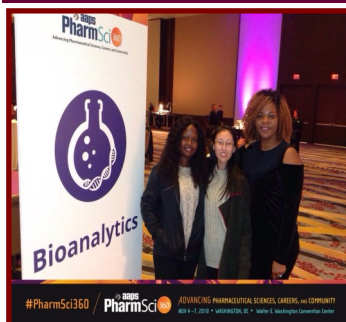
The Delta Theta Chapter of Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity at Texas Southern University hosted the Fall 2018 Southwest Province Assembly on Oct. 5th-Oct. 7th. Collegiate and graduate chapters from the Southwest Province gathered together here in Houston, Texas to conduct business, discuss organization and profession development, and network with one another. With over 150 participants, the assembly was a success and we are proud to have represented Texas Southern University COPHS for our fraternity.



Lambda Kappa Sigma Alpha Sigma Chapter Returns



Scientific Meeting Presentations



Three doctoral graduate students, **Ololade Awosemo**, **Xiuqing Gao**, and **Marie Toukam** presented their research works at the American Association of Pharmaceutical Sciences (AAPS) Annual Meeting and Exposition at Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Nov. 4-7, 2018.