THE HEART AND SOUL

Thursday, July 15, 2021

# Dr. Lesia L. Crumpton-Young Host Popcorn Meet-and-Greet for Employees



On July 7th and 8th, Dr. Lesia L. Crumpton-Young, the 13<sup>th</sup> president of TSU hosted a meet-and-greet in the President's Suite. Faculty, staff and students were encouraged to Pop In for a treat and say hello to Dr. Young as she begins to usher the University into this next chapter of transformative leadership at an accelerated pace. Click here to view images of the event.

# **News Around Campus**

# TSU Debate Team Host Healing Circle Honoring Dr. Freeman





On June 6, 2020, the world suffered the irreplaceable loss of an influential professor, a skilled orator and coach, an inspiring scholar and educator, a pastor and a generous humanitarian and benefactor, the late Dr. Thomas Franklin Freeman, affectionately called "Doc." In loving memory of this great spiritual and scholarly giant, and in honor of his powerful legacy, the TSU Debate Forensic Team created an intimate outdoor space to reminisce and heal together and to bond over mutual love and respect for Doc on what would have been his 102nd birthday, June 27, 2021.

The Debate Forensic Team Head Coach Dr. Gloria Batiste-Roberts and Debate alumna royalty, Rev. Gwenn Pierre lead the Healing Circle in front of the TSU Debate Team's (Sigma Pi Alpha) oak tree, symbolizing strength and longevity.

The team shared the many different ways that Dr. Freeman profoundly impacted their lives, painstakingly brought out the greatness in them, and thoroughly prepared them for excellence in work and life. They recounted that his hard-nosed discipline and his unswerving commitment to excellence in getting things done were the driving forces that inspired and motivated them all to excel and achieve great things.

Mrs. Clarice Estelle Freeman, Dr. Freeman's devoted and accomplished wife of 67 happy years, listened in awe and with intense interest to all of the heartfelt and heartwarming stories and wonderful accolades shared about her beloved Tom. She was moved to share some uplifting and profound words with all present. Her inspiring expressions and reflections emphasized the importance of taking good care of one's health for productivity and longevity. She also referenced the beautiful life canvas that she and her beloved husband were blessed to paint together in a glorious tapestry of loving service to humanity. Their tremendous influence and impact spanned over a century, and she is still going strong and will celebrate 101 years of life next month on August 14, 2021.

Also attending this special memorial, with great interest and appreciation, was Doc's only daughter Dr. Carlotta Freeman, a geriatric psychiatrist who lives in California. She vividly described her blessed childhood of growing up on TSU's campus and experiencing its upward development and increasing acclaim. She reflected on Dr. Freeman's reputation for being a swift, enthusiastic walker who always walked with purpose and pep. It was almost impossible to keep up with him when getting to a destination. The laughter, the sentiments, and the feelings of melancholy and nostalgia brought The Healing Circle to a grand climax that was meaningful to all—the release of maroon and gray messaged balloons with a united shout on the count of three: "Legacy!"

The Healing Circle culminated with a musical celebration, a loving tradition of the TSU Debate Team, and a personal favorite of Doc's, "Victory is Mine!" This event, full of testimonials, tears and celebratory statements from persons of different decades and experiences, was inspiring, uplifting, healing and hope-filled. Everyone attending was able to find solace and comfort in each other's presence and expressions and felt unified over the powerful legacy left by this great and noble man. Carrying on the flaming torch of TSU's enduring motto of "Excellence in Achievement," one can still hear loudly reverberating lessons Doc taught and still feel his loving presence, including perhaps his most iconic charge, "What we do, we do well. What we don't do well, we don't do...at all."

# Hazel Biggers, Wife of the Late Dr. John Biggers Passes

















Hazel Hales Biggers, the wife of the late John Biggers, founder of the TSU Art department, passed away peacefully in her sleep on July 3 at her home in Fayetteville, North Carolina. A TSU employee for over 30 years, Biggers served as the Director of Grants and Contracts. She elevated the business protocols of her department while expanding the responsibilities of her staff during a period of significant growth at the University. Family friend and mentee of her husband John esteemed photographer and TSU alumnus Earlie Hudnall, described her as a big picture person and a great planner. "She ran an impeccable Office in Grants and Contracts. I never heard her say, 'No, I can't do that."

Biggers was an overachiever, graduating high school as valedictorian at the age 16. She later attended Hampton University, where she met he future husband. In 1948, the two married before moving to Texas and finding a home on the campus of Texas Southern University

Described as genuine, precious and a grace note by TSU University Museum Director and Curator Dr. Alvia Wardlaw, Biggers was an individual who understood the importance of the humanities. She was an avid art collector that enjoyed collecting African textiles and visiting the marketplaces to collect traditional crafts and garments, carved utensils and local spices. Her knowledge of the art world and her fiscal professionalism gave her husband John the perfect supportive partner for his rapidly developing career. Together, the couple traveled the world, including three extended study journeys to East and West Africa. Texas Southern University established a travel scholarship in her name to honor Biggers's philanthropic spirit and dedication to the arts.

"She had a global perspective and was supportive of so many artists and young people around the world," said Wardlaw, "She was an adventurer at heart and wanted to bring young people a sense of the world."

Biggers' proximity to the arts led her to become a patron and significant supporter, for which her contributions were honored and recognized. "She was a good critic and very honest in her opinions," said Wardlaw. "John relied on Hazel for her sense of his work and the sense of the art world."

An accomplished cook and warm hostess to artists, patrons and collectors worldwide, Biggers shared her Houston home, her wit and wisdom with countless family members and friends.

"I never heard them say the word love to the people they cared about," said Hudnall. "It was always shown through their actions."

Devoted to her family, she was a supportive and caring mentor who did everything with grace and style. "She was multifaceted and understood the meaning of hospitality and that built bridges," said Wardlaw. "She made her own connections as they traveled, and those became lifelong friends."

Biggers enjoyed her gardens-both vegetable and floral—and was an avid consumer of all news and current events throughout her life. "She had a mind that was so inquisitive," said Wardlaw. She kept up with what was going on."

Houston and the entire art world will miss her generous spirit and deep love of all things creative. A memorial honoring her life will be held at Texas Southern University this fall.

# TSU Mourns the Passing of Dr. James Race



Texas Southern University mourns the loss of outstanding alumnus Dr. James Race, Jr., who passed away on July 8, 2021. During his time at Texas Southern University, Race played an integral role in the institution's development as a student, faculty and administration member. He served in various roles including, but not limited to professor of biology, dean, vice president of student affairs, vice president of development and provost.

In 1948, Race enrolled as a freshman at what was then Texas State University for Negroes. He was an original member of the TSU Debate Team, founded by the late Dr. Thomas F. Freeman, and a charter member of the Delta Theta chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated, one of the first Greek-letter organizations on campus. Race graduated in 1952 and went on to serve his country

during the Korean conflict. He would return to work on his master's degree in June of 1955.

As a student at TSU, he and his fraternity members lead the charge to change the school's name. They formed a coalition with the other student organizations, led demonstrations and marched on campus. The students even took a bus to Austin and sat on the Texas State Capitol's rotunda floor as part of their efforts. After two years of protests and demonstrations, TSU students were victorious with the passage of House Bill 82 by the Texas State Legislature. In September 1951, the school's name was changed to Texas Southern University.

During an era of segregation and widespread prejudice, Dr. Race and his classmates lifted their voices in protest. Their efforts represent an important chapter in the civil rights struggle in Texas. His impact on his beloved institution and the community he served is still visible today.

# **Texas Southern University Student Featured on Oprah Daily**



Rising senior and current Miss Texas Southern University Mariah Campbell participated in an exclusive live interview with media mogul and legendary journalist Oprah Winfrey on the Oprah Daily website and Facebook page on July 8th. The journalism major from Longview, Texas, was one of three young journalists chosen to sit down with Winfrey after her article on Juneteenth was featured in Cosmopolitan Magazine as part of "Project Tell Me: Lift Every Voice."

"It was really huge because Oprah is someone I have admired for so many years," said Campbell. "To see her take this opportunity to reach back and help other journalists and highlight their experiences is one of the most memorable experiences for me."

Read more about Campbell's experience here.

# Dr. Michael O. Adam's Weighs in on Hot Topics



Interim chair of Texas Southern University's political science department, Dr. Michael Adams, has been featured in several different publications recently about his expertise. Check out his recent mention on KHOU where he talks about the <u>border crisis</u>, his presentation before Harris County Commissioners Court in support of a County Administrator and his mention in the New Yorker about <u>Lina Hidalgo's</u> political rise.

# **TSU Alumnus Featured on Art Podcast**



Texas Southern University alumnus and artist Kingsley Onyeiwu sat down with Glasstire TV for an interview as part of their Artist on Artist podcast series. During the interview, he credits TSU faculty members such as Dr. Alvia Wardlaw and Robert Pruitt for encouraging him to pursue opportunities in the art industry. Because of that encouragement, he developed relationships that have assisted in his journey. Watch Onyeiwu's interview here.

# **TSU Office of Marketing & Communications Service Request Forms**

As we prepare for the fall semester and transitioning back to campus, the Office of Marketing & Communications is reinstituting the <u>electronic request form</u> with all marketing and communication requests.

To effectively disseminate desired information and to ensure client satisfaction, the Office of Marketing & Communications asks that all requests be submitted two weeks prior to distribution/post date. In the event, due to unforeseen circumstances, service(s) requested do not meet the submission deadline, an override of service(s) will be taken into consideration by the Associate Vice President of Marketing & Communications.



# TSU Debate Team to Co-Host BOOK SIGNING

JULY 17TH 2021 4:00 PM TO 6:00PM

SHAPE COMMUNITY CENTER 3815 LIVE OAK ST HOUSTON, TX 77004

HOSTED BY: CURREN PRICE & DEL RICHARDSON PRICE

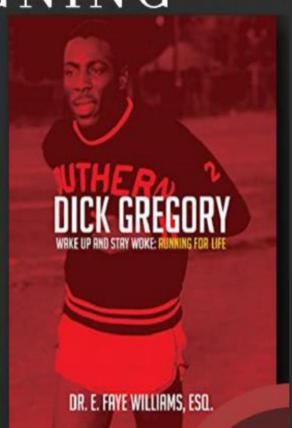
### **CO-HOST COMMITTEE**

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# PROGRAM AGENDA

I. OPENING

II. TSU DEBATE TEAM PERFORMANCE

III. DISCUSSION WITH Q&A

IV. BOOK SIGNING

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# SUMMER 2021 DINING HOURS



# STUDENT CENTER CAFÉ

**DINING SCHEDULE** 

### MONDAY to FRIDAY

 BREAKFAST
 7:30 AM - 9:00 AM

 LUNCH
 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM

 DINNER
 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

# SATURDAY to SUNDAY

**BRUNCH** 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM **DINNER** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

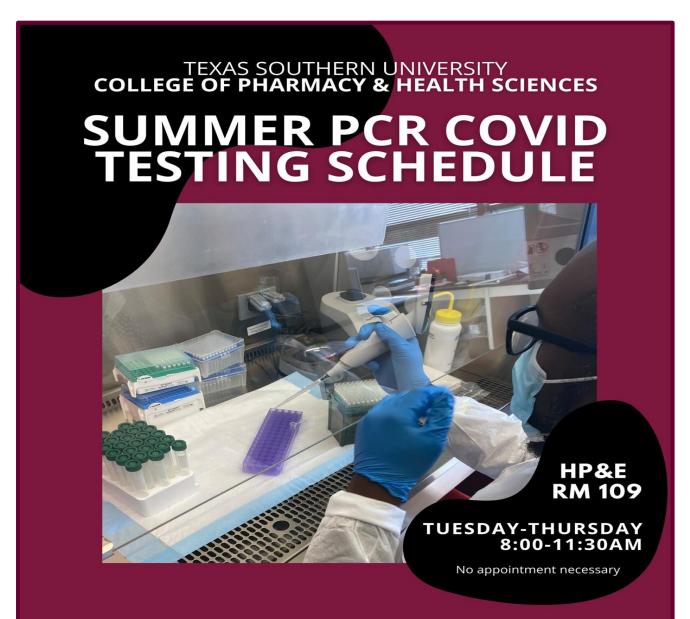




Mon - Fri: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM







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## **CAMP SESSIONS**

SESSION I JUNE 07- JUNE 11

**SESSION 2 JUNE 14- JUNE 18** 

**SESSION 3 JUNE 21- JUNE 25** 

SESSION 4 JUNE 28- JULY 02

SESSION 5 JULY 05- JULY 09

SESSION 6 JULY 12- JULY 16

SESSION 7 JULY 19- JULY 23

**SESSION 8 JULY 26- JULY 30** 

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\*PER CAMPER

TSU FACULTY & STAFF

\$100.00/90.00 AFTER 1ST CHILD

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Our Tiger Camp registration is officially open! Take a much needed break and enroll your camper TODAY! You can access our summer camp checklist and registrations forms by visiting our website at www.campusrec@tsu.edu. We provide both contactless and in-person registration; a reservation must be made with our membership team for all in-person registration (call number below).

REGISTRATION OPENS
APRIL 12TH



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**Effective January 19, 2021** 

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

**CLOSED** 

8:00 am-9pm

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12:00 pm - 4pm

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FOLLOW DIRECTIONS FOR ASSIGNMENTS AND SUBMIT ASSIGNMENTS ON TIME.

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ASK YOUR INSTRUCTOR QUESTIONS IF YOU ARE HAVING DIFFICULTY UNDERSTANDING CONTENT.

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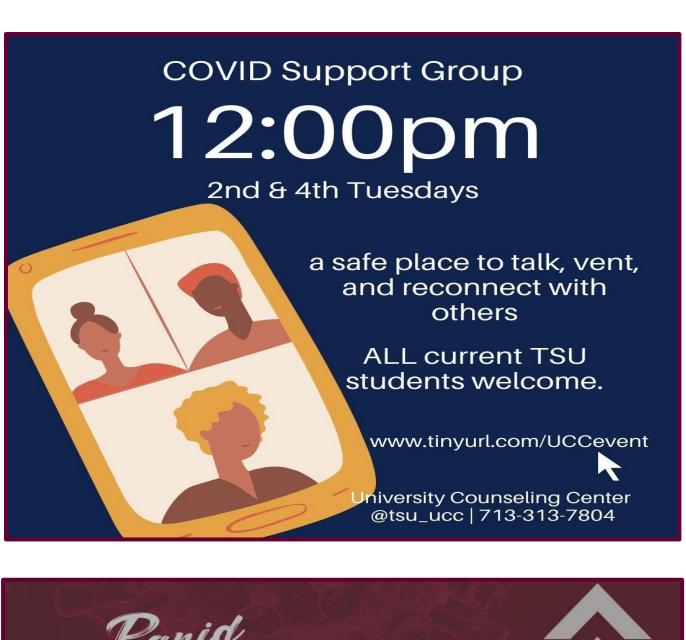
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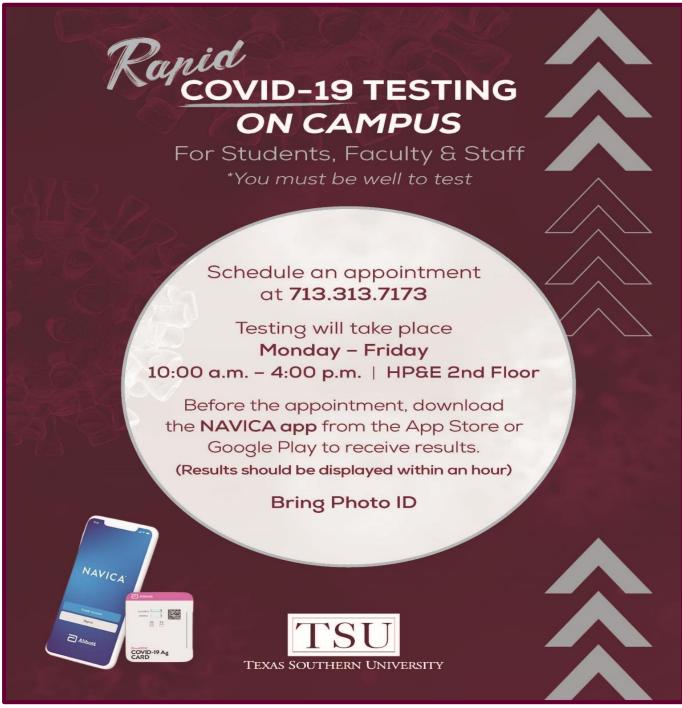


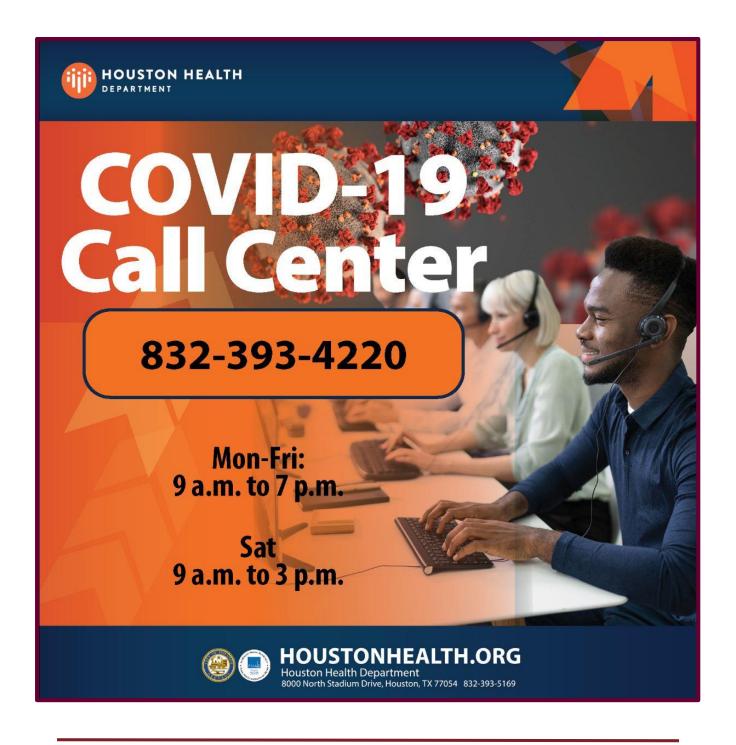




The Student Health Services (SHS) designed a COVID-19 Hotline for faculty, staff and students in March. Anyone on campus can report or have their COVID-19 concerns addressed by TSU medical practitioners if they have tested positive for COVID-19 or have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive.







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