For the Sake of Art Fundraiser Coming June 2014

Organizers have announced the date for the annual Texas Southern University event, For the Sake of Art. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the University Museum. This event offers an opportunity to view the University Museum’s distinguished collections of modern, contemporary, and canonical art, and features a runway of original, wearable art created by a diverse group of creative designers. Entrants, largely from Houston’s vibrant art community, will present wearable creations that have been inspired by works in the University Museum’s permanent art collection.

A celebrity panel from across the country will judge each entry based on its design, creativity, and degree of fidelity to the spirit, theme, and texture of the original works of art from which the wearable art originated.

For the Sake of Art 2014, is the major fundraising event that financially supports the many exhibitions, educational programs, and acquisitions for the University Museum’s permanent collection, as it promotes its mission of supporting Houston’s diverse art community. TSU’s University Museum boasts the largest permanent collection of renowned African American artists in Houston including the works of John Biggers, Kermit Oliver, Hale Woodruff and Robert Pruitt. It has also won critical acclaim for its mountings of such diverse exhibitions as

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Students Honored During Convocation 2014

Honors Day Convocation was held April 3 in the H&PE Arena. General Manager of Houston’s Hobby Airport and TSU alumnus Perry Miller, (shown right, at the podium) served as the keynote speaker. Reflecting back on his days as a TSU student, Miller encouraged the some 3,000 honor students to follow their passions, prepare themselves and to continue to pursue excellence in achievement.

In addition to Miller’s speech, honor students and their families were entertained by the University Opera Workshop student performers and their rendition of June is Bustin’ Our All Over and the University’s Wind Ensemble and their excerpt of Texas Promenade.

Students named to the honor roll, 3.0 – 4.0 GPA; dean’s list, 3.5 – 4.0 GPA; President’s List, 3.75 – 4.0 GPA and cumulative 3.0 GPA; and 4.0 GPA Honorees were all recognized and celebrated for their academic achievements.

Marquesha Foreman, Lamonde Howard, Chanette Murphy, Enitan Areola, Dana Paul, and Autumn Pitre received special recognition for obtaining perfect 4.0 GPAs for both the spring and fall semesters of 2013. Not shown are Jairo Camarena and Katrina Kearney who were also honored.

In his closing statements President Rudley pointed out that TSU’s enrollment is roughly 9,000 students and 3,000 of those are honor students.

Public Affairs Professor Appointed to NASPAA Commission

Dr. Andrew LE. Ewoh, professor of Political Science/Public Administration and editor of TSU’s Ralph Bunche Journal of Public Affairs, was recently appointed to the NASPAA Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA). COPRA is an independent governing body that reviews every institution that is seeking accreditation or is up for reaccreditation by NASPAA. Dr. Ewoh also served on the NASPAA Executive Council from 2010 to 2013.

Arbor Day Foundation Honors Texas Southern University with 2013 Tree Campus USA Recognition

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Career Spotlight
One-on-One with Jenaye Robinson

Through a myriad of strategies, methods, and resources, TSU’s Office of Career Services provides graduate and undergraduate students with the valuable tools and necessary skills needed for their ultimate career growth and development. The “Career Spotlight” series was implemented to champion TSU students who used these tools to assist them with reaching their ultimate career goals.

Robinson goes one-on-one with Dr. Antoinette Roberson:

What is your title and responsibility with Texas Southern University?
I am a graduate research assistant here at Texas Southern University working towards my Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences. As a research assistant my responsibilities include: investigating the pharmacological effects of novel compounds as potential therapeutic agents for the treatment of glaucoma, performing pharmacological studies on the mammalian eye using various scientific methods, and analyzing experimental results, which I have presented at various scientific meetings and conferences.

How did you prepare for the interview with TSU’s Office of Research?
I prepared by visiting the career services center. The mock interviews facilitated through the career center, I feel, were critical to my career success. The mock interview is like the practice before the “big game.” Without it you are decreasing your odds. This activity gave me insight into what questions would be asked and how to properly answer the tough questions.

What are the benefits of working for and attending Texas Southern University?
Throughout my time at Texas Southern, undergrad into doctoral, I have had the privilege of meeting remarkable individuals who have played a vital role in my quest for knowledge, but most importantly the opportunity to be exposed to scientific research, I think, is the greatest benefit.

What do you feel is the most significant skill/qualification an employee should have?
The most important skill for an employee to have is effective communication. Effective communication allows those in power to effectively convey your knowledge to peers and supervisors will always be a key factor.

What advice do you have for other students who are pursuing career opportunities with institutions of higher learning?
To anyone pursuing a career in higher education, I would say to set yourself apart from the crowd. If you are a student seeking to work within the university you attend, like I was, network with everyone you see (professors, administrators, students, etc.). Always display yourself in a professional manner and dress for success. You never know whose going to be the catalyst to help you jumpstart your career.

Have you had many personal challenges to face on your career journey?
Balancing a heavy course load and my research responsibilities has been my hardest challenge; however, I am thankful that I started doing research as an undergrad. I was able to get a head start on learning the balance between class work and working full time in the laboratory.

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Traces of Confucius, Something All Our Own: The Grant Hill Collection of African American Art, and Dance Theatre of Harlem: Forty Years of Firsts.

With a donation of $500 or more, donors can have their names permanently installed on the University Museum’s Millennium Builders Wall and will be featured in all University Museum publications for the 2014 year.

A very exciting feature of this year’s fundraiser is that the University Museum is establishing an endowment for the development of the museum, its collection, and its programming. Half of the proceeds raised this year will be used to create this endowment. Texas Southern University will further strengthen your contribution by matching dollar for dollar those funds, which will be set aside to create this very important source of funding for the museum. Such a measure will ensure fiscal stability for the museum and its collections well into the future.

The Texas Southern University Museum and the For the Sake of Art 2014 Committee hopes that you will not only join us in making this event a fundraising success on Saturday, June 14 but that this collaboration marks the beginning of a life-long creative tradition for us all.

Peter and Cheryl Elliott Thornton are serving as Co-Chairs for the 2014 event. Ms. Alvia J. Wardlaw is the director/curator at the TSU University Museum.

Public Affairs Dean to Speak at Environmental Summit

Dr. Robert D. Bullard, dean Barbara Jordan Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs, will be a featured speaker with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) administrator Gina McCarthy at the EPA’s Port Stakeholders Summit: Advancing More Sustainable Ports to be held Tuesday, April 8 in Baltimore, MD. Dean Bullard’s talk is on “Community Engagement: Historical Perspectives and the Path Forward.” This inaugural summit serves as a venue for port professionals, experts and stakeholders to share expertise, ideas, and actions that address the many opportunities and challenges faced by our nation’s ports and neighboring communities. The summit, which will draw upon EPA’s recent three-part national conversation on ports, offers participants a dynamic mix of workshops, panels, and presentations about innovative port-related practices, incentives, and technologies. The Summit is part of the agency’s Ports Initiative and is sponsored by EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality.

Confucius Institute Offers Summer China Study Trip

TSU students will have the opportunity to spend three exciting weeks in China this summer to develop their language skills and experience Chinese culture. Participants will spend two weeks in Beijing at Beijing Jiaotong University studying Chinese and visiting historical sites before traveling by high-speed rail to Suzhou and Shanghai for the conclusion of the trip. Financial Aid and other scholarship opportunities will be available for qualified students. For application forms, trip itinerary and more information, visit http://tsuci.org/summer.html. Applications should be submitted by Wednesday, April 9 to receive full consideration.

Dr. Freeman to be Honored by Debate League: Sponsorships Available

The Houston Urban Debate League will have their annual Awards Luncheon Thursday, April 24 at 11:30 a.m. at The Houston Club, 910 Louisiana St., One Shell Plaza, Suite 4900. They will be presenting a Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Thomas Freeman. All proceeds will support the HUDL Debate Camp.

Levels of sponsorship are: Table Sponsor: $3,000, Priority table for 10, name and logo in luncheon program and signage logo on HUDL website, acknowledgement in all media advisories and email distribution, special recognition at luncheon, Sponsor a Ticket for Debate Camp: $1,000, two tickets to luncheon, name and logo in luncheon program and signage logo on HUDL website, acknowledgement in all media advisories and email distribution; Sponsor a Student for Debate Camp: $500, one ticket to luncheon, name and logo in luncheon program and signage; Individual tickets: $350.
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Houston Money Week Hosted by the Jesse H. Jones School of Business
JHJ School of Business, room 113
For more information call the Office of the Dean at 713-313-7215
HPE Lecture Series "Road To Careers"
H&PE Classrooms, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
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Business Attire Required. For more information contact Lindsay Seymour at gradstudentgov@tsu.edu

**Sunday, April 13, 2014**
Department of Music Presents: This Is My Song Folk Song Reinvention
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