Founders Day 2013 to Honor Dr. Thomas F. Freeman

Texas Southern University and the Houston Community will pay tribute to a Legend during this year’s Founders Day observance, scheduled for Friday, September 13th at 11 a.m. in the H & PE Arena.

Long time TSU professor and founder/coach of TSU’s highly acclaimed Debate Team, **Dr. Thomas F. Freeman** will be the keynote speaker for the Founders Day program. Recognized as an ‘Institution within the Institution’, this year’s Founders Day ceremony will celebrate Freeman’s illustrious career. After 69 years of teaching psychology and philosophy, motivating and mentoring hundreds of students, Freeman will retire at year’s end. Amongst his many accolades and accomplishments, Freeman is the founding dean of the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College as well as the Distinguished Director of Forensics, having directed the TSU Debate team for 69 years.

This year’s theme will be ‘Honoring the Legendary Dr. Thomas Franklin Freeman for Six Decades of Excellence in Achievement’.

This event promises to be like no other as a list of Who’s Who in Houston is expected to attend. Some of the guests will include current and former members of the TSU Debate Team, students from the Honors College, TSU Retirees, alumni, current and retired faculty and staff and a host of dignitaries and friends.

There will be a celebration on the Plaza following the Founders Day program. All are asked to show your Tiger Pride by wearing your Maroon and Gray! All faculty are asked to bring their classes to the Founders Day program. All students are strongly encouraged to attend.

PBS to Showcase TSU Murals

On Thursday, August 29th at 7 p.m. as part of its program ‘Arts InSight’, HoustonPBS / Channel 8 will feature a story about the **TSU Mural Program**. The story includes interviews with artists, students and administrators and features the work of John Biggers and the student murals that adorn the walls of Hannah Hall.

Here’s a link to a tease for the program: **http://youtu.be/TLrSVLDgbvw**.

TSU College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences Gets New Dean

Following an extensive and inclusive search process, Texas Southern University has announced that **Dr. Edward C. Stemley, Jr.** has been appointed as the new Dean of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (COPHS). He will begin his role as Texas Southern University’s newest dean on September 9, 2013.

Dr. Stemley currently serves as the Vice Chair in the Division of Clinical and Administrative Sciences in the College of Pharmacy at Xavier University in New Orleans.

“I am very excited and grateful for the opportunity to become the dean of a college [COPHS] that is positioned to excel,” Stemley says. “With its integrated combination of nine clinical and administrative health-related degree programs, the COPHS is well positioned to lead the current movement in interdisciplinary health education. I would like to sincerely thank...”

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TSU’s Alumni Affairs Director Receives Recognition

The National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. (Hall of Fame) has selected **Connie Cochran**, TSU’s Director of Alumni Relations and Special Events, to receive its Second Annual Legacy of Leaders Alumni Director of the Year Award. Cochran’s alma mater, Texas Southern University, and its national alumni association nominated her for this esteemed honor in recognition of her exemplary leadership and service. Cochran was also recognized for her outstanding support of her community and Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

This award will be presented at the Legacy of Leaders Alumni Awards Luncheon at 12:00 Noon, Friday, September 27, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Atlanta, Georgia. Cochran will join six others who will be honored at the luncheon.

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TSU Professor Sundaresan Advances Research on the Int’l Space Station

The International Space Station (ISS) Program has embarked on a first of a kind collaborative mission to advance ground based university/student cancer research to flight based research aboard the ISS.

The research is focused on the development of benzofuran-2-carboxylic acid derivatives designed for immune system augmentation, the restoration of immune cell function and the inhibition of cancer.

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Homecoming Calendar - Student and Alumni Activities

Homecoming Events for October 15 – 19, 2013

**Tuesday, October 15, 2013**
**Turn Up to Fitness**
Recreation Center, 6 – 9 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 16, 2013**
**Pop Rally**
Sterling Student Life Center, 12 – 1 p.m.

**Office/Dormitory Judging**
Campus Wide, 12 – 2 p.m.

**Charity Auction**
Sterling Student Life Center, 4 – 6 p.m.

**Celebrity Basketball Game**
H&E Arena, 7 – 10 p.m.

**Thursday, October 17, 2013**
**12th Annual Tiger Paw Golf Classic**
Goose Creek Country Club, 8 a.m. Shotgun Start
5000 Country Club Drive
Baytown, TX, 77521
For more information contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 713-313-1363

**Office/Dormitory Judging**
Campus Wide, 12 – 2 p.m.

**Alumni Mixer and Networking Reception**
Westin’ Galleria Hotel (Monarch Room), 6 – 11 p.m.

**Funny but Serious**
Granville Sawyer Auditorium, 4 – 7 p.m.

**Friday, October 18, 2013**
**College/Schools Open House**
Campus Wide, 9 a.m.

**Yard Festival**
Rear of Sterling Student Life Center, 10 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**President’s Scholarship Gala**
Westin Galleria, 6 p.m.
5060 West Alabama, Houston, TX.

**Pan Hellenic Council Greek Step Show**
Granville Sawyer Auditorium, 7 – 10 p.m.

**Saturday, October 19, 2013**
**Tailgating Experience (Concert Included)**
TSU Campus, 6 a.m. - until

**The Grand Tiger Parade**
Downtown Houston, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

**Homcoming Football Game**
TSU versus Alcorn State
BBVA Compass Stadium, 2 p.m.
For additional Homecoming information call the Tiger Talk Hotline at 713-313-1111.

TSU Events Calendar 2013

**Thursday, August 29, 2013**
The Earl Carl Institutes 83rd Legislative Update: An Urban Perspective
Thurgood Marshall School of Law, 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
For additional Information contact Adreience Hines at 713-313-1139

**Saturday - Friday, October 5 - 11, 2013**
Mid-Semester Examinations
Campus Wide

**Thursday & Friday, October 31st - November 1st, 2013**
Southwestern Business Teaching Conference
For additional information contact Muriel Funches 713-313-6750

**Monday - Friday, March 31 - April 4, 2014**
Research Week
Office of Research
For additional information contact Dr. Kimberly Gardner 713-313-7208; or Kimberly Lofton 713-313-4245

TSU Faculty, Students, and Staff:
Problem Summary:
Some blackboard users may experience browser incompatibility issues following the upgrade to the system last week. Signs of browser incompatibility include:
1. Delay in loading pages in Blackboard.
2. Delayed log in sequence.
3. Incorrect page layout displays.
4. Error codes when running various built-in wikis in blackboard.

The following browsers are incompatible: Internet Explorer 7, Safari 3.0.

TSU system administrators upgraded most computer browsers over the summer, however, several more need to be upgraded.

Recommended Solution
A browser upgrade is needed to ensure optimum performance. Faculty/staff on campus should contact OIT Helpdesk at (713) 313-4357 to open a ticket for browser upgrade or visit http://tittigersupport/aexhd/user/ to open a ticket.
Compatible browsers include internet explorer 8 or higher, Google Chrome, and Safari 5.0.

Contact COLEIT helpdesk at (713) 313-7242 or coleit@tsu.edu if you continue to experience these issues post browser upgrade.

****Visit the COLEIT website at www.tsu.edu/coleit for tutorial videos, how-to documentation, software downloads, and FAQs on Blackboard and Faculty Workshops.****
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1st-time Freshmen: Top Feeder Schools

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Data Source: Texas Higher Education Coordination Board Certified Report

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TSU News

The deadline to submit news or information for TSU E-News is Monday by noon. Submissions may be sent to calliskd@tsu.edu or pickensek@tsu.edu. For any questions or comments, call Eva Pickens at 713-313-4205.