



## Auditions Underway for Lead Role in National Stage Play

Texas Southern University, PG Entertainment of Atlanta and KTSU-FM Radio are currently holding video auditions for the lead role in the national stage play *Crowns* by Regina Taylor. Adapted from the book by Michael Cunningham and Craig Marberry, *Crowns* is a play with music showcasing the lives of African American women also known as “HAT QUEENS! Young women between the ages of 16 and 26 who, sing, dance and act should submit a one minute audition video of a gospel song or hymn sung a cappella or to a recorded track. **Please submit videos by December 28, 2013 to [tucrownsauditions@gmail.com](mailto:tucrownsauditions@gmail.com).**



Set against a tapestry of music and dance, Regina Taylor’s *Crowns* tells the story of a young African-American girl named Yolanda who is stricken by tragedy. She relocates to the rural South to live with her church-going grandmother and is engulfed in stories about the magnificent women and how their distinctive hats illustrate their individual experiences. Through her relationship with these “hat queens,” Yolanda experiences healing and self-realization.

## TSU’s Matthew Knowles Featured on Fox 26



Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram are just a few tools dramatically changing how to get to the top especially in the music business. Having those accounts is essential according to one music guru known worldwide, Mathew Knowles. *--Click here to read more--*

## Dykema Names New CMO for Detroit Office



Dykema announced the addition of **Iris Jones** as Chief Marketing Officer, bringing over 20 years of experience in strategically supporting business growth in law firms serving as chief business development and marketing officer for Chadbourne & Parke.

Jones will be based in Dykema’s Detroit office and will be working with strengthening client relationships, discovering opportunities for new business development, and modernizing marketing efforts.

“Iris brings a deep understanding of the legal profession, having served as both a public interest and private practice attorney before taking on leadership roles in marketing and client service,” said Peter Kellett, chairman and CEO of Dykema. “She has a unique perspective on business development, team building and client relationship management that will nicely

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## TSU Winter Commencement 2013

Texas Southern University graduate and undergraduate students sat ready to receive their license to go forth and achieve excellence December 14th, 2013 during the university’s Winter Commencement, at the Health & Physical Education Arena on the campus.

TSU’s Commencement speaker, Tony Wylie (shown at left), senior vice president of communications for the Washington Redskins and a TSU graduate gave the keynote address.

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## University Calendar 2013-14

**Monday, December 23 - Wednesday, January 1, 2014**

**Winter Holiday**  
Campus Closed

**Thursday, January 2, 2014**

**Employees Return to Work**  
Campus Wide

**Sunday, January 5, 2014**

**Residence Halls Open**  
Campus Wide

**Monday, January 6, 2014 - Friday, January 10, 2014**

**Orientation and Registration for First-time Freshmen and Transfer Students**  
Campus Wide

**January 9, 2014**

**Spring Opening Faculty Meeting**  
College of Education Auditorium, 8:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

**Monday, January 13, 2014**

**Classes Resume for Spring Semester**  
Campus Wide

**Monday, January 20, 2014**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**  
Campus Closed

**Wednesday, February 19, 2014**

**Dedication Ceremony for the Spearman Technology Building**  
Spearman Technology Building, 10:00 a.m.



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advance the strategic goals of our growing firm.”

Jones began her career as an attorney in the Texas Attorney General’s Office and also served as the director of the city of Austin’s law department. She later held the position of client services advisor for Akin Gump, where she designed and launched the firm’s first client service team program and led business expansion and client service plans. At Chadbourne & Parke, she worked closely with the firm’s leadership and partners to expand business development efforts and modernize the marketing department.

Jones earned her bachelor’s in political science and English at Bowling Green State University in Ohio and holds a Juris Doctor from Texas Southern University, Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston. She is a member of the American Bar Association, the State Bar of Texas, and lecturer with the World Jurist Association.

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