President John M. Rudley (pictured) and more than 100 students from TSU joined Archbishop Daniel Cardinal DiNardo (pictured) for a remembrance mass in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s call for justice.

Mr. TSU Attends Leadership Conference

Mr. TSU Nathaniel Harris III represented Texas Southern University well at the National HBCU Kings Leadership Conference and Competition at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. February 5-9, Harris advanced to the final round and was named Mr. Congeniality. He was also named Mr. Talent for his performance of “Breaking the Psychological Chains of Slavery”, an original piece written by Thomas Meloncon, TSU’s director of Theatre.

“This was an invaluable experience for me,” Harris said. “It not only empowered me as a black male but it gave me the opportunity to learn what I needed to do to create positive change here at TSU.”

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Help increase your school’s chances to receive up to $50,000 in campus improvements. Beginning now, visitors to the RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL website are able to review the list of participating schools and submit a vote for TSU. Voting will take place now through April 14, 2014, at 11:59 p.m. EST.

TSU Celebrates National TRiO Day

TSU’s TRiO Programs Educational Opportunity Center (EOC), Talent Search (TS), and Upward Bound (UB) hosted the Greater Houston Area Alliance “TRiO Awareness Day Activity.” The Federal TRiO Programs are federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The National TRiO Day celebration was coordinated with other TRiO Programs from: College of The Mainland, University of Houston-Downtown, and Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. More than 325 students, parents and community volunteers, alumni and youth advocates and TRiO personnel rallied to celebrate and show support for TRiO programs.

TRiO Programs have assisted thousands of students locally from low income families to strive to be the first in their families to attend and graduate from college.

Mr. TSU is Working to Leave a Lasting Legacy

On Thursday, February 27, Leon Spencer plans to lead a special “Scholarship Walk” along with three friends from Prairie View A&M University to Texas Southern University. The goal of the walk, he says is threefold; 1) raise scholarships for students; 2) heighten the awareness of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the successful graduates who have attended them; and 3) to celebrate Black Heritage Month.

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TSU to Offer Pilot Ground School Course

Patricia Mathes, operations frontline manager of Houston’s Flight Standard District Office (FSDO) and Tony Marshall, FAA FSDO manager, along with Dr. John Rudley, president Texas Southern University and Captain Roscoe Edwards pose after the issuance of the Air Agency Certificate to Texas Southern University’s School of Aviation Science and Technology.

With the recent Air Agency Certificate issued by the Department of Transportation’s Federal Aviation Administration to Texas Southern University’s School of Aviation Science and Technology, TSU became the only four-year state supported university in Texas to offer FAA approved Pilot Ground School Course for its students.

Captain Roscoe Edwards, a retired airline pilot, pilot examiner and instructor, will lead the instruction of the ground school course and simulator training. Edwards is also tasked with monitoring the flight training which will be conducted at Hobby Airport and Ellington Field.

After completion of the pilot ground school course, which is a concentrated course of the Aviation Management degree program, students will obtain their private pilot license – the first sequence in obtaining a commercial pilot’s license which is needed to become a certified flight instructor.

Two TSU Students Named to the White House HBCU All-Stars List

Texas Southern University students Jarrauri Curry and Candace Jones were named to the first class of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (WHIIHBCU) HBCU All-Stars list.

The WHIIHBCU recognized 75 undergraduate, graduate and professional students for their accomplishments in academics, leadership and civic engagement. Currently enrolled at 62 HBCUs, the All-Stars were selected from 445 students who submitted completed applications that included a transcript, resume, essay and recommendation. The HBCU All-Stars will serve as ambassadors of the White House Initiative by providing outreach and communication with their fellow students about the value of education and the Initiative as a networking resource.

“Engaging with the next generation of leaders who will graduate from HBCUs and go on to make meaningful contributions to society is crucial to the success of our community, our country and our global competitiveness,” said George Cooper, executive director of the WHIIHBCUs. “It is a privilege to announce these 75 students who have demonstrated a commitment to both their own academic achievement and making a difference in their communities, and we look forward to working with them as partners in advancing President Obama’s college completion goal.”

Over the course of the next year -- through social media and their relationships with community-based organizations -- the All-Stars will share promising and proven practices that support opportunities for all young people to achieve their educational and career potential. In addition, the 45 female and 30 male All-Stars will participate in regional events and web chats with Ivory Toldson, deputy director of the WHIIHBCUs, other Initiative staff and professionals from a wide range of disciplines. They will also have opportunities to engage with other scholars to showcase individual and collective talent across the HBCU community.

More information about the activities of the 75 HBCU All-Stars will be provided in the coming months as they carry out their role as ambassadors of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities.

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“Education is critical to sustaining families and communities by reducing poverty and inequality,” Spencer noted. “I know that most people think students and their parents should be responsible for financing their own education. However, the recent cuts by the Department of Education in financial aid and Pell grants have left a lot of students – many of whom are friends of mine – without financial assistance even though they are near graduating. I’d like to give them a hand up, not a hand out.”

Students, alumni and friends of Texas Southern can increase Spencer’s chance of being successful by pledging for each mile that he walks. He’s asking for donations to the walk by donating at one of the three levels: TSU Maroon, $5,000; TSU Grey, $3,000; TSU Tiger Stripes, $1,000; Tiger Paws, by the mile, $10, $5, $1

Spencer is asking students, alumni and community friends to join him and his team for the last mile of the walk. The one-mile starting mark will be the Fiesta Store parking lot on Wheeler and San Jacinto. All walkers will then make their way to campus, continue the walk down Tiger Walk through the center of campus and gather for a student rally in the University Plaza area.

Each gift will go a long way in helping students remain in school. I am hoping to raise enough money to ensure that those students who are less than a year away from completing their degree plans, have enough funds to be successful.

“I am hoping that this event starts a lasting tradition at the university and that each Student Government Leader continues the lasting scholarship fund.”

TSU News

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Black History Calendar February 2014

Wednesday, February 19, 2014
A History of Houston’s Hip-Hop: A Lecture by Maceo Faniel
Public Affairs Bldg, room 104, 5:30 p.m.
A lecture with Dr. Ethel Williams President of NASPAA
Public Affairs Bldg, McCoy Auditorium, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 20, 2014
Black History Month Lecture Featuring Jacqui Patterson,
NAACP Climate Change Leader
School of Public Affairs Walter J. McCoy Auditorium, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
For more information contact LaRence Snowden at 713-313-6844

Friday, February 28, 2014
H.A.T.S. and T.I.E.S. Present National Stage Play “CROWNS”
Sawyer Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
For ticketing information call 713-313-7970 or visit www.tsu.edu

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Texas Southern Calendar 2014

Wednesday, February 19, 2014
Dedication Ceremony for the Spearman Technology Building
Spearman Technology Building, 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 20, 2014
Disability Awareness Day
Sterling Student Life Center Cafe
11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Promoted by Office of disAbility Services

Thursday, February 20 - Sunday, February 23, 2014
TSU Theater Presents One Monkey Don't Stop No Show
Sawyer Auditorium
For additional information, contact TSU Theater at 713-313-7157

Saturday, March 1, 2014
H.A.T.S. and T.I.E.S. Present National Stage Play “CROWNS”
Sawyer Auditorium, 2:30 p.m.
For ticketing information call 713-313-7970 or visit www.tsu.edu

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

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- Health Benefits

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Thursday
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Feb 21, 8 pm
Saturday
Feb 22, 8 pm
Sunday
Feb 23, 4 pm

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February 20, 2014
11:00 am - 12:00 pm
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