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## Cast for “Crowns” Chosen Following Successful Night of Auditions

The tone is set and excitement is building as Texas Southern University prepares to celebrate two observances in one: Black History Month and Women’s History month, with the presentation of the national stage play, “Crowns” in the Sawyer Auditorium. The performances are scheduled for Friday, February 28 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 1, 2014 at 2:30 p.m.

Aspiring, talented actors came out January 15 to audition for the roles of Yolanda, Velma, Jeanette, Mother Shaw, Mable and the other characters that will be brought to life for the two shows. Play director Jade Lambert-Smith and musical director Keith Eason were both very pleased with the voices and level of acting talent that showed interest in being cast for the play.

“Crowns” is a play that is going to surely delight the Houston audience,” Lambert-Smith said. “There are so many wonderful actors in Houston and I am honored to be able to collaborate with them with this sure-to-impress family celebration.”

“Crowns” is coming to TSU to raise money for student scholarships and mentoring programs. Set against a tapestry of music and dance, it 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 grows emotionally and experiences healing and self-realization.

## New Risk Management Initiative

Mrs. Charla Parker-Thompson, chief audit executive in the Department of Internal Audit, Fraud & Compliance invites all university faculty and staff to the kick off the FY2014 Enterprise Risk Management Initiative. The kick-off event will be held Wednesday, January 22 at 1:00 p.m. in the MLK Building Auditorium of the School of Communication.

Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) is the process used to methodically define risks, prioritize key exposures, and develop controls and operational responses to mitigate potential adverse outcomes based on a premise of accountability and transparency. The goal is a continuous, sustainable benefit to the University and the minimization of negative consequences. It is imperative that Texas Southern University effectively manages risks that may impact our strategies, operations, finances, safety, compliance and reputation; and this safeguarding is crucial to TSU’s continued growth and success.

From the program’s inception, there will be additional opportunities to develop your understanding of the program, and equip each university function/unit with an effective systematic approach to risk management and internal control.

## TLEC Publishes Workshop Lineup for Spring 2014

TSU’s Teaching and Learning Excellence Center (TLEC) has prepared its Faculty Development Workshop Spring 2014 Schedule. This semester, TLEC will offer a teaching series focused on effective teaching strategies and course design, advising and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, and balancing teaching, research/scholarship, and service. Registration is now open.

“We hope you plan to join us this semester as our sessions will be filled with high-quality training and resources that leverage the experience, knowledge, and expertise of faculty to improve learning across all disciplines and for all TSU students,” said Dr. Bernnell Peltier-Glaze, TLEC interim director.

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## Alumna Adams Sworn in as New HISD Trustee



**Wanda Adams** was sworn in as Houston Independent School District’s new District IX Trustee during a ceremony in the HISD’s Board Auditorium.

Adams served three, two-year terms as Houston City Council member for District D before seeking the HISD seat. A native of Houston, she is a graduate of Kashmere High School and earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Texas Southern University. She is a professor of political science at her alma mater, bringing to her classroom not only experience as an elected official but a long career in public service for organizations and agencies including the Houston Housing Authority and the Mayor’s Assistance Office.

## Original Ocean of Soul Member Still Making Music



**James “Boogaloo” Bolden**, famed blues trumpeter and original member of the Ocean of Soul marching band at Texas Southern University, has recorded a new album, “No News ‘Jus the Blues.” Bolden, who has served as the bandleader for B.B. King since

1990, was featured in a *Houston Chronicle* article outlining his career from Jack Yates High School, to TSU to touring the world seven times over.

## EmpoweredU Launches 11 Mobile-First Pilots With Top Universities & Colleges

EmpoweredU, the mobile-first learning management system, recently announced that Texas Southern University will be one of 11 universities and colleges throughout the country launching pilot programs that will place students into a new mobile learning platform for classes.

EmpoweredU’s mobile-first platform provides the tools, features, and ease of the iPad for a best-in-class mobile learning experience far different from other learning management systems. The pilot programs will allow students in select classes at these 11 schools to test out the mobile education technology.

## Texas Southern Lady Tigers defeat Jackson State



Five players recorded double figures to help lead Texas Southern University to its third consecutive league win with a 73-48 victory over Jackson State inside the Lee E. Williams Athletic and Assembly Center this past Monday.

Jazzmin Parker registered a team high 19 points for TSU (7-9,4-1) while Brianna Sidney earned her first double double of the season with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Morgan Simmons tacked on 12 points of her own and Ashley Ferguson and Alexis Johnson combined for 20 off the bench points to help carry the Lady Tigers.

In the first half, **Sarah Williams** posted four back to back points at the 11:43 minute mark to spark a TSU 5-0 run. At the break, the Lady Tigers maintained the lead, going 39-21 into the locker room.

Parker led the Lady Tigers from the line shooting 12-of-16 while TSU finished the match shooting 69 percent overall.

Alisa Ross and Bridget Robinson each scored nine points apiece to pace JSU (6-10,4-2). The Lady Tigers went 5-of-8 from the charity stripe in both periods but were outbounded 58-22 in the loss.

## TSU's Tierra McGowan Wins 800m Dash at Texas A&M



Texas Southern's **Tierra McGowan** took first place in the 800m dash in the Texas A&M Team Indoor Invitational on Friday. McGowan ran a 2:15.75 to claim victory.

Whitney McDonald captured second place in the 200m dash with a time of 25.04 and third place in the 400m dash (56.95).

The Lady Tigers' 4x40m relay team finished fourth with a time of 3:53.67. Karina Foster finished fourth in the weight throw with a distance of 51-09.25 feet.

Texas Southern finished sixth overall in a field of 10 teams. This was TSU's second indoor meet of the season.

## TSU Bowling finishes in third place at SWAC West Round-Up

The Texas Southern Lady Tigers bowling team wrapped up completion at the 2014 Southwestern Athletic Conference Round-Up on Sunday.

The three day event allowed the Lady Tigers to compete against SWAC teams that will all vie for the 2014 SWAC Bowling Championship Title.

Brianna Miller-LeForbes who averaged 212.3 was Texas Southern's leading scorer at the event. Overall the Lady Tigers finished in third place behind Alabama State and Prairie View A&M. Although TSU tied with PVAMU in matches won, the Lady Panthers had 88 pins more than Texas Southern to take second place.

If this meet was any indication of what the future may hold it looks as if the Lady Tigers will find themselves right in the thick of the SWAC Title race later this spring.

Under the direction of head coach Sabrina Rose Texas Southern returns several talented bowlers from last year's team. Over the course of the off season Texas Southern also added key additions to the team.

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The schedule is as follows:

January 22: **The Americans with Disabilities Act Training Series – Session one**, Robert J. Terry Library Exhibit room

January 28: **Effective Teaching Practices and Course Design**, College of Education room 318

February 4: **Growing up Digital – Promoting Individual Learning While Saving You Time and Trouble**, College of Education Auditorium

February 12: **Academic Advising**, building to be announced

February 19: **Academic Advising**, building to be announced

February 20: **Teaching Series Session II – Advising and Mentoring Undergraduate and Graduate Students**, building to be announced

March 4: **Student Engagement and Time on Task: Exploring Today's Diverse Teaching delivery Options**, JHJ School of Business room 113

March 13: **Teaching and Learning Technologies Showcase**, building to be announced

March 22: **Achieving Possibilities: Creating and Sustaining Organizational Change**, Robert J. Terry Library Exhibit Room

**Creating Student Subject Matter Experts – Integrating Assessment and Action Research** April 8: **With All Levels of Learning**, Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs, room 114

April 17: **Teaching Series Session III – Balancing Teaching, Research/Scholarship and Service**, building to be announced

Please visit the TLEC web page <http://www.tsu.edu/academics/tlec/calendar.php>, to get to know the staff and advisory board members, view photos and videos of past events and register for the workshops.

## Texas Southern University Athletics Set To Recognize Kevin Granger January 27<sup>th</sup>



Former Texas Southern University guard **Kevin Granger** has been named a 2013-14 Progressive Legends Classic Honoree.

During his playing days at TSU Granger established himself as one of the most prolific scorers in the history of Texas Southern men's basketball as he led the Tigers to several upset wins over top 25 opponents as well as Southwestern Athletic Conference Titles during the 1994 and 1995 seasons.

Both of those seasons the Tigers also qualified to participate in the NCAA Tournament, nearly pulling off an upset versus heavily favored Arkansas in 1995 as TSU lost by one point 79-78 to the NCAA powerhouse program. In 1996, Granger led all Division I schools in scoring with an average of 27 points per game.

"It means a great deal for me to be considered a Legend of the game of college basketball," said Granger. "A recognition like this is the reward of a lot of hard work put in over the years. Through the efforts of myself, coaches and teammates I was able to accomplish some amazing things while playing the game of basketball. I would like to thank my parents for supporting my dreams, my brothers for getting me started in the game of basketball, and my wife and kids for their continued support. I also have to thank Coach Moreland for realizing the talents in me and allowing me to play to my full ability."

On Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> Texas Southern University will recognize Granger at halftime of the Texas Southern versus Arkansas-Pine Bluff men's basketball game which is set to be broadcast live on ESPNU. Tickets for the game can be purchased online at the following link: <https://tsu.launchtrack.com/>.





## Texas Southern University



### Annual International Conference

on

International Trends in Evidence-Based Research Teaching and Learning

June 16-19, 2014

Houston Marriott Westchase ♦ Houston, Texas

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

PROPOSALS DUE BY  
**FEBRUARY 14, 2014**

The theme of the Conference is **INTERNATIONAL TRENDS IN EVIDENCE-BASED RESEARCH, TEACHING & LEARNING**. The Texas Southern University Teaching and Learning Excellence Center (TLEEC) Conference Committee encourages the submission of proposals and papers that address this topic as it relates to higher education and PK-12 learning. Proposals and papers should emphasize research and practice in teaching and learning with a focus on uses of innovative teaching and learning strategies.

All proposals and/or papers should be submitted to: [proposalcall@tsu.edu](mailto:proposalcall@tsu.edu)

The program will be organized around the following tracks:

- Track 1: Learning /Teaching Methodologies & Assessment
- Track 2: Global Issues in Education and Research
- Track 3: Pedagogy
- Track 4: STEM Education

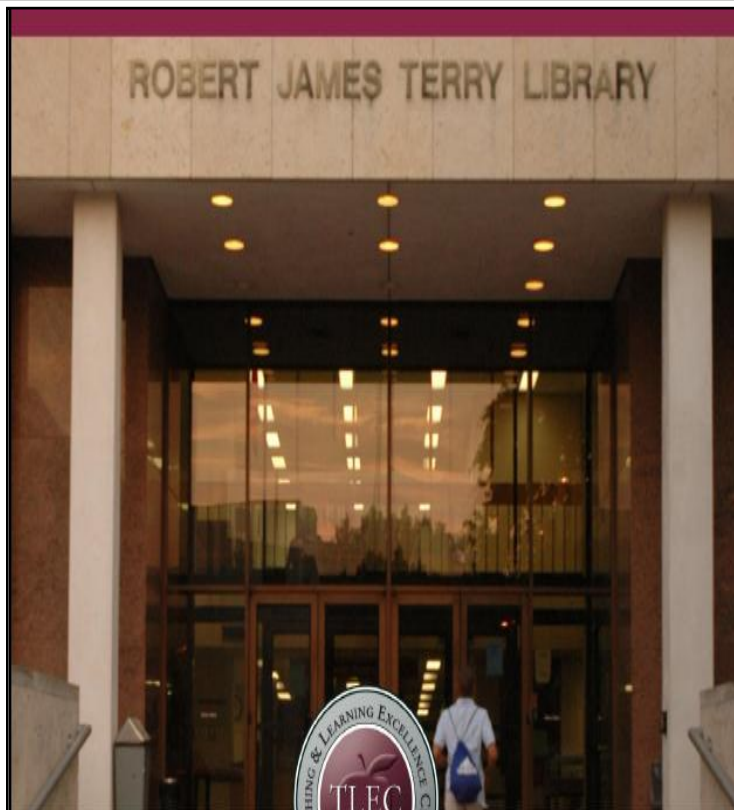
The deadline for submitting a proposal is *February 14, 2014* and proposals will undergo peer review on a rolling basis, with prompt notifications of acceptance/rejection so that presenters can make early and economical travel arrangements.

All presented papers are eligible for submission to the *National Journal of Urban Education and Practice* and will be peer-reviewed for potential publication.

Hours of CEU credits are optional for a nominal fee.

Visit the website for complete conference details at <http://www.tsu.edu/tleconference/>

Bernnell Peltier-Glaze, Ed.D.  
TLEEC Interim Director



The Office of Disability Services  
in partnership with the Teaching and Learning Excellence Center  
(TLEEC)

Present

## THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT TRAINING SERIES- SESSION 1

Brown Bag Session –Bring Your Lunch

Wednesday, January 22, 2014  
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Robert J. Terry Library, Exhibit Room

Please Register at <http://tlec.tsu.edu/> this will enable the TLEEC Office to generate your Certificate of Participation.

IN THE STUDENT CENTER DINING HALL

# This Week enjoy the

TASTE OF...  
• north american cuisine •

EACH DAY  
AT LUNCH!



Get ready to explore the flavors of the U.S. from the Deep South to the West Coast and everywhere in between.

fried clam po-boy

CHICKEN BRUCHETTA  
SANDWICH

southwest steak wrap

CHIPOTLE CHICKEN FLATBREAD  
WITH CORN SALSA

blackened chicken sliders



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## TSU News

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