Thurgood Marshall School of Law Becomes AALS Member

TSU’s Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) has been granted membership into the American Association of Law Schools (AALS). The association’s Executive Committee and House of Representatives voted to approve TMSL’s membership at the AALS annual meeting in New York, NY, January 3, 2014. The room was filled with cheer from other member school representatives and over 15 TMSL faculty and staff after the vote was approved. See TSU Law School on page 2

Pictured are: bottom row, left to right, Docia Rudley, James M. Douglas, Anna James, Elia Ransome, James Beard, Walter Champion, and DeCarlos Spearman, middle row, left to right, Ken Chrisman, Kendika Sanders, Greg Hardmon, Tamara Tabo, Deola Shoyombo, Shandum Lewis and son, Craig Jackson, Stephanie Ledesma, Derrick Wilson, Lucinda Daniels, and Prudence Smith, top row, left to right; Maurice Hew, Asmara Tekle, Dean Danny Holley, Faith Jackson, Gabriel Atreveuomo, and Yolanda Morgan.

TSU Among Black Colleges Leading Climate Change Advocacy

Many Americans would normally associate terms like weather monitoring satellites, hurricane tracking, atmospheric assessment, climate advocacy with federal research from NASA or the National Science Foundation. But in partnership with these federal agencies, historically black colleges and universities are pioneering efforts to diversify research and access to this important field of natural science.

The Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs, led by Dean Robert A. Bullard, is a national model for environmental advocacy in support of minority communities. See TSU on page 2

TSU Hosts Rodeo Scholarship Luncheon

Texas Southern University officials held a Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo (HLSR) Scholarship Luncheon January 21 in the Tiger Room of the Sterling Student Life Center. The luncheon was held to show appreciation for the tireless efforts of the HLSR Scholarship Committee in raising scholarships for students and to honor TSU’s 2013 Rodeo Scholarship recipients. This year 44 Texas Southern University students from a wide range of academic disciplines were awarded $2,500 dollars each in scholarship money from the HLSR. To date, TSU has received $200,000 from the HLSR. Five TSU students received full ride scholarships in excess of $18,000 each.

HLSR board members got a chance to connect with students who have benefited from those scholarships. More than 40 students attended the appreciation luncheon where 12 members of the HLSR were present.

Join Us For a H.A.T.S. and T.I.E.S. Photo Shoot

To build momentum for the University’s next fundraising event – the presentation of the stage play “CROWNS” – TSU employees and students, both men and women, are invited to have their pictures taken wearing their favorite hats and/or ties.

The photo shoot is scheduled for Friday, January 31, 2014 in the Office of Marketing room 211 in Hannah Hall from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. If you do not have a hat, there will be several from which to choose. RSVP with Kendrick Callis at 713-313-7933.

“CROWNS” is coming to Texas Southern University’s Sawyer Auditorium Friday, February 28, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 1, at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now! Ticket prices are $50 (VIP seating and parking), $35 general admission and $20 student tickets. There is a special 10 percent discount on ticket purchases now through February 8.

Tickets are available for purchase at TSU Hannah Hall suite 210, TSU Book Store, Aunt Bea’s, 5422 North Fwy (713) 692-2432, McQueen’s, 4402 Almeda or visit: https://tsu.thankyou4caring.org/crowns. For more information, contact Marcele Brooks at 713-313-7970 or Tilicia Johnson 713-313-7288.

Central Warehouse Operations Notice of Public Auction

To All Staff, Faculty and Friends of Texas Southern University

This is to notify all university personnel and friends of the university that a public auction containing TSU surplus furniture and equipment will occur on Saturday, February 8th, 2014. This public auction will be administered by the university’s contracted auctioneer at their location and will include items from several different state and local agencies and private parties other than TSU surplus. All TSU personnel are permitted to bid on all items at the public auction.

Auctioneer information: Worstell Auction Company 8424 Hansen, Houston, Tx. 77075 (713)946-8888 Website: http://www.worstellauctionco.com/
For auction terms and rules please visit the website listed above, for all other questions please contact Dan McCormick at mccormickd@tsu.edu.
Murray scores 34 to lead the Tigers to a win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff

Aaric Murray scored 34 points, including four of Texas Southern University's final six points to lead TSU past Arkansas-Pine Bluff, 72-71, on Monday at the H&PE Arena. Madarious Gibbs converted two game-winning free throws with 1:09 remaining to complete Texas Southern's rally as Arkansas-Pine Bluff missed a total of three shots during the closing seconds of the contest. Murray was the lone TSU player to score in double figures for the Tigers en route to another impressive performance this year. The 6-10 big man played with a high level of determination as he found a variety of ways to score in helping lead Texas Southern to a big win in front of a nationally televised audience as the game was broadcast live on ESPNU.

"Defensively I thought we got stops when we had to have them," said TSU head coach Mike Davis. "Aaric was able to score some big buckets at critical points of the game."

Texas Southern will have a few days off before starting a three-game road trip that will kick off this Saturday in Alabama.

Lady Tigers Win Fifth Straight Game with Victory over UAPB

Three players finished in double figures to lead Texas Southern University to a 75-51 win over Arkansas-Pine Bluff on Monday night at H&PE Arena. The Lady Tigers held a 20 point advantage with just over two minutes remaining and closed out the game with a 7-0 run. Jazzmin Parker scored 19 points, Brianna Sidney had 12 and Alexus Johnson scored 10 off the bench. TSU (9-9, 6-1 SWAC) shot 30-39 from the field, going 11-14 from the line, picking up its fifth consecutive win.

The Lady Tigers jumped out to an early lead. After a jumper by Parker, TSU led 26-23 halftime lead. Parker's shot sparked a 19-2 run that help the Lady Tigers secure a 39-23 halftime lead.

Texas Southern will now get set to travel to Alabama as they get set to embark on a three-game road swing starting this Saturday.

TSU's Men Relay Captured 4x400m Title and Whitney McDonald Captured First in 400m Dash

The Texas Southern Tigers men's 4x400m relay team took first place in the Jayhawk Classic Indoor meet at the University of Kansas. Jeffry Lacroix, Michael Holmes, Jeff Lacroix and Erik Montano are the team members that ran a season best 3:17.59.

Whitney McDonald captured her first win of the season at the Jayhawk Classic Indoor meet at the University of Kansas. McDonald won the 400m dash with a time of 57.00. She came in second place in the 200m dash (25.25).

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.

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In June 2013, the school launched a Climate Education Community University Partnership; a coalition of colleges and universities throughout the Gulf Coast region committed to reducing pollution in underserved communities, enhancing natural disaster response, and raising awareness of climate change impact on air and water quality.

Other HBCUs leading the way are: Florida A&M University - FAMU’s College of Law is a national hub for training legal experts in social justice and advocacy across a number of industries, but environmental justice is one of its emerging research and development capstones; Hampton University - in 2007, Hampton University became the first historically black college to have total oversight of a NASA space mission with the launch of the Aeronomy of Ice in the Mesosphere mission; and Howard University - Howard University’s Weather and Climate Group is a key support system for the National Weather Service, providing research and data gathering to assist in improving forecast accuracy and storm tracking for the nation.

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accepted and Dean Holley delivered his riveting acceptance speech. TMSL hosted a “Texas in New York” Reception immediately following the meeting at the Sheraton, New York.

TMSL endured a very arduous review which ultimately resulted in the Executive Committee’s recognition of our “historic mission of preparing a diverse group of students for leadership roles in the legal community, business, and government.” The Executive Committee further stated that “(TMSL) consistently rates as one of the most, if not the most, diverse law schools in the nation.” The Executive Committee recognized the significant increase in bar passage rate as a result of our advanced academic support program and assessment department. They also commented on the increased “quality and quantity of our faculty scholarship.”

The purpose of the AALS is “the improvement of the legal profession through legal education.” This goal is accomplished in a number of ways, including professional development programs for law professors and administrators, a complement of over 90 sections organized by faculty and senior administrators, and a membership process that is designed to further the core values of the Association. The Association and university share the core values of the simultaneous pursuit of excellence and equality. Membership means that TMSL faculty can play an even more prominent national role in the academy, and that our students will become eligible for the Order of the Coif, an honor society for United States law school graduates.

The TMSL family is extremely proud of this prestigious accomplishment and further shares the congratulatory expressions we received from other colleagues in the legal academy below. To all of our alumni, students, faculty and staff, this is yet another reason for you to be proud of TSU!
CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATION 2014

PRIZES FOOD AND SNACKS

LIVE PERFORMANCES

Friday, Jan. 31, 2014
4 to 6 p.m. at Student Center
6 to 8 p.m. at University Museum

The Teaching and Learning Excellence Center (TLEC)

Present
Growing Up Digital: Promoting Individual Learning While Saving You Time & Trouble

Tuesday, February 4, 2014
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM
College of Education Room Auditorium

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

Please register online at http://tlec.tsu.edu/ to ensure that you are counted and this will also enable the TLEC Office to generate your Certificate of Participation.

The University Museum’s Family Day
Celebrating the Traces of Confucius Exhibition

Saturday - February 2, 2014 1-3pm

Join Us
Fairy Tales
Calligraphy
Dance & More!
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

Calendar of Events

SPRING 2014

January 26th - 4:00 p.m.
Ray Beffield, organ
Povsky Recital
Works by Dmitri Buxtuhude, Charles Marie Wildor
Undine Smith Moore, Samuel Coleridge Taylor
and others
Brentwood Baptist Church
13903 Landmark Dr.
Houston, Texas 77045

January 30th - 1:00 p.m.
Special Music Seminar
Rhinehart Music Auditorium
Young Professional African American Opera Singers
Soprano, Michelle Johnson, Baritone, Brian Major and Baritone Judith Hopkins
Will take time from their performances as leads in the Opera in The Heights production of
Don Giovanni to speak to our students about balancing family life and careers in opera

February 18th - 1:00 p.m.
African American Composers
Rhinehart Music Auditorium
Featuring TSU Music Students
This concert will highlight Art Music by African American composers

May 3rd - 6:00 p.m.
Opera Workshop Performance
Rhinehart Music Auditorium
Highlights from American Opera and Musical Theater
TSU Music Students are featured

April 13th - 4:00 p.m.
This is My Song: Folk Song Reinvention
Rhinehart Music Auditorium
JASON GRAY, tenor and JUNE PENNY, piano
Faculty Recital
The duo will perform works by
Hugo Wolf, Maurice Ravel, Ludwig von Beethoven, Hall Johnson and others
Cosponsored by Friends of the Houston Ebony Opera Guild

April 28th - 4:00 p.m.
Lucian Ziejarski, piano
Rhinehart Music Auditorium
Faculty Recital
The pianist will play works by Ludwig van Beethoven

April 27th - 4:00 p.m.
University Choir
Riverside United Methodist Church
Featuring standard choral works
4920 Cullen Blvd.
Houston, Texas 77004

May 1st - 1:00 p.m.
Honors Concert
Rhinehart Music Auditorium
Students selected by their peers as the “Excell” performers of the school year are featured;
Awards are given for high academic honors and service to the department

DR. JASON OBY, INTERIM CHAIRMAN, DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC