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## TMSL Alumnus Elected to Municipalities Board of Directors

Milwaukee, WI's First District Alderman **Ashanti Hamilton** was recently selected to join the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Board of Directors. A native of Milwaukee, Ald. Hamilton earned his Juris Doctorate degree from Thurgood Marshall Law School at Texas Southern University. Ald. Hamilton was elected to the Milwaukee Common Council in 2004 and re-elected in 2008. In April 2012, he was re-elected to a third term. Ald. Hamilton has sponsored several successful pieces of legislation, including items that have made an impact on how city government manages contracts and how minority vendors are selected. Ald. Hamilton will serve a two-year term through 2016.

## TSU's Student Competes in Miss Texas Scholarship Pageant



**Jazmine Worsham**, a 19-year-old early childhood education student, competed in the Miss Texas Scholarship pageant July 1-5 in Richardson. Working to increase awareness of juvenile diabetes, Worsham qualified for the Miss Texas Scholarship pageant by winning a spot as Miss Fort Bend County.

## Dr. Gloria Batiste-Roberts Named NABSW "Educator of the Year"



Thomas F. Freeman Honors College Interim Coordinator of Student Services and Community Relations and TSU Debate Team Coach **Dr. Gloria Batiste-Roberts** received the Educator of the Year award from the National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW). Dr. Batiste-Roberts received the award at NABSW's 46<sup>th</sup> national conference April 17 in Indianapolis, IN for her decades of professional service to NABSW, her students and her clients. NABSW National President Joe Benton said the Executive Committee of the organization enthusiastically selected Dr. Batiste-Roberts because of her commitment to advancing student development through mentorship, scholarship and tireless service. He called her "a model of the best in social work education," and added that she is a most worthy social work scholar and community leader.

## TSU College of Education Ranked

In a report published in the Houston Chronicle July 1, the National Council for Teacher Quality ranked TSU's secondary education program 56<sup>th</sup> in the nation. In addition, TSU earned national "top ranked", a distinction awarded to 107 programs in the nation for overall strong performance.

## The Benefits Team is Coming To Your Site

To accommodate TSU employees during **annual open enrollment**, benefits representatives from the Office of Human Resources and Payroll Services will be at the locations below to assist you and answer your benefits related questions.

Whether you want to make changes to your current benefit elections, or you have questions about your coverage, please stop by and see us. All employees are welcome to visit us at any of the locations listed below at the times noted.

**Wednesday July 16, 14**

9:00 – 12:00 pm:

Leonard Spearman Technology Building, Conference Room 116

**Wednesday July 23, 14**

9:00 – 12:00 pm:

General Services Building, Room 217

**Wednesday July 30, 14**

9:00 – 12:00 pm: TMS of Law, Room TBA

**Open Enrollment: July 7, 2014 – August 1, 2014**

## TSU Alumnus to Serve as Superintendent



**Brian McDonald**, was recently voted to serve as interim superintendent of the Pasadena, California Unified School District Board of Education. McDonald, who holds a master's degree in education administration from Texas Southern University, previously served as the school improvement officer in the Houston Independent School District and an elementary and middle school principal for six years. Since coming to the district as chief academic officer in 2011, McDonald, who speaks Spanish fluently, has overseen the implementation of the new Common Core State Standards. He has also led the district's magnet school program and expanded the district's dual-language immersion programs.

## TSU Cheerleaders Receive High Marks in San Marcos Competition



**Top row** (left to right): Courtnei Coleman, Sharica Flournoy, Kailah Pink, Shayla Morgan, Summer Phipps, Olanah Gray, Dawana Morgan.

**Bottom row** (left to right): Brianna Harper, Dani Wells (co captain), Adriana Boyce (captain), Breanna Gillette, Joneisha Vallair, Mascot: Tyler Doggett.

1<sup>st</sup> place in game day sideline, 1<sup>st</sup> place school fight song, 1<sup>st</sup> place overall game day and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in cheer and pyramid.

## TSU News

The **deadline** to submit news or information for **TSU E-News** is Thursday's at noon for the following week's edition. Submissions may be sent to [calliskd@tsu.edu](mailto:calliskd@tsu.edu) or [pickensek@tsu.edu](mailto:pickensek@tsu.edu). For any questions or comments, call Eva Pickens at 713-313-4205.

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