Drum Major for HBCU’s, Tom Joyner Named Honorary Member of TSU’s Ocean of Soul Band

Tom Joyner became an honorary member of the famed Texas Southern University Ocean of Soul marching band June 20 during his “Party with a Purpose” fundraiser at Grooves of Houston. The ‘Fly Jock’ promoted Texas Southern University as part of his Tom Joyner Foundation School of the Month program. In addition to his fund raising efforts at Grooves, Joyner, Sybil Wilkes and J. Anthony Brown – the cast of the “Tom Joyner Morning Show” – broadcast their nationally syndicated morning talk show live from The Breakfast Klub, owned by TSU alum Marcus Davis on Friday, June 20. Former TSU band members, drum majors, majorettes, alumni and community members all joined the fun and donated to the “Road to Canton” fundraiser at both events. The “Road to Canton” campaign will assist the TSU Ocean of Soul Marching band for its trip to Canton, Ohio for the Pro Football Hall of Fame enshrinement ceremonies for TSU Alumnus Michael Strahan. The “Ocean” was invited to participate in the TimkenSteel Grand Parade and other festivities surrounding the Pro Football Hall of Fame celebration.

Agreement Strengthens Partnership Between San Jacinto College, TSU

Administrators shown signing the articulation agreement between San Jacinto College and Texas Southern are from left, Dr. Brenda Hellyer, San Jacinto chancellor, Dr. Catherine O’Brien, San Jacinto associate vice chancellor for learning assessment, Dr. James Ward, TSU interim provost, and Dr. John Rudley TSU president.

Strahan, Hart Donations of $150,000 Puts TSU Band Over-the-top In 30-Day Campaign to Send “Ocean” to Pro Football Hall of Fame

TSU alumnus Michael Strahan announced June 24 on his nationally-syndicated morning talk show “LIVE with Kelly and Michael” that he would personally donate $100,000 to his alma mater in their mission to get the school’s marching band to Canton, Ohio August 1-3 to support him at his Pro Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony. Last week, on the Tom Joyner Morning Show, actor comedian Kevin Hart donated $50,000 to the Texas Southern University’s Ocean of Soul Road to Canton Band Initiative. Combined, the Strahan, Hart donations puts the band over-the-top in its 30-day campaign to raise funds to send the “Ocean” to Pro Football Hall of Fame ceremonies.

Texas Southern University could not have reached this goal alone. We want to thank Radio One for seeing the vision and taking the lead with us through the Tom Joyner Morning Show (Tom, Jay and Sybil). The Party with a Purpose at Grooves was a huge success. We especially want to thank Kevin Hart and Michael Strahan and all who gave. We definitely want to make everyone proud and will work really hard to meet everyone’s expectation of the Ocean.

Aviation Program Featured

ABC 13’s Melanie Lawson interviewed Vernon Baker, aviation program coordinator; Perry Miller, TSU alumnus and general manager of Houston Hobby Airport and Fred Lewis, a pilot and former president of the Black Pilots of America for a segment on her weekend show Crossroads. They had a discussion on African Americans in the field of aviation and Texas Southern University's School of Aviation Science and Technology. To view the video, click on aviation link. [AVIATION]
Tom Joyner Foundation Names Third Hercules Scholar at TSU

Derrick Smallwood, a sophomore Finance major from DeSoto, was named by Texas Southern University as a Tom Joyner Foundation Hercules Scholar. His scholarship was announced June 19, live on the Tom Joyner Morning Show as part of the Tom Joyner Foundation School of the month program.

Smallwood, is currently serving as a Wells Fargo Sophomore Leader in the company’s Summer Financial Analyst Program, has a 3.84 GPA. A member of the Thomas F. Freeman Honor College, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the Golden Key International Honor Society, Mr. Smallwood believes “Success isn’t about how much money you make; it’s about the difference you make in people’s lives.”

The young scholar’s parents are Dondre and Rolonda Washington. His high school football coach was Brian Stansberry. Together, these three individuals have been the most influential persons in his life.

Join us in giving Mr. Derrick Smallwood, a future financial analyst, a nod of approval! In case you missed it, you can hear the complete broadcast at http://www.tjms.com/stream/.

The Tom Joyner Foundation will continue its support of Texas Southern and hopes you will join in our efforts. You can help us help more students like Derrick by donating to The Tom Joyner Foundation.

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The “Ocean of Soul” band will make three appearances: they will participate in the TimkenSteel Grand Parade that draws a quarter of a million spectators, perform at the Fan Appreciation Tailgate Party and play at the unveiling of the NFL Statue as part of the Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement ceremonies. Then band students will attend the enshrinement ceremonies to see their famous alum on one of the biggest stages in football.

TSU will utilize this opportunity to do recruiting and outreach as well. Invitations have been extended to all the area schools to come take a look at the university and our powerful band. The Ocean is comprised of students who not only make up the marching band, but the symphonic band, the jazz ensemble and the pep band. It’s a multitude of talent in that 200-piece unit.

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