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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.



Tom Joyner presented with his plaque by James Ward and Richard Lee



The Ocean flooded Grooves with their sound



Sybil Wilkes, Tom Joyner and Linda Ragland at Grooves event



J. Anthony Brown gets on beat with TSU's Ocean

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.

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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



Michael Strahan



Kevin Hart

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.

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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. [\(AVIATION\)](#)

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San Jacinto College Board of Trustees has approved an articulation agreement plan with Texas Southern University (TSU) designed to create seamless transitions for San Jacinto College students and graduates seeking baccalaureate, masters, and other advanced degrees.

San Jacinto College students have transferred to TSU through the years, but establishment of an articulation agreement between the two institutions is a positive step that will benefit students, according to Dr. Catherine O'Brien, San Jacinto College associate vice chancellor for learning. "An articulation agreement is more specific than a transfer plan," O'Brien explained. "Articulation agreements are also transfer plans, but they are more formal and may identify specific admission conditions to be accepted into a program or degree plan at TSU and may describe articulation of credit not guaranteed by transfer plans or state regulations."

O'Brien said the articulation agreement should strengthen a partnership with a neighboring university that offers students a convenient location. "With our changing demographics, we are finding that students prefer to stay closer to home and family to go to school, which is why online colleges are so popular," O'Brien commented. "TSU is close by, and certainly provides students the option of staying close to home and obtaining a quality education. Also, TSU has developed new and unique degree programs in recent years, for example aviation science and management, and maritime transportation management, sport management, and urban planning and environmental policy to name a few. These programs mesh beautifully with programs that we also have. TSU is also well known for their established programs, such as communications, pharmacy school, and the Thurgood Marshall School of Law."

Dr. John Rudley, TSU president, agrees with Dr. O'Brien that the articulation agreement will strengthen the partnership between the two colleges. "I believe San Jacinto College students will find TSU is a good fit, and a natural next step as they pursue their educational and career goals," Rudley commented. "Like San Jacinto College, TSU strives to offer smaller class sizes, which makes for a positive learning environment for students and professors. TSU is home to more than 80 undergraduate, graduate, and professional degree programs. We are proud of our heritage, and excited to serve an increasingly diverse student population."

The articulation agreement will provide cost savings and other significant advantages. The TSU application and admission fee will be waived for San Jacinto College transferring under the agreement.

Under the articulation agreement, San Jacinto College students earning an associate of arts, and associate of science, or an associate of arts in teaching with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or greater will be guaranteed admission to TSU. A maximum of 66 semester credit hours earned at San Jacinto College with a grade of C or better will be accepted and applied to designated TSU degree plans.

Also under the agreement, San Jacinto College students earning an associate of applied science degree with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or greater will be guaranteed admission to TSU. A maximum of 89 semester credit hours earned at San Jacinto College with a grade of C or better will be credited toward designated applied bachelor's degree plans at TSU.

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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 or pickensek@tsu.edu. For any questions or comments, call Eva Pickens at 713-313-4205.

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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