Annual Giving Campaign Nearing

The fifth installment of the Faculty and Staff Annual Giving Campaign is preparing to get underway March 24. The three-week campaign will start with a spirited kick-off celebration Thursday, March 27 from 12:00 noon – 3:30 p.m. in the Fairchild Building. Food, games and prizes are on tap to celebrate the festive day of giving. On Wednesday, March 26, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. the Annual Fund Campaign Leadership Reception will be held in the President’s Lounge, fourth floor of the Sterling Student Life Center. Other key dates include: President’s Mid-Campaign Breakfast, April 3, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m., Student Center Tiger Room; and the Victory Celebration, April 17, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., COST Building Atrium.

Last year, 76 percent of the faculty and staff donated to the campaign, raising more than $177,000. This year, faculty and staff are asked for 78 percent participation and to raise $200,000. Every dollar raised is much needed. With changes in Pell Grants and ParentPlus loan restrictions our students need our financial assistance more than ever.

Contributions can be made through payroll deduction or as one-time gifts to the college or school, academic or university program that you would like to support. Campaign ambassadors will soon come to your area seeking your support.

“Texas Southern University faculty and staff are the most generous in the state,” Dr. John Rudley, president of Texas Southern University stated. “Because of your investment in TSU, more funds were allocated to student scholarships, program enhancements, and an expansion of services throughout campus. With your continued participation, we will be able to achieve even greater success and more of our students will be able to graduate on time.”

LaRence Snowden will once again serve as the campaign’s chairperson. Jeff Shaw will be the campaign’s manager.

Congressional Hearing Held at Texas Southern

The Rod Paige Education Building Auditorium played host to the official House Congressional Homeland Security committee field hearing “Combating Human Trafficking in Our Major Cities” March 20. Law enforcement officials Adrian Garcia, Harris County Sheriff; Steven McGraw, director, Texas Department of Public Safety; Brian Moskowitz, Houston Special Agent in Charge Immigration Customs and Enforcement, U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Ann Johnson, assistant district attorney, Harris County; and Charles McClelland, chief, Houston Police Department testified before the committee chaired by Michael McCaul, ranking member Sheila Jackson Lee, Al Green, Gene Green, Ted Poe.

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Theatre Student Lands Internships

Junior theatre major Kaamila William-Hinton has successfully obtained two summer internships through Texas Nonprofit Theatres Multicultural Initiatives Summer 2014 Paid Theatre Internships program. This summer William-Hinton will be working with Hip Pocket Theatre in Fort Worth, Texas and Fredericksburg Theatre in Fredericksburg, Texas, five weeks each. She will be performing artistic, technical, clerical, and administrative duties. She was awarded the internship after a weekend long interview process in which she competed against theatre students from across the state. The interviews took place in Bastrop at the Bastrop Convention Center, March 13-16.

TMSL Moot Court Makes History Again

National Child Welfare and Adoption Moot Court Teams are National Quarter-Finalists

Third year law students Ashley Vance and Sean Darvishi, and second year law students Sahrish Khan, Enriqueta Perez, and Jimmy Olivas proudly represented the Thurgood Marshall School of Law and the University with their excellent performance at the National Moot Court Competition in Child Welfare and Adoption Law that took place at Capital University Law School in Columbus, Ohio, March 7-8, 2014.

Both the three-member 2L team and the two-member 3L team successfully rallied through the first day of competition and were named quarter-finalists. The third-year team will compete in the semifinals on March 10 and the two-member team is scheduled to compete in the quarterfinals on March 9. Both teams were ranked among the top thirty of all the teams from around the country. This is the first time in the history of the National Competition that two teams from the same school have made the semifinals. The competition will be held at the American Bar Association headquarters in Chicago, Illinois March 10-16.
The 63rd TSU Relays Gets Off And Running

The final day of the 63rd annual TSU Relays got off to an exciting start at Alexander Durley Stadium as Texas Southern honored their past track greats, All-Americans and Olympic athletes from the 1960’s to 2000’s in a parade of champions during the opening ceremony. Some of the legends who came back to be included were Judy Dyer, Clyde Duncan, Sr., Karen Hawkins, Dyan Webber, and Norma Harris-Hugger.

“It is an honor to be recognized by the school that I love so much,” said Dyer. “Participating in the parade of athletes is an honor for all former Flying Tigers and Tigerettes.”

Also honored were the current track team’s outgoing seniors for their hard work and dedication to the program.

The men’s 4x400 meter relay team was the most successful on the final day of the relays. The team, consisting of Jeffry Lacroix, Michael Holmes, Jeff Lacroix and Erik Montano, placed second with a time of 3:14.94.

Tierra McGowan led the Lady Tigers with the best finish on the final day as she finished second in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:10.04.

Isaac Romero took first in the 5000 meter run with a time of 16:02.93 followed by teammate Brian Alvardo with a 16:12.39 second place finish. Terralyn Johnson placed third in the triple jump with a distance of 39 feet 10.5 inches.

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Recreation and Wellness Center Presents Tiger CAMPus Rec Summer Day Camp

The TSU Recreation Services Department is proud to offer a recreational day camp for the youth of the TSU’s surrounding communities. With six sessions beginning June 16-20, the Tiger CAMPus Rec Summer Program is a fun, recreational, motivational and educational adventure for children ages 6-13. Camp sessions are one week in length and structured like a normal day of regular school with our campers participating in different programs throughout the Recreation Services Department facility each day from 8:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m.

The camp will emphasize the core values of our department: Service, Integrity, Respect, and Fun! All activities have a noncompetitive nature and camp staff will work with campers to improve basic skills needed to participate in several sports. This is a non-sport specific camp and all activities are geared to beginner and intermediate skill levels.

The TSU Recreation Center Open House is an excellent way for campers and parents to familiarize themselves with the TSU Recreation Service Department camp, meet the staff, and sample some of the activities the campers will be participating in over the summer. This year’s Open House is on June 11 at 6:30 p.m.

Session registration place is secured by payment of a $50 deposit. The deposit is applied towards the total session fee. For more information on costs, camp dates and registration packets contact the TSU Recreation and Wellness Center at 713-313-6885 or 713-313-6897.

Congratulations to our Tigers for a fantastic season! Excitement was high in the TSU community March 19, for the men’s basketball first-round game of the NCAA tournament. Several watch parties were held around the city to cheer the team on. Despite a game effort by TSU big man Aaric Murray, who scored 38 points (the highest total of any SWAC player competing in the NCAA tournament) the Tigers fell short 81-69. Above is a scene from the watch party held at the Reggae Hut.

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competition held at the Ohio State House. The first day included three preliminary rounds, wherein the teams’ previously submitted brief scores counted 25 percent of their total score. After going up against schools like Baylor Law School and Georgetown Law School, both the 2L team and the 3L team advanced to the octa-final rounds that occurred the next day. During the preliminary rounds on the first day, both members of the 3L team earned perfect scores of 100 during several rounds of their oral argument. In addition, out of 26 teams, the 2L team’s brief ranked seventh overall.

The second day of competition was held at the Ohio Supreme Court building. Practiced and rested, both the 2L team and 3L team rallied to defeat their competitors in the octa-final round and advance to the quarter-final rounds. After competing against 26 teams and 19 other law schools from across the nation, the teams won five out of seven rounds to advance to the next level.

“We are excited that we as a law school and as individual students have accomplished this level of excellence in such a short period of time. We look forward to another outstanding performance next year,” said Stephanie Smith Ledesma, MA, JD, CWLS, professor and coach. “We thank you for your support and this opportunity for our students to learn experientially”

For more information regarding TMSL’s moot court program, contact Professor Stephanie Ledesma at ssledesma@tmsl.tsu.edu.

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and Blake Farenthold to help them better understand human trafficking in major U.S. cities, specifically Houston.

“Human trafficking is hidden under a veil of underreporting,” McCraw said. “I can tell you how many vehicles were stolen in the cities of Houston, Dallas and San Antonio, but no one can tell you how many times children were prostituted on the streets of these cities.”

Sheriff Garcia recommended that passing a comprehensive immigration reform bill, legislation supporting victims of human trafficking, and clearly defined laws spelling out human trafficking versus human smuggling would aid in reducing and prosecuting this horrific crime.

The same factors that make Houston attractive for commerce and growth, e.g., international airport and shipping port, I-10 and US-59 corridors that stretch across coasts and countries, as well as the constantly expanding population and labor, also make it a “perfect storm” for human trafficking.

Chief McClennand noted that he recently authorized the formation of a Houston Police Department Human Trafficking Unit. Of particular concern to the committee was the recent discovery of 110 individuals held against their will for ransom in southwest Houston.

“We must and we can solve the problem of human trafficking. We must recognize that human trafficking is a problem ‘hiding in plain sight’ that needs direct action. Too many of our major cities are being used by human traffickers to buy and sell humans as chattels,” Congressman Al Green said. “An important first step in addressing this issue in the U.S. is reforming our immigration system such that traffickers can no longer breach our borders and exploit the fear of reporting dastards.”

TMSL Moot Court Teams Advanced to Semi-Finals

Prior to the 2013 fall final examination period, American Bar Association Forum on Communications Law First Amendment and Media Law Diversity Moot Court national quarter-finalists DAVID ESPINOZA and ANTHONY HYNES; and CAROLYN NG and JONATHAN VIRAY, submitted their written Appellate Briefs for judging and consideration for the semi-final rounds.

Both teams advanced to the semi-final rounds. Only four teams have been selected as semifinalists from law schools across the country, and two of those teams were from Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL).

For semifinalist consideration, the teams submitted briefs regarding a hypothetical appeal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Twelfth Circuit involving qualified First Amendment rights of access to termination review hearings and closure of those proceedings where a college football coach has been accused of child sexual molestation.

Based on the brief scores, and for the first time in TMSL’s history, both teams were selected and invited to compete in all-expenses paid trip to the 19th annual Conference for the ABA Forum on Communications, held in Aventura, Florida. The two finalist teams presented their oral arguments on the first day of the Annual Conference, before prominent sitting judges.

The TMSL teams were coached by Professor Stephanie Smith Ledesma and Joseph Tung.

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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