College of Science and Technology Receives $1M NSF RISE Grant

The National Science Foundation (NSF) announced a Research Infrastructure in Science and Engineering (RISE) award of $991,206 over three years to Texas Southern University to support its research on Characterization of Biomolecular Response to Environmental Stress. The multi-disciplinary team, led by Drs. Shishir Shishodia (PI), Jason Rosenzweig (Co-PI), Daniel Vrinceanu (Co-PI), and Hyun-Min Hwang (Co-PI) represent three different departments in the College of Science and Technology: Biology, Physics, and Environmental and Interdisciplinary Sciences.

Investigators will engage in basic research to improve the understanding of general biological principles guiding cellular responses to environmental stress. More specifically, assessing the exposure of the Houston population to platinum group elements (PGE) discharged in automobile exhaust, and developing computer models for specific stress-related molecules with the intent of predicting their associated biochemical pathways.

The environmental toxicology program will be strengthened by providing financial support to minority students. A mentoring initiative for graduate students to support their course preparation, effective teaching and learning, grant writing, and research will be developed. One of the major objectives is to embrace the K-12 community and undergraduate students through summer internship programs to advance research-based learning experiences and motivate them to pursue advanced degrees in STEM fields.

Dreamgirls The Musical Returns to Texas Southern University

“All you have to do is dream and baby we’ll be there!”

It has been twenty years since TSU Theatre, which is a unit under the Visual & Performing Arts Department, produced the musical Dreamgirls but now a modern audience is in for a treat with a brand new re-mouthing of the musical that is sure to please and delight. Filled with R&B and gospel tinged tunes, energetic choreography, and stunning vocals the production promises to be exciting and memorable. It performs for only 3 shows. April 18, 19 at 8 p.m. and April 20 at 4 p.m. All shows are performed in the Granville Sawyer Auditorium on the TSU campus (3100 Cleburne St.) Tickets are $5 for students and $10 general admission. Tickets can be purchased online at dreamgirlstsu.brownpapertickets.com or at the box office during the night of the show. The box office number is 713-313-7157. The popular show promises to pack the house so get your tickets early!

Gov. Perry Appoints Six to Forensic Science Commission

Dr. Ashraf Mozayani, executive director of forensic sciences and a professor at Texas Southern University, has been appointed by Gov. Rick Perry as a member to the Forensic Science Commission. The commission oversees professional conduct in forensic laboratories and facilities in Texas.

Mozayani is a diplomate of the American Board of Forensic Toxicology (ABFT), a fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences (AAFS), and a member of the Society of Forensic Toxicologists, International Scientific and Medical Forum on Drug Abuse, Council of Forensic Science Educators, and International Association of Forensic Toxicologists. She is a laboratory inspector for the ABFT, an on-site evaluator for the AAFS Forensic Science Education Programs Accreditation Commission, a laboratory auditor for the National Forensic Science Technology Center and a...
Career Spotlight
One-on-One with David Olagbaju

Through a myriad of strategies, methods, and resources, TSU’s Office of Career Services provides graduate and undergraduate students with the valuable tools and necessary skills needed for their ultimate career growth and development. The “Career Spotlight” series was implemented to champion TSU students who utilized these tools to assist them with reaching their ultimate career goals. Olagbaju goes one-on-one with Dr. Antoinette Roberson

1. What is your title and responsibility with Accenture?

As IT Security Analyst, I am responsible for developing and delivering solutions that protect enterprise systems, applications and data by establishing policies, practices and tools that prevent unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification and disruption.

2. How did you prepare for the interview with Accenture?

The final interview was behavior based. I prepared for this by highlighting four important projects I had worked on at previous jobs and in the classroom. For each of the projects, I identified what the objectives of the projects were, my role in the project and the challenges on the project.

3. What are the benefits of working for a company like Accenture?

The benefits of working with Accenture are numerous. The company has a long tradition of delivering innovative solutions to clients. This aligns with my ambition. The dedication towards continuous self-improvement via different trainings is highly beneficial to my long-term goals. They also have a dedicated career mentorship program where a senior employee helps guide your development.

4. What do you feel is the most significant skillqualification an employee should have?

I believe the most significant qualification one should have is a can-do attitude and a persistent drive to improve your skill set.

5. What advice do you have for other students who are pursuing career opportunities with Fortune 100 – 500 companies?

I would advise them to develop a career plan towards achieving their career goals. Have a list of companies you are most interested in, research their website (get a total understanding of their business climate, their competitors, their business strategy, organizational culture, etc.), prepare your professional documents (i.e. resumes, cover letters, etc.), and have them reviewed by your university career center. Practice behavior based interview questions (i.e. STAR). Continually expand your network. LinkedIn is a good platform to meet recruiters you are interested in. Also, find out professional meetings that those companies attend to recruit. For example business majors should attend the National Black MBA and National Association of Black Accountants Conferences. Computer Science and Engineering majors have conferences hosted by the National Association of Black Engineers. Last advice: be persistent!

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Mayor Proclaims SWAC Day

Mayor Annise Parker declared March 15th Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) day in the city of Houston. The proclamation, authored by Houston City Council Member and TSU Alum Larry Green, was presented during the day’s city council meeting. On hand for the presentation were Mayor Parker, front and center; also from left, Anthony Freddie, World Youth Foundation; Council member Green; TSU President John Rudley, Karen Franklin, World Youth Foundation; Eva Pickens, TSU AVP, University Advancement and Kenny Friedman, Chairman of the Board, Houston Sports Authority.

MBA Alumnus to Address Woodlands Summit

Texas Southern MBA graduate Omar Reid, Human Resources Director for the City of Houston, will Speak at the Woodlands Area Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Business Summit on Healthcare on Wednesday, April 30 at The Woodlands Waterway Marriott Hotel & Convention Center.

“Our conference theme this year is Healthy Bottom Line, and our goal is to provide businesses and our community members with updates on the ever-changing healthcare world and address challenges and solutions that impact the business owner and consumer alike,” said Ashley Byers, Director of Special Events for The Chamber. “We are thrilled to have Mr. Reid as our Keynote Speaker this year touching on matters that affect our area.”

As director of human resources for the City of Houston, Reid is responsible for the financial and administrative activities of the department. His focus and objective in HR is to continue as a strategic partner with other City departments in managing the City’s workforce of over 22,000 employees.

For more information contact Ashley Byers, Director of Special events at ashley.byers@woodlandschamber.org 281-363-8110

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Rarefied, Endurance, Adversity, and Mentorship.

“The Charm School program gives me an opportunity to show the mentorship part of d.R.E.A.M. and explain the importance of endurance during adversity. It is an honor to work with so many deserving young ladies and I am excited that this tour took off with a great start!” said Ray.
6. Have you had many personal challenges to face on your career journey?  
With the breadth of information technology, I had the challenge of choosing a specialization. To overcome this challenge, I sought internships, which gave me a broad overview of all the different specializations. With this experience, I was able to narrow down my choice to focus on what I really loved doing most. I sought the advice of career mentors to get their opinion as well.

7. How important was the Career Center in helping you develop your career plan?  
The career center has been very instrumental in my career journey. The school’s career center helped in reviewing my resume and cover letter. They also prepared me for the interview via mock interviews. The center’s online job portal (TigerConnect) also sent me job leads.

8. Where do you see yourself in 5 years?  
In five years, I see myself developing into an advanced project manager role where I can help companies, clients and governmental agencies implement IT strategies for competitive advantage.

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Campaign Off To a Fast Start

The Faculty/Staff annual giving campaign is off to a great start in reaching the $200,000 goal. Our total for the Campaign Kick-Off March 27 was $70,077! This exceeds where we were last year after the kick-off which was around $40,000. There is still a lot of money out to be collected over the next two weeks. So from all indications, we will have a glorious victory celebration on April 17.

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 pickensk@tsu.edu. For any questions or comments, call Eva Pickens at 713-313-4205.
Tigers Take Series from Division Leader

It took extra innings, but the Texas Southern Tigers baseball team got the job done on the road and walked away with the series win against Arkansas-Pine Bluff.

The entire series was a war but the major battle happened in game three where the Tigers clawed their way to a 9-8 win.

"It was truly a total team effort," said head coach Michael Robertson.

The Tigers will play Dallas Baptist and Arlington Baptist College on the road this week before returning to conference play against Grambling State.

TSU Men and Women Make Good Showing at Rice Invitational

Texas Southern triple jumpers Demetrious Williams and Ian Williams captured the one and two spots in the Victor Lopez Classic at Rice University.

Demetrious Williams proved it only takes one to win when he jumped 46 feet 7.5 inches to take first place. This was his longest jump and first win of the outdoor season.

Teammate Ian Williams took second place with a distance of 46 feet 3.25 inches.

The Texas Southern Lady Tigers took advantage of the beautiful weather and captured a couple of first place finishes at the Victor Lopez Track and Field Meet at Rice University.

Senior Tierra McGowan led the way with a first place finish in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:11.36.

Freshman Breana Dockery won the 200 meter dash with a 24.46, her fastest time and this season.

Junior Terralyn Johnson took second in the triple jump (40-07.00) and seventh in the long jump (18-07.25), junior Jeressa Mathis was third in the 100 meter hurdles (14.27), junior Whitney McDonald was fourth in the 400 meter dash (55.75) and freshman Adriana Berkhalter was sixth in the 200 meter dash (24.77) and eighth in the 400 meter dash (56.93).

Texas Southern Lady Tigers Softball Sweep Prairie View A&M

The Texas Southern Lady Tigers softball team completed a three-game sweep over Prairie View A&M on Saturday winning games two and three of the series 13-3 and 9-1 respectively.

"We came out a lot more disciplined at the plate today," said TSU head coach Worley Barker. "Overall we had a much better perspective and our defense was where it needed to be. Our pitchers gave us opportunities to win all three of these games with the way they pitched this weekend."

The wins move Texas Southern to 6-2 in league play with three more SWAC series remaining on the schedule.

Texas Southern will return home to Memorial Park on Tuesday, April 1 with two non-conference games versus UH-Victoria at 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm.

Documentary to Air April 2 at Robert J. Terry Library

The Loving Story will be shown Wednesday, April 2 at 12:00 noon in the Robert James Terry Library, Exhibit Room, on the first floor. The film is a documentary with contemporary parallels that will live on as record of monumental change, not just in civil rights, but also in the human right to pursue happiness regardless of color, gender or creed.

The Loving Story is the third documentary sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History to be shown at the Library. To preview the film visit http://createdequal.neh.gov/films/loving-story.

University Calendar 2013-14

TSU Events for March 2014 - April 2014 at a Glance

Saturday March 8, 2014 - Saturday April 12, 2014
Free Tax Preparation by JHJ School of Business CERTIFIED Accounting Students
JHJ School of Business Room 374, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
For more information on what items to bring call the Office of the Dean at 713-313-7215

Monday - Friday, March 31 - April 4, 2014
Research Week
Office of Research
For additional information contact Dr. Kimberly Lofton 713-313-7208; or Linda Gardner 713-313-4245

Tuesday, April 1 - Friday, April 4, 2014
Yearbook Photo Week
For more information call 713-313-6711 or 713-313-6705; turner_tt@tsu.edu

Wednesday, April 2, 2014
Movie Premier: The Loving Story
Robert J. Terry Library, 12:00 p.m., 1st floor Exhibit Room
To preview the film visit http://createdequal.neh.gov/films/loving-story

Thursday, April 3 - Friday, April 4, 2014
The Earl Carl Institute’s Child Welfare Forensics Conference
Thurgood Marshall School of Law, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Register online at earlcarlinsstitute.org

Faculty and Staff Campaign President’s Mid-Campaign Breakfast
Student Center Tiger Room, 8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Honors Day Convocation
Guest Speaker Mr. Perry G. Miller, general manager of Hobby Airport
H&PE Arena, 1:00 p.m. line-up; 2:00 p.m. start time
Activity Schedule

Continental Breakfast and Registration
April 5, 2014 - Tuesday
9:30 am - 10:00 am
Rudin Hall, College of Education
Auditorium

General Session
April 5, 2014 - Tuesday
10:30 am - 12:00 pm
Rudin Hall, College of Education
Auditorium

Student Staff and Faculty Poster Presentations
April 5, 2014 - Tuesday
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Tiger Room (3rd Floor)

Research and Outreach Center Exhibits
April 5, 2014 - Tuesday
1:30 pm - 4:00 pm
Tiger Room (3rd Floor)

Faculty Staff Oral Presentations
April 5, 2014 - Tuesday
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Rudin Hall, College of Education
Building B16

Student Oral Presentations
April 5, 2014 - Tuesday
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Rudin Hall, College of Education
Building B18

Collegiate Discipline Specific Sessions
Thurgood Marshall School of Law
Law School Down’s Conference Room #167
9:00 am - 11:00 am
JHU School of Business
JHU Conference Room #127
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Bi-ML School of Public Affairs
Public Affairs Building Room #114
10:30 am - 11:30 pm
College of Health and Human Sciences
Science Building Room #158
10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Thomas F. Freeman-Hamilton College
Herman College Auditorium
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
College of Law and Health Sciences
Gray Hall, Lecture Hall #910
11:00 am - 1:00 pm
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Science Center, Room #K07
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
School of Communication
MLK Building Room #114
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
College of Education
Rudin Hall, College of Education Building B18
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Theme Dinner
JHU’s Northwest Campus Services
4:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Informal Gathering
JHU’s Northwest Campus Services
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Networking Event
Sterling Student Life Center
Tiger Room 3rd Floor
11:00 am - 1:00 pm

THE LIGHT OF ANCIENT EGYPT
by
Dr. Perry Khepera Kyles

Dr. Kyles will address:
• His field research in Egypt along with pictures & videos
• Important monuments such as the great pyramids on the Giza Plateau, Hatchepsut’s (the female pharaoh) architectural masterpiece at Deir el Bahri, and other important sites
• Ancient Egyptian influences on Christianity, Judaism, Islam
• Recent Events in Egypt (Were We Ever Really in Danger During Our Visit to Egypt?)
• His upcoming Sacred Lands Tour to Egypt in August 2014 and how to join this tour
• His new book „Kemet 101: An Introduction to Ancient Egyptian History and Culture“

Wednesday, April 2, 2014 @ 2 pm - 4 pm
Texas Southern University–Jesse H. Jones Building Room #112, Houston, TX 77004
For information call 713-313-7794

Learn how you can conduct field research at the world’s most ancient ruins!

YEARBOOK PHOTO WEEK
APRIL 1ST THROUGH APRIL 4TH, 2014

SCHEDULE

TUE
4/1/14
JHU BUSINESS BUILDING
11:00AM - 1:00PM

WED
4/2/14
STUDENT CENTER
11:00AM - 1:00PM

THU
4/3/14
HP & I
11:00AM - 1:00PM

FRI
4/4/14
NEW SCIENCE BUILDING
11:00AM - 1:00PM

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FREE TAX PREPARATION
In partnership with the IRS VITA program, Jesse H. Jones School of Business
CERTIFIED Accounting Students will provide FREE tax preparation services to the public.

Who: Free tax prep for low to moderate income families. Income of $52,000 or less. When: Every Saturday starting Saturday, March 8, 2014 through Saturday, April 12, 2014 9AM – 5PM. Where: JHU School of Business; 3100 Cleburne; Room #374

Taxpayers should bring a valid picture identification, Social Security or Taxpayer ID card or copy for each individual on the return.信息 for all individuals on the return, all Form W-2s and 1099s, all other income information, proof of all deductions such as receipts, last year’s tax return and a voided check showing bank routing numbers and account numbers for direct deposit of any refunds.

OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY.....Walks Are Welcome!
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or visit www.tsu.edu/jjesen