TSU Alumnus Tony Wyllie to Address Fall Graduates

Texas Southern University has announced that Hubert Anthony “Tony” Wyllie will be the keynote speaker for its December Commencement Ceremonies set for Saturday, December 14 at 9:30 a.m. in the H&PE Arena. Wyllie is a graduate of the School of Communication.

His current position is that of senior vice president of communications for the Washington Redskins where he serves as senior advisor to the principal owner on all issues related to public perception of the franchise. He is responsible for shaping the team image through all

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For TSU Alumnus Gerald Smith, Giving is an Investment in the Future

On November 8th, Texas Southern University began its annual giving campaign One TSU. This unprecedented and ambitious campaign which will raise awareness about the university’s successes and raise money for student scholarships and support services is designed around the idea of people coming together to support one overarching cause: the students.

Gerald Smith, chairman of TSU’s Foundation Board and President’s Leadership Scholars (PLS) donor, after meeting his PLS student, reflected upon the importance of supporting students and the impact that it makes.

“To whom much is given, much is expected,” Smith noted for his reasons for becoming a PLS donor. “TSU means a lot to me and has blessed me immensely. So, for me, the thought of giving back to ensure that another student has the same opportunities that I had is an easy thing for me to understand.

“I donate, not just to give, but as an investment into someone’s life journey. Now that I have had a chance to meet my recipient I know it was a good investment. I know that she is going to do great things and to know that I had a small part to do with that makes me feel good.”

Shocre Green, a first generation college student and senior administration of justice major, who will graduate in May was given an opportunity to meet Smith to thank him for her

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Traces of Confucius Exhibition coming to TSU Museum

The University Museum, together with the Confucius Institute, is hosting a major international exhibition, Traces of Confucius, with a special opening night reception on Friday, November 22, starting at 5 p.m.

A delegation from Shandong is joining us for the opening, including: Mr. Zhang Datong, Deputy Director-General, Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Provincial People’s Government; Mr. Ruan Linjing, Deputy Director-General, Foreign Affairs Office of Jining Municipal People’s Government; Mr. Xie Chenghai, Mayor, Zoucheng County People’s Government; Mr. Li Weisheng, Vice Mayor, Qufu County People’s Government; Mr. Zhang Xiao, American Affairs Officer, Foreign Affairs Office of Shandong Provincial People’s Government.

This exhibition is being donated to the permanent collection at the museum and is the first time many of the pieces will have been seen in the U.S.

University Calendar 2013-14

Monday, November 18 - Friday, November 22
International Education Week
For more information contact Gregory Maddox at 713-313-7889

Tuesday, November 19 - Wednesday, November 29, 2013
Threat Risk Assessment Continuing Education Units
Public Affairs bldg, room 411, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
For more information contact Dr. Michael Adams at 713-313-7760

Wednesday, November 20, 2013
Growing Cultural Diversity in the Graduate Program
Sterling Student Life Center, rm. 237, 6:00 p.m.
For more information contact Lindsay Seymour, 713-313-1111

Parker and Murray Garner Week
One SWAC Players of the Week

The Southwestern Athletic Conference named Jazzmin Parker and Aaric Murray as its SWAC women’s and men’s basketball players of the week, respectively.

Parker opened her first year as a Lady Tiger with 32 points, leading TSU to a 88-80 victory over Tulsa. In 30 minutes of action, Parker shot 11-of-20 from the field while shooting over 70 percent from the arc. She connected six of her seven free throws and completed the game with three rebounds, two steals and one assist. In a loss to Rice, Parker proved to be a vital part of TSU’s offense, scoring a team best 15 points.

Murray averaged 28.5 points per game while collecting nearly nine rebounds per contest against Norfolk State and Wiley College. Against Norfolk State, his stat line was 33 points, eight rebounds, three assists, and five blocks. He went on to close out the week against Wiley with a triple-double, accounting for 24 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 blocks. He also had four assists and one steal.

Both players are newcomers to Texas Southern University. Parker is a transfer from Blinn Community College while Murray is a transfer from West Virginia University.
Dream Fulfilled
“TSU staff member pens first novel”

Shenise Sampson has been a writer since she was a little girl. She always dreamed of being a published author and now her dream is finally coming true. With the help of WestBow Press, Sampson is releasing her first novel, Where Love has Been.

The coming-of-age story of a young woman, who returns home and finds love after running away from her family and an interesting past, is based in Sampson’s hometown of Houston, Texas. Many of her main character’s experiences are inspired by those in Sampson’s life or in the lives of people she knows, but the story is entirely fictitious.

Sampson currently works as senior administrative assistant at Texas Southern University’s Office of the President. She is a 2008 graduate of The University of Texas at Austin with a degree in radio, television, film and a minor in English literature.

As a novice to the publishing industry, Sampson said the whole process was pretty easy. She already had much of the story written by the time she started working with WestBow, so most of her time working with the publisher has been editing and planning the release.

“They’ve really catered to my needs and provided a learning experience,” she said. “I’m learning every day through them and with them.”

Sampson is also learning how to improve her writing skills. She practices by writing every day, even if what she writes doesn’t make sense at first. “I just start writing and often it just keeps going, and before I know it, I’ve written several pages.”

With her first book under her belt, she hopes to write more and enter some literature contests. “I want to develop my writing more because it is a growing process. There are edits and re-writes.” When she’s not writing, Sampson is reading novels in her favorite genres of historical fiction, romance and Christian fiction, or watching films.


Lady Tigers End Regular Season with Win, Ready for Conference Tournament

Texas Southern University volleyball kept rolling, moving its conference win streak to 13 matches with a 3-0 win over Prairie View A&M on November 13 at the H&PE Arena. In Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) western division play, TSU (13-10) racked up 32 digs picking up the sets with scores of 25-22, 25-21 and 25-11. Up next for the western division champions and number one seeded Tigers is the SWAC tournament November 23-24 in Jackson, Miss.

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Thursday, November 21, 2013
Día del Tigre (Campus wide)
For additional information visit www.tsu.edu/admissions

Kenneth Reardon Lecture, The Transformational Change in Memphis: Vance Avenue’s Neighborhood Program
Public Affairs Bldg., room 106
For more information contact Department of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy at 713-313-7304

Thursday, November 21, 2013 - Sunday, November 24, 2013
TSU Theatre Presents: Death of a Salesman
Ollington Smith Playhouse, 8:00 p.m.; 8:00 p.m.; 8:00 p.m.; 4:00 p.m.

Friday, November 22, 2013
Confucius Institute Exhibition, Traces of Confucius
University Museum, 5:00 p.m.
For more information contact Kendrick Callis at 713-313-7933

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public contacts and publicity generation, while overseeing the coordination of all interviews for the club as well as serving as the team spokesman. He has previously worked as an assistant director of public relations for the St. Louis Rams, the director of public relations for the Tennessee Titans, and vice president of communications for the Houston Texans. He is a five-time recipient of the Pro Football Writers of America Pete Rozelle award for public relations, and the only executive in NFL history to be awarded the honor for work on three different teams.

Wyllie was born in Brooklyn, New York and moved to Houston as a child. He attended Cy-Fair High School just outside of Houston.

While attending Texas Southern University, Wyllie became a game-day intern for the Houston Oilers in 1991. He spent 1993 as an intern in the PR department with the Dallas Cowboys, earning a Super Bowl ring before heading west to Los Angeles to work with the Rams as the assistant director of public relations. During his 21 year NFL career, Wyllie has assisted in promoting six players that have been elected into the Pro Football Hall of Fame (Troy Aikman, Michael Irvin and Emmitt Smith with the Cowboys; Jackie Slater with the Rams; Mike Munchak and Clay Matthews the Oilers/Titans). He was chosen by the NFL to work the 1996 and 1997 NFC Championship games, the 1999 Pro Bowl in Hawaii, and eight Super Bowls. He participated in the NFL’s management program at Stanford University in 2004, and the first NFL Football Operations Personnel Symposium in 2007. He also served as a sub-committee chairman on Houston’s Super Bowl XXXVIII host committee.

Wyllie worked for three years in the sports information department of Texas Southern University, where he received his degree in journalism. He also earned an MBA from the Jones School of Business at Rice University.

He and his wife Natasha are parents of son James Anthony from the Jones School of Business at Rice University. Wyllie was awarded the honor for work on three different teams.
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scholarship. “I’m thankful that you were a blessing to me,” Green said to Smith. “Now I want to get into a position where I’m able to be a blessing to another student and pass it down.”

“Having the scholarship has allowed me to become involved in different organizations such as student government, dance team, Delta Sigma Theta sorority, the Royal Court, things I would not have otherwise been able to do if I had to work full-time. I’m just so thankful for the scholarship and to know that people care about Texas Southern University students.”

The One TSU campaign welcomes everyone to get engaged, including students, parents, alumni, faculty, staff, friends, boards, administrators, industry partners, corporations and the community at large.

The campaign has several stages and several categories to which one can give. No gift is too small. Individuals can donate to the President’s Leadership Scholars initiative or make a donation to the college, school or program from which they graduated such as; the College of Education, the School of Communication, the College of Science and Technology, the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences, the School of Public Affairs, The JHJ School of Business, the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, the Thomas Freeman Honors College, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and/or the Graduate School. Donors may also support TSU Athletics, Mentoring or Student Support Services.

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