Texas Education Commissioner Williams slated as Symposium Keynote Speaker

The Department of Educational Administration and Foundations in the College of Education is planning a one day symposium on Friday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The theme will be “The State of Education.”

Dr. Michael Williams, the Commissioner of Education for the State of Texas, will be the keynote speaker during the morning session. Commissioner Williams will discuss the state of education in Texas. The afternoon session will be devoted to “Safe Schools” since this is a major issue on our school campuses from kindergarten through college. Police chiefs from Rice, the University of Houston-Central, Houston Community College, Houston I.S.D., and of course Texas Southern University will participate in a panel discussion on this topic. There will be opportunities for questions to be answered at both the morning and afternoon sessions.

“We are excited about the wealth of knowledge our students and the community can gain from these distinguished and knowledgeable individuals,” said Danita Bailey Perry, professor and Interim Chair, Educational Administration and Foundations. “We are pleased to be able to host them on our campus.”

Meet Houston Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Honoree

TSU Jesse H. Jones School of Business Advisory Council Member and Professor Jeffrey Powell has been recognized by the Houston Business Journal’s 40 Under 40 Class for 2013. At 39, Powell is Principal and founder, The Capital Maverick Group LLC where he is charged with directing projects and providing financial advisory services to the clients for the company's debt and equity capital sourcing. Houston Business Journal's 40 Under 40 Class of 2013 are leading Houston into the future with their business enterprise and philanthropic efforts. They have started their own companies, as well as successful charities, and are setting the bar high for young professionals across the nation with their job creation and impact on society. Now in its fifth year, the 40 Under 40 designation honors Houston business people who contribute to their companies, industries and community in an impressive way.

Dean Robert Bullard Receives Sierra Club’s Highest Honor

Dean Robert Bullard, pioneer in environmental justice, was honored by the Sierra Club with the John Muir award for his contributions to the field of environmentalism. The prize, named for the founder of the longest operating environmental protection organization, is the group's highest honor and is granted for “a distinguished record of achievement in national or international conservation causes”. Dr. Bullard is the first African American to get this prize since the Sierra Club started presenting it in 1961.

School of Business Hosts Executive Lecture Series

The Graduate Student Association (GSA) of the Jesse H. Jones School of Business is holding its Executive Lecture Series on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 in the Jesse H Jones building auditorium at 6:00 p.m.

The speakers are: Ms. Elita Fielder, Communications Executive for GAC Group, a global logistics, shipping and marine company with headquarters based in Dubai; and Mr. Carter Norwood, Generalist Manager and Talent Acquisition Manager for Enterprise Holdings, Inc., which operates Alamo, Enterprise, and National Car Rental Companies in Houston, Texas

TSU’s Strahan, Among 7, To Be Honored In Black College Football Hall of Fame 2014 Class By Atlanta Falcons

The Black College Football Hall of Fame recently announced its seven newest members. The Class of 2014 includes six players and one coach. The inductees were selected from a list of 25 finalists who had been determined earlier by the Black College Football Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

The list includes TSU’s Michael Strahan, defensive end Texas Southern University (1989-1992). Strahan’s credentials are: two time 1st Team All-SWAC and SWAC Defensive Player of the Year; Black College Defensive Player of the Year (1992); holds TSU record with 41.5 career sacks; selected by New York Giants in 2nd round, 40th pick overall (1993 NFL Draft); elected to seven Pro Bowls; named All-Pro six times; NFL record for sacks in a season (22.5); NFL Defensive Player of the Year (2001); Super Bowl XLII Champion; named to 2000s NFL All-Decade Team; retired with 141.5 career sacks; and named to Giants Ring of Honor.

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The Selection Committee is comprised of black college football sports writers, analysts and commentators Roscoe Nance (Chairman), Donald Hunt, Ty Miller, Charlie Neal and Lloyd Vance; former NFL General Managers Ernie Accorsi and Gil Brandt; long-time NFL scouts Charles Bailey and Charles Garcia; director of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture Lonnie Bunch; and historian Michael Hurd.

The Class of 2014 includes player inductees Robert Brazile (Jackson State University), Leroy Kelly (Morgan State University), John Stallworth (Alabama A&M University), Michael Strahan (Texas Southern University), Willie Totten (Mississippi Valley State University), Doug Wilkerson (North Carolina Central University), and coach inductee Marino Casem (Alcorn State University).

These men will be honored at the Fifth Annual Enshrinement Ceremony, presented by the Atlanta Falcons on March 1, 2014. The event will take place at the Loews Hotel in Atlanta in conjunction with Black College Football weekend.

“The history of Black College Football is compelling and must be shared,” said Atlanta Falcons Owner & Chairman Arthur Blank. “We are proud to support the Black College Football Hall of Fame, and we congratulate the Class of 2014.”

TSU board elected the following officers at their October meeting.

Chair – Regent Glenn Lewis
Vice Chair – Regent Dionicio Flores
2nd Vice Chair – Regent Curtistene McCowan
Secretary – Regent Samuel Bryant

Radiation Safety Training

The Radiation Safety Training will 1) Address basic topics and principles of radiation safety and apply them to the use of radioactive materials in research at Texas Southern University; 2) Address Texas regulatory requirements for radioactive material use; and, 3) Address procedures for receipt, use, storage, and disposal of radioactive materials in compliance with the Safety Manual at Texas Southern University.

Target Audience: This training is mandatory for all PIs listed on TSU’s radiation safety license and their students and staff who will be working in labs authorized for radiation use.

Duration: 3hrs.

When: Thursday, November 7, 2013
Where: Sterling Student Life Center Room 237
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P. Contact:
Ms. Kimbler Lofton at extension 4245 to register.

On Wednesday, October 23, 2013 Texas Southern University held its first annual Campus Sustainability Day, hosted by the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs (BJML SPA) and the Buildings and Grounds Department. “If we take care of the planet, the planet will take care of us” was the overall theme of the day.

Campus Sustainability Day was a time to recognize the success, challenges, and innovation of sustainability in higher education on our campus and also, as Dr. John Rudley, President of Texas Southern University, stated “To rebrand Third Ward” with a sustainable future. Texas Southern University in conjunction with American Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) (http://www.aashe.org/campus-sustainability-day) hosts events that are leading the sustainable transformation.

Campus Sustainability Day included a variety of sustainable activities such as a bike scavenger hunt, tree and seedling planting, paver painting, and recycling initiatives. The Texas Southern University community rallied together for this exciting event including students, faculty, and staff, neighboring members of the Cuney Homes, the Wallip School, and Jack Yates High School. The event kicked off with a informative program on the steps of the Sterling Student Life Center(SSLC) with special guests as Dr. Rudley; Mr. Tony Gunsolley, President and CEO of the Houston Housing Authority; Paula Harris from HISD School Board, along with many other community members. Dr. Robert Bullard, Dean of the BJML SPA and noted “Father of Environmental Justice”, ignited the sustainability movement on campus and advocacy spirit in Texas Southern University students, while providing knowledge of sustainability concepts on campus and in the surrounding community. Dean Bullard, when asked what is the future of sustainability at Texas Southern University stated, “We need our university to lead the way when it comes to sustainability and our students to be active ambassadors for our futures. It is our goal to build a partnership with the community because this partnership is a winning combination in the fight for a sustainable future.”
Use of Human Subjects in Research Workshop/IRB

This workshop on the use of Human Subjects in Research will provide a general overview of the Internal Review Board (IRB) protocol submission and review processes. It will educate participants on the importance of maintaining compliance with the IRB. Additionally, the workshop will provide information on the responsibilities of researchers, and institutional officials for the protection of human subjects in research.

Target Audience: The workshop is mandatory for all investigators who are conducting human subject research and for those currently serving or about to begin serving as a member of an IRB.

Duration: 2 hours

When: Tuesday, November 5, 2013
Where: Education Building Room 318
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

R.S.V.P. Contact: Ms. Kimbler Lofton at extension 4245 to register
BJML School of Public Affairs Launches Invisible Houston Revisited Summit Webpage

The Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern University launched the Invisible Houston Revisited webpage for its Policy Summit to be held on campus November 2, 2013. The one-day Summit focuses on various forms of inequality in the nation’s fourth largest city over the past three decades since research on the original Invisible Houston: The Black Experience in Boom and Bust, a book written by Robert D. Bullard, Dean of the BJML School of Public Affairs. Using an equity lens, the Summit seeks to shed light on a number of questions: Is there an “Invisible Houston” today? What is the state of inequality (racial/ethnic, economic, environmental, health, housing, political, etc.) in Houston? To what extent has Houston closed the racial/ethnic divide and well-being gap over the past three decades? How has access to opportunity trended during Houston’s boom and bust cycles? Now that Houston has regained its “boom-town” status, the question remains, how is this new prosperity distributed? How are benefits and costs distributed? How are benefits and costs distributed as Houston embarks on becoming a “greener,” more livable and sustainable city? What bold policy changes are needed to address current and emerging challenges facing Houston’s racially/ethnically diverse population? In addition to asking questions, the Summit participants are charged with exploring strategies and solutions going forward. The Summit is free and open to the public. To register for the Summit, go to www.invisiblehouston.com/Registration.html

Participants Needed: Help Houston Prepare for Emergencies

Help Houston prepare for emergencies. We need volunteers to help us practice the distribution of large amounts of lifesaving medications to the public.

Participants are needed to pick up medicines at one of 3 mass dispensing sites.

The first 50 participants at each site will receive a 3 day emergency preparedness kit.

Certificates of Participation will be offered for anyone wishing to document their community service hours.

When: Saturday November 2nd, 2013, 9am-12pm

Where: Select one of 3 sites listed below

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