Locke Keynote Speaker for TSU Founders Day 2014

“A Tribute to Mickey Leland”

Gene Locke. Houston attorney and former Chief of Staff for the late Congressman Mickey Leland, will be the keynote speaker for the 2014 Founders Day celebration on Friday, September 19, at 10a.m. The event will be held in the Sawyer Auditorium on campus.

Founders Day will pay tribute to Congressman Leland who died in a plane crash 25 years ago in famine-stricken Ethiopia. Leland was leading an international delegation as part of the U.S. House of Representatives’ Select Committee on Hunger which he chaired. TSU alumnus Leland succeeded fellow TSU alumnus Barbara Jordan in representing Houston’s historic 18th Congressional district.

Locke served as Houston City Attorney under Mayor Bob Lanier where he led the negotiations and development for Minute Maid Park, NRG Stadium and the Toyota Center. In 2009, Locke ran for Mayor of Houston and forced a runoff election against Annise Parker.

All freshmen are required to attend and faculty is encouraged to attend and dress in full academic regalia. This event is free and open to the general public.

TSU Losses Jazz Great with Passing of Joe Sample

Texas Southern alumnus and jazz great Joe Sample died Friday, September 12 in Houston. He was 75.

Sample was a native Houstonian who started playing the piano very early in life. He attended Texas Southern where he studied music performance, and eventually formed The Jazz Crusaders with his old friends saxophonist Wilton Felder, drummer Stix Hooper, trombonist Wayne Henderson, and several other musicians.

Known as the “fathers of jazz-funk-fusion,” the group produced more than 40 albums, 19 of which appeared on the Billboard top 200. Samples’ unique compositions and style allowed him work with recording artists like Marvin Gaye, Anita Baker, Joni Mitchell and many others. He spent more than 50 years as a jazz pianist, keyboardist and composer, and was one of the most influential pianists of a generation.

In 2010, Sample received an Honorary Doctorate of Letters from Texas Southern and he taught the TSU Jazz Orchestra Project masters course in 2012.

Sample is survived by his wife Yolanda and his son Nicklas.

A public viewing for Sample will be Friday, September 19, from 6:00pm -9:00pm at Our Mother of Mercy Church, 4000 Sumpter Street, Houston, Texas 77020.

Homecoming Website Launched

Homecoming 2014 is a little more than a month away and the excitement is already building. In preparation for the thousands who will attend and participate in this year’s lineup of exciting events, TSU’s Office of Marketing and Communications has launched the new 2014 “OneTSU” Homecoming web site. The Web site is homecoming central for information and entry forms to all the events and activities planned for this year - including the parade, President’s Gala,

Visit www.tsu.edu and make plans now to celebrate Homecoming 2014.

Texas Southern University Faculty Receives Major Award

The Department of Homeland Security has announced that its 2014 Scientific Leadership Award goes to Texas Southern University (TSU). This highly competitive award goes to accredited Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) to build Homeland Security Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (HS-STEM) initiatives. This grant will be used to establish related curricula and courses of study by supporting the development of early-career faculty, and recruiting and mentoring students.

The title of the TSU proposal is, “Technically Savvy Homeland Security Professionals for Maritime Transportation Security.” The Principal Investigator (PI) of the grant is Dr. Yi Qi, assistant professor of Transportation Studies. Co-PIs include Dr. Miao Pan, associate professor of Computer Science and Dr. Yunjiao Wang, assistant professor of Mathematics.

This is a five year grant with a total funding of $800,000. At current stage, the funding for Phase I (FYs 2015 and 2016) in the amount of $300,000 was approved and the funding for Phase 2 will be subject to the satisfactory progress of Phase I.

“This grant will foster and broaden the university’s existing B.S. level program in Maritime Transportation Management and Security, and enhance the interdisciplinary collaborations between different departments in COST,” said Dr. Lei Yu, dean of COST.

Captain Edwards Receives 2014 Pioneer Award

Captain Roscoe Edwards received the 2014 Pioneer Award from the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAB) and was inducted into the OBAB Hall of Fame. Edwards was selected and recognized because of his reputation of promoting and recruiting African Americans into the airline industry.

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Among the many achievements in Edwards’ 30-year aviation career was the creation of the non-profit FAA approved Raiders-Tigers Flying Club (a combination of Sterling High School and Texas Southern University mascots). Through this flying club, Edwards created a pipeline for students at Sterling Aviation High School to enroll in Texas Southern’s Aviation Management program to earn their degrees. He arranged for students to do internships at Continental Express Airlines as well as provided scholarships for 737 jumbo jet training, both of which gave students direct opportunities to land full time jobs. Several of his former students have broken barriers in the aviation industry.

Captain Edwards currently serves as the Director of Flight Operations of TSU’s aviation program.

University Calendar 2014

Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Resume Boot Camp
Recreation Center Second Floor, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
SAMPLE Résumés can be downloaded at www.tsu.edu/careercenter

Thursday, September 18, 2014
TLEC Presents: Powerful Learning Experience
COLLEGE OF EDUCATION, room 318, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Friday, September 19, 2014
Founders Day
Sawyer Auditorium, 10:00 a.m.
Attendance is mandatory for all freshmen students

TLEC Presents: Understanding How My Cultural Competence Impacts My Practice TRAINING
RJT Library Exhibit Room, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 24, 2014
disAbility Awareness Day
Recreation Center, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 25, 2014
2014 Tiger Career Fair
Recreation Center, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Business Professional Attire and Resume Required for Entrance

Saturday, September 27, 2014
10th Anniversary of Confucius Institute Worldwide Celebration

Wednesday, October 2, 2014
Career Services Professional Document Series
New Science Center Atrium, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
For more information contact the Office of Career Services at 713-313-7541

TSU News

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.

Tigers 3-0 after Big Win in Bahamas

The Texas Southern Fighting Tigers are a perfect 3-0 this football season after defeating Central State – Ohio in the Inaugural HBCUX Classic in Nassau, Bahamas.

The Tigers won 30-16 in their third straight victory. TSU will face Alabama A&M on Saturday, September 20, on the Tiger’s home field, BBVA Compass Stadium at 7:00pm. Tickets can be purchased online or at the BBVA Compass Stadium box office. Go Tigers!

Texas Southern University Office of Admissions will be celebrating Galena Park ISD and Pasadena ISD districts at the game on Saturday. Administrators and students from both districts will be in attendance. TSU Tigers play host to Alabama A&M at 7:00p.m. on Saturday, September 20 at the home of the Tigers, BBVA Compass Stadium.

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**Annual Career Fair Coming September 25**

Potential job opportunities are coming to the campus of Texas Southern University and organizers want you to be prepared.

A “Resume Boot Camp” is scheduled for Wednesday, September 17 from 10:00am – 2:00pm on the second floor of the TSU Student Rec Center. The Boot Camp will feature tools and tips on creating a successful résumé, how to prepare for a confident interview, and how to interface with industry career professionals.

The actual 2014 Tiger Career Fair is the following week on Thursday, September 25 from 10:00am – 2:00pm in the Student Rec Center.

Some of the companies expected include Sherwin Williams, Houston Independent School District, Pappas Restaurants, Department of Justice, Regions Bank, Texas Department of Transportation, J.B Hunt, Horne CPAs and Business Advisors, Hertz, CVS Caremark, and many more.

The Texas Southern Office of Career Services is sponsoring the career fair. They encourage the attendees to “dress for success” and bring plenty of resumes.

For more information, contact the TSU Office of Career Services at placementservices@tsu.edu or 713-313-7541

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**Forensic Science Learning Lab Opens Lecture Series**

A renowned figure in forensic science is coming to Texas Southern University. **Lois Gibson** will be the first lecturer in the fall series of the Forensic Science Learning Lab. Gibson will speak Thursday, September 25th from 11:00am to 12:30pm in the Walter J. McCoy Auditorium in the TSU Public Affairs Building room 114.

Gibson is noted in the Guinness Book of Records as **The World’s Most Successful Forensic Artist**. Her most noted case includes her sketch of unidentified murdered baby girl called “Baby Grace.” The famous sketch prompted Riley Ann Sawyers’ grandmother to identify her for the Galveston authorities resulting in the apprehension and conviction of her murderers. Gibson’s personal story of survival led her to create the forensic artist job at the Houston Police Department where she has helped bring more than 1,200 criminals to justice.

For more information/inquiries, please contact: Dr. Ashraf Mozayani, MozayaniA@tsu.edu / (713) 313-7332 or LaRence Snowden, SnowdenLB@tsu.edu / (713) 313-6844

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**Disability Awareness Day Develops Awareness Through Activities**

The Office of Disability Services (ODS) wants to give you a different perspective on the life of the disabled through their biannual Disability Awareness Day (DAD) Wednesday, September 24, 2014 from 10:00am – 2:00pm in the Student Recreation Center.

DAD will be interactive. Participants will be able to navigate obstacle courses using wheelchairs to demonstrate maneuvering difficulties and wearing alcohol simulation goggles to demonstrate visual difficulties. There will also be fun reading exercise to demonstrate Dyslexia tendencies, a service animal educator and interactive lip reading exercise to demonstrate hard of hearing difficulties.

The event is an opportunity to recognize daily challenges an individual with disabilities endures. The hope is to develop sensitivity that will cultivate respect, courtesy and social acceptance towards inclusion.

The ODS would like to invite faculty to consider bringing your class to the event to educate and develop awareness and sensitivity by participating in the interactive activities. Staff is welcomed to attend as well.

ODS asks that class/participants receive extra credit for attending the DAD 2014 event. A sign-in sheet will be provided for all attendees to confirm their presence and brochures will be provided for students to return to class with.

Contact the ODS at 713-313-4210 for more information.