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## State of the University presentation set for May 5



TSU President **Austin Lane** will deliver his inaugural State of the University address on May 5 at 1:30 p.m. in Sawyer Auditorium. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend.

Dr. Lane will share information gathered during his Listen and Learn Tour and how the data has contributed to shaping the University's top five priorities. The University's priorities have been identified as student success, academic quality, culture, funding, and partnerships.

President Lane will detail planning for each item during the presentation. Here is a preview:

### Student Success

Our number-one priority is cultivating the successful TSU student from Freshman Orientation through Graduation (within four years). University support services must be centralized and efficient so that students can travel a seamless path to complete their degree program.

### Academic quality

The University offers a range of top-quality academic programs with exceptional faculty. It is critical to highlight the law, pharmacy, education, business, STEM and aviation curricula. The

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## Houston nonprofit partners with TSU to offer music scholarships



Music Doing Good, a local nonprofit arts organization that inspires and transforms lives through innovative, music-based programming and performance experiences, has announced the launch of their new scholarship program.

"With the rising cost of tuition, college is not an option for so many families," said **Marie Bosarge**, president and founder of Music Doing Good. "It is heartbreaking to think that many talented young people will not make it to the stage or the classroom for lack of funding. It has been my dream to establish this kind of program and now it is a reality. This program will enable students with limited means, but exceptional musical talent, to pursue their dreams as professional musicians."

The Music Doing Good College-Bound Fund will donate \$40,000 over the next four years to send two students to Texas Southern University to complete a four-year degree.

"I would like to express our sincere thanks to Ms. Bosarge and her organization, Music Doing Good, on behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Texas Southern University," said TSU President **Austin Lane**. "Our University has a rich tradition of producing iconic musical artists such as Kirk Whalum, Yolanda Adams, Horace Alexander Young and the late Joe Sample, to name a few. These scholarships will serve as a catalyst in allowing recipients to develop into the next generation of musical greats hailing from TSU."

The Moores School of Music at the University of Houston, University of St. Thomas and Houston Community College will also receive Music Doing Good College-Bound Fund scholarships. Recipients will be announced on May 4, 2017.

## TSU Board of Regents approve 2020 Census Project

The Texas Southern University Board of Regents approved a resolution of support on April 17 for the Let's Count People of Color and Low Income Urban Americans 2020 Census Project. The Houston component of the project is sponsored by TSU's Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs.

The Let's Count Project is a major national civic engagement effort focused on helping cities prepare for the 2020 census count, redistricting in 2021 and securing federal government funding for local social services, community-based organizations and infrastructure projects.

"The School of Public Affairs is committed to making a positive difference in urban communities across the state of Texas and the nation. Helping to reduce the historic undercounting of people of color and

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## COE alumni named Secondary Teacher of the Year



**Bresean André Cockrell** (TSU '11) was selected as the 2017 Secondary Teacher of the Year for the Alief Independent School District. He teaches algebra at the Elsie Ninth Grade Center.

Cockrell earned a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics with a concentration in Secondary Education. He attended TSU on a full scholarship through the Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Program supported by the National Science Foundation.

## TSU Athletics names Presidential Award recipients at annual All-Sports Banquet



The 2016-2017 TSU Athletics Presidential Awards went to Lady Tigers Volleyball player **Allison Woods** and Tigers Baseball player **Kamren Dukes**. They are shown with Texas Southern University Board of Regents acting Chairman **Wesley Terrell** (left) and Board of Regents second Vice Chair **Marilyn Rose** (right).



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low-income Americans during the decennial census will help make a meaningful difference in the proper allocation of federal funding and the reapportionment and redistricting process that grows out of the census count," said Dr. **Michael O. Adams**, interim dean of the School of Public Affairs.

Dr. Adams said the Let's Count 2020 Census Project is a confirmation of the legacies of Jordan and Leland, and a manifestation of the TSU motto of "Excellence in Achievement."

Texas Southern University is one of the nation's largest Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs is named in honor of two former African American members of Congress who were committed to social justice and protecting civil and human rights in support of the "common good."

For more information about the Let's Count People of Color and Low Income Urban Americans 2020 Census Project, contact Dr. Michael O. Adams at 713-313-7660 or [adams\\_mo@tsu.edu](mailto:adams_mo@tsu.edu)

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University must promote all degree options as part of an institution-wide dedication to excellence at TSU.

### Culture

Texas Southern University is built on trust, transparency, fairness and communication. The HBCU culture is revered around the world and TSU's core values should reflect cherished traditions while preparing our students for a global society.

### Funding

The University must grow and improve our brand to make our institution attractive to potential donors. There needs to be a dedicated effort to solicit funding from state legislators and corporate entities. Federal and state financial-aid streams must be cultivated and organized to reduce stress for students and their parents. The financial pipeline needs to be streamlined to work in a more efficient manner. Proper financial aid procedures will correct some of the problems and issues with student housing.

### Partnerships

This priority is critical for the University's long-term growth and development. Our collaborations with local ISDs, community colleges – Lone Star College, Houston Community College, San Jacinto, Wharton – and our alumni are crucial to TSU's progress. We have an opportunity to attract about 300,000 students the majority of whom are African American and Hispanic. The University must provide a seamless transition for community-college students, creating a higher-education pipeline for those seeking a four-year degree. Part of my charge is to work hand-in-hand with chancellors to obtain strong articulation agreements. The University will always welcome Asian, Caucasian, and international students, but we want to remain true to our mission and brand to provide a quality education with a strong social and community service component.

## Four cadets receive ROTC Scholarships



(l-r) Marques Bonner, Eriq Glenn, Marilynn Square, Macklin Thomas and Amos Boodram.

TSU ROTC Cadets were awarded scholarships at the Houston Battalion Army ROTC 2017 Awards Ceremony on April 12 at the University of Houston. **Marques Bonner**, **Eriq Glenn**, **Macklin Thomas** and **Amos Boodram** received scholarships for their outstanding military and academic achievement. TSU Registrar **Marilynn Square** presented a \$2,500 scholarship to each cadet.

## TSU scholars deliver findings on the Dallas juvenile justice system



Dr. **Howard Henderson**, along with doctoral candidates **Whitney Threadcraft-Walker** and **Devonte White**, with the support of TSU's Office of Research, conducted an evaluation of the Dallas County Juvenile Justice Department's Diversion Male Court (DMC). The DMC was designed to assist Black and Hispanic male juvenile probationers.

The findings demonstrated that juveniles who participated in the DMC program were less likely to use illegal substances and be arrested than those who received regular probation. The study addresses an absence of minority-based diversion programs and highlights the importance of a solutions-based approach to challenges faced by juvenile justice departments.