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TSU Regents confirm Melinda Spaulding as new VP of University Advancement



Texas Southern University's Board of Regents unanimously confirmed **Melinda Spaulding Chevalier** as the new Vice President of University Advancement. Spaulding, an Emmy Award-winning journalist, will direct the university's marketing, communications, development and alumni relations departments. The confirmation took place at the board's quarterly meeting on August 18.

"We are elated to have a dynamic and seasoned professional join our university," said TSU President Dr. Austin A. Lane. "Melinda's experiences across the public spectrum in Houston and the region will help TSU raise its profile on a national and global level. Texas Southern is honored to have her join our dedicated administration and the Tiger family."

Spaulding was a member of the KRIV-TV/Fox 26 news team for 13 years, co-anchoring the prime-time evening and night news broadcasts. She was a reporter and anchored morning updates at WGNO-TV, the ABC news affiliate in New Orleans. She was awarded an Emmy for Best Spot News Coverage and named Best Spot News Reporter for her work at WGNO by the regional Associated Press. Spaulding started her journalism career in New York as a member of the launch team for *Entertainment Weekly Online* and as the first editor-in-chief of *Essence Online*. She went on to become a writer and morning news producer at KTLA-TV in Los Angeles, winning the Best News Writing award from the regional Associated Press.

Spaulding, a native of New Jersey, is a graduate of Howard University. She is a former board member of Family Houston and served on the advisory board for Pro Vision, Inc., an open-enrollment charter middle and high school in the Sunnyside community. She started the Dream Journal Academy to provide journals to area school children so they can write about their passions and dreams to bolster their education and personal aspirations.

Spaulding and her husband, Felix Chevalier, are the proud parents of a daughter, Landon and a son, Felix II.

MCH STARS program premieres with 100% success rate



The first cohort in the Maternal and Child Health Student Training for Academic Readiness and Success (MCH STARS) program received their certificates in an August 12 ceremony. MCH STARS is a partnership between Texas Southern University and Baylor College of Medicine to train the next generation of maternity and child health workers in assessing and researching disparity outcomes in maternal and child health. Dr. **Hamisu Salihu** from the Baylor College of Medicine, Health Resources and Services Administration – Maternal Child Health is the program's principal investigator.

"The impact of this novel program is that students will be competent in maternity and child health, and actively engaged in maternity and child health mentored research and experiential opportunities," said Dr. **Omonike Olaleye**, COPHS associate professor of pharmacology and program co-director of MCH STARS. "This will enhance and strengthen the student's competitiveness for MCH graduate programs and the workforce."

MCH STARS is supported through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Admission is open to all TSU students who anticipate pursuing a career in maternal and child health after graduation. Students will be prepared for

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Faculty News and Notes



Dr. **Robert Bullard** distinguished professor of urban planning and environmental policy, is the recipient of the from the Children's Environmental Health Network (CEHN). The award will be presented at CEHN's 25th Anniversary Gala on October 13 in Washington, DC.



Dr. **Howard Henderson**, administration of justice professor, has been appointed to serve on the Harris County Criminal Justice Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) Committee. RED is a new committee created to address disparities across the criminal justice system in Harris County.



Dr. **Bobby Wilson**, interim provost and vice president of academic affairs, and **Kevin Anthony**, chemistry professor, have been recognized by the United States Army for their contributions and student mentorship in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics at Texas Southern University's summer 2017 Research and Engineering Apprenticeship program.





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graduate school and jobs that match their respective majors.

The program's first cohort of 28 students reported a 100% completion rate. Courses were taught by faculty from Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Southern University using a training approach that integrated traditional methods with cutting-edge technology. Each student was assigned a mentoring team for guidance in navigating the program and career opportunities.

Outstanding students included **Erika Dennis**, a recent health administration graduate who was accepted to Duke University, Emory University, and George Washington University Schools of Nursing; **Khalifa Kelly**, a Chemistry major on a pre-med track who was accepted into the prestigious Brookhaven National Laboratory for a summer internship; **Tasha Roshan**, a pre-pharmacy major who was accepted into TSU's Pharm.D. program for Fall 2017 and received a TSU-UTEP NIH BUILDing Scholars Student Achievement Award; **Dorian Fernandez**, a pre-med major who received the 2017 UTEP Summer Research Internship and a TSU-UTEP NIH BUILDing Scholars Student Achievement Award; and **Aisha Kazeem**, who earned entry into the prestigious Eli Lilly and Company APPE Student Rotation Program.

"I am grateful for the tremendous opportunities that this program has to offer as it relates to general knowledge about maternal and child health complications, investigative and analytical research training, as well as the ability to pursue a research publication as an undergraduate student," Dennis said.

Texas Southern University is now home to NAACP official archives



(l-r) TSU Regent Erik Salwen, Regent Gary Bledsoe, TSU President Austin Lane, and Student Regent Justin Lee view the archives.

Texas Southern University has been designated as the official depository of records from the Texas NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People). A special presentation was held August 17 in the University's Robert J. Terry Library. The collection consists of minutes, newspaper clippings, legal documents, brochures, Freedom Banquet programs and photographs, along with digitized images from individual Texas NAACP branches.

"It is important for the papers to be housed at Texas Southern University," said Gary Bledsoe, Texas NAACP president. "Dating back to the landmark U.S. Supreme Court case of Sweatt v. Painter that successfully challenged the 'separate but equal' doctrine of racial segregation, these two organizations have been connected in the continuous struggle for equality for all Texans. It is only fitting that our permanent archives be housed here."

The collection will be housed in library's Special Collections department. Individual branches and active NAACP members can send their material to Texas Southern to be placed on loan or permanently archived. Texas NAACP archive will join the Barbara Jordan Archives and the Mickey Leland Center as campus resources for research and scholarly activity.

"We want to see these archives grow in volume and technology," said Cecilia Venable, author, historian and archivist for Texas State NAACP. "Once people know that our records are here at TSU we hope that other people will bring their things that they have from the NAACP. We want to make this the go-to place for scholars who are looking for material to write about this organization. In the future, we hope to digitize the records and make them even more accessible."

The ceremony was attended by Howard Jefferson, NAACP national board of directors; Dr. **James Douglas**, Houston NAACP president; **Calon Mask-Oats**, NAACP unit 6864 president; Dr. **Austin Lane**, TSU president; **Wesley Terrell**, acting TSU Board of Regents chairman; **James Harris**, H-E-B director of Diversity and Inclusion and Supplier Diversity; Dr. **Michael Adams**, interim dean Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs; Dr. **Merline Pitre**, interim dean College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences; and **Patricia Bernstein**, author; TSU **Regents Marilyn A. Rose, Samuel L. Bryant, Erik D. Salwen, Sarah D. Monty-Aroni, Glenn O. Lewis, Derrick M. Mitchell, Oliver J. Bell, and Justin J. Lee** were also in attendance.

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