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TSU alum Kirk Whalum rings in holiday season with Gospel-Jazz concert in Sawyer



Music lovers, including Gospel and Jazz aficionados, were treated to a delightful evening of entertainment by **Kirk Whalum** and friends. The “Gospel According to Jazz” concert was held December 2 in Sawyer Auditorium.

Whalum (TSU ’82) was joined on stage by pianist **Keiko Matsui**, guitarist **Norman Brown** and R&B songstress **Shelea**. The trio performed traditional Christmas hymns re-imagined with a jazz theme, along with several selections from their individual solo albums. **Kevin Whalum**, Kirk’s brother, was the vocalist for several numbers along with **John Stoddart**. A reception was held in Hannah Hall following the concert.

Mayor Turner to deliver keynote speech at TSU’s 2016 Winter Commencement



Houston Mayor **Sylvester Turner** will serve as commencement speaker for Texas Southern University’s 2016 Winter Commencement activities to be held Saturday, December 9 at 9:30 a.m. in H&PE Arena.

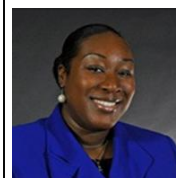
Renald “Ren” Moore, a Radio, Television and Film student, has been named class valedictorian. **Sarah Tarek Hussein**, a Biology student, will be the salutatorian. Port Arthur business leader **Roosevelt Petry, Jr.** will receive an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

Graduation rehearsals were held on Thursday, December 8 in H&PE Arena. Graduating seniors received refreshments after the early rehearsal courtesy of the Office of Alumni Relations. The Office of the Provost hosted a reception after the evening rehearsal. Graduating seniors received a free, one-

year membership in the TSU National Alumni Association by completing a contact card after either rehearsal.

H&PE Arena doors will open at 7:00 a.m. on December 9. Audience overflow for Commencement will be held in the Recreation Center and the ceremony will be streamed live on a big screen. The ceremony will be streamed live at http://commencement.tsu.edu/?page_id=8801 and broadcast live on www.ktsufm.org.

Dr. Drake appointed to Texas Forensic Science Commission



Dr. **Jasmine Drake**, Administration of Justice assistant professor and Forensic Science Learning lab coordinator, has been appointed to the Texas Forensic Science Commission by Texas Governor **Greg Abbott**. The Commission provides oversight over

Texas crime laboratories and other entities conducting forensic analysis for use in criminal proceedings. The Commission is an accreditation body responsible for establishing procedures, policies, and practices to improve the quality of forensic work conducted in Texas.

COE to host Excellence in Education scholarship gala

Texas Southern University’s College of Education will hold its inaugural *Excellence in Education Gala* on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at the Junior League of Houston. The gala will benefit the college’s scholarship fund. Reverend **Manson B. Johnson** of Holman Street Baptist Church and **Patsy Finch** of MEI Technologies are serving as honorary co-chairs.

Retired COE Professor Dr. **Cherry Gooden** will be the keynote speaker and **Marcus Wiley**, TSU alumnus and co-host of the *Yolanda Adams Morning Show*, will serve as the emcee. Special guests will be honored for their exemplary service as educators in TSU’s College of Education.

Ticket prices are \$75 per person or \$750 for a table of ten. Tickets can be purchased at <http://tsu.thankyou4caring.org/ExcellenceinEducationAwardsGala>. The event is black-tie-optional. Event sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Dr. Bernell Peltier-Glaze at 713-313-7350 or at glazebm@tsu.edu for more information.

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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.

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TSU's Global Applied Economics Forum welcomes Japanese students

Texas Southern University's Jesse H. Jones College of Business hosted six Yokohama National University (YNU) economic students as part of their third annual Global Applied Economics Forum (GAEF) held November 16-23. GAEF is a project-based forum that challenges YNU students to work in collaboration with an international partner university.

JHJ Economics professor and 2015 YNU Fulbright Scholar Dr. **Claudius Claiborne** with Professor **Alexander McAulay** facilitated the students' development project. Both universities offered a projection for their respective institutions. The YNU cohort's focus was *2066: Opening Doors to the Future*.

The students' work was an outgrowth of marketing and innovation courses taught by Dr. Claiborne. Professor McAulay and Dr. Claiborne combined their research areas, which included McAulay's course in screenwriting, to develop the project. Students were required to research societal trends and use them as the basis for a narrative told from the perspective of visitors from 2066. The scenario, set as the main event of GAEF 2016 and the culmination of months of research, was produced in a television studio in TSU's School of Communications.

YNU and TSU students participated in a range of activities and social events held throughout the week. The collaboration will continue and discussions are underway for a TSU cohort to visit YNU in 2017.

Texas Southern's Adams inducted into 2016 SWAC Hall of Fame



The Southwestern Athletic Conference Hall of Fame welcomed nine new members this December including none other than TSU head volleyball coach **Jocelyn Adams**. The honorees were enshrined on Dec. 1 at The Westin Galleria Hotel in Houston.

The newest members of the Hall of Fame were selected from a list of nominees who were submitted by his or her respective institution. The nominees were then elected for

induction by the selection committee from members appointed by SWAC Presidents and Chancellors.

Adams is one of the most successful names in the history of Prairie View A&M athletics. Prior to leading Texas Southern to three straight Western Division titles, Adams coached PVAMU from 1990-99. In her tenure, Adams won SWAC Coach of the Year honors in 1990 and guided the Lady Panthers to the 1992 SWAC Volleyball Championship, the first in school history.

She is also one of the most accomplished track and field athletes in Lady Panthers lore, having won numerous conference and national championships as well as garnering All-America honors eight times over the course of her collegiate career.

TSU leadership hosts annual Holiday party



President Lane hosted TSU's annual Faculty and Staff Holiday Celebration December 2 in the Student Life Center cafeteria. Here are a few snapshots from the event.

**Happy
Holidays**

**Texas Southern University
Will be closed from
Thursday
December 22, 2016
until
Sunday
January 1, 2017**