Technology professor vying for 2017 Eni Award

Dr. Edward E. Osakue, an Industrial Technology professor, and his research collaborators Dr. Lucky Anetor and Dr. Christopher Odetunde, have been selected as a team finalist for the 2017 Eni Award. The article selected for consideration is Thermoeconomic Optimization of a 450 MW Natural Gas Burning Steam Power Plant. Anetor was the paper’s lead author with Osakue and Odetunde serving as co-authors.

The Eni Award is presented annually by an Italian energy company and is aimed at promoting research and technological innovation in energy and the environment. The trio is competing for a prize of €200,000 (US $210,801) and special recognition for their research activities in the energy field.

Alumni partner with TSU to host recruitment, tailgate events

Texas Southern University alumni partnered with their alma mater to participate in a recruitment fair in Los Angeles and a special tailgate event at Gridiron Glory near TSU’s University Museum.

TSU alumni met more than 500 students at the Black Expo College Fair held at the Los Angeles Convention Center to discuss degree options and campus life at their beloved University. Several Los Angeles alumni chapter members, who are also TSU National Alumni Association board members, assisted Brian Armstrong, TSU’s director of recruitment. TSUNAA members included Will Hampton, Julia Askew, Keith Scott, Shaunté Abdin, Linda Boyd and Joyce Norfleet.

TSU awarded 15 on-the-spot scholarships to top high school seniors in attendance, admitted 124 students, and received 197 contact cards from high school students from the Los Angeles area.

“It was exciting to speak with students who are interested in attending TSU. Parents were excited to speak with alumni to learn more about TSU and alumni were excited to assist the University,” said TSUNAA President Julia Askew.

TSU alumni and former students are working in tandem with TSU’s Office of Recruitment to reach students on a local, state and national basis and persuade them to attend Texas Southern. Alumni play a pivotal role in the recruitment process, attending college fairs in various cities and sharing their college experience with potential students.

TSU alumni also hosted the Ultimate Gridiron Tailgate on February 18 at the Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame exhibit, currently housed on campus in the University Museum. The event raised money for student scholarships.

“Any time alumni come together to support our alma mater for our students and have fun, it is well worth it. As alumni, it is our duty and responsibility to give back to our alma mater,” said Connie Cochran, assistant vice president for Alumni Relations and Special Events.

Alumni and former students are urged to update their information with the Office of Alumni Relations. For details or to experience the Gridiron Glory exhibit, contact Connie Cochran at 713-313-1363 or via e-mail at ccochrancoole@tsu.edu.

TSU engineering major named Apple HBCU Scholar

Samuel Kanu, Electrical/Computer Engineering and Mathematics major, has been selected to join the Apple HBCU Scholars program. Kanu was one of 35 students named from 16 HBCUs. Apple hosted a five-day immersive experience at its headquarters in Cupertino, California, where students learned more about the company’s culture and community.

Kanu, a junior, will have the opportunity in May to gain hands-on experience through a paid internship at Apple and will receive a scholarship to complete his final year at TSU. He is president of TSU’s National Society of Black Engineers student chapter and a TSU Calculus Bowl champion.

This is the second year of an initiative that Apple launched in partnership with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund to provide opportunities in the technology industry for students and enhance engagement with faculty on HBCU campuses.

JHJ Graduate Student Association hosts successful Career Fair

The inaugural Jesse H. Jones Graduate Student Association (GSA) Career Fair, held recently in the JHJ School of Business, was an overwhelming success. The fair, conceived and organized by Travis Ward (GSA President), Lenna Myles (GSA Vice President) and Jakeim Jackson (GSA Secretary), had 68 students and 10 firms in attendance.

A number of JHJ alumni participated as recruiters from their respective organizations and JHJ MBA students were given access to potential employment opportunities, adding to the quality and impact of the fair. Verdis Wilson (JHJ Alumni Association President) and Blake Green (previous JHJ Alumni Association President) were instrumental in getting alumni to participate in the fair. Wilson and JHJ Alumni provided refreshments for recruiters.

Management Professor Dr. Rochelle Parks-Yancy and Dr. Mahesh Vanjani assisted JHJ students in organizing the event. TSU Career Services Director Dr. Antoinette Roberson and her staff provided event assistance and edited students’ résumés prior to the fair. JHJ Academic Advisor Naveed Haider promoted the fair to MBA students and JHJ faculty encouraged students to attend.

TSU Choir gets a financial gift

The TSU Choir received a $2,000 donation from the Rollins-Stewart Chorale, a new chorus named in honor of two beloved former TSU music professors Ruthbel Rollins and Ruth Stewart. The check was presented to Chorale Director Richard Lee on behalf of the TSU Choir. Choir Director Roy Belfield praised the group’s philanthropy.

“We are thankful for this generous donation and the good work of our TSU alumni,” Belfield said.
Full schedule of events slated for TSU Athletics

It will be a busy week for the Texas Southern Athletics Department as TSU will host a total of eleven Southwestern Athletic Conference games in less than a one week span (Thursday, March 2 - Tuesday, March 7).

Texas Southern Men’s and Women’s basketball will get things started (Thursday, March 2 at 5:30/7:30 pm) as they host the Braves of Alcorn State in doubleheader action at the HPE Arena. The Alcorn State at TSU game will be a match-up of the top two men's teams in the SWAC. TSU is the top men's team and Alcorn is only a game behind. A TSU wins gives them the regular season title outright. Alcorn must win to stay in the hunt for the SWAC title. The game has been designated as “Greek Night”. Special discounted tickets at $6 each for individuals wearing their sorority's or fraternity's paraphernalia.

The Lady Tigers basketball team will look for a big win versus ASU to stay in the hunt for a Regular Season Title on the women's side. The following day the Texas Southern Tigers baseball team will open the home portion of their 2017 campaign with a SWAC West showdown versus the Southern Jaguars at MacGregor Park (Friday, March 3 at 5:00 pm).

A total of three games will be played at TSU Athletics home venues on Saturday beginning with game two of the baseball teams' series versus SU (Saturday, March 4 at 2:00 pm) followed by another doubleheader of Men's and Women's basketball action versus the Southern Jaguars (Saturday, March 4 at 5:30/7:30 pm).

TSU Baseball will wrap-up its three-game series versus Southern on Sunday March 5 at 1:00 pm.

Texas Southern softball will host Jarvis Christian for a doubleheader (Tuesday, March, 7 at 2:00/4:00 pm) at Memorial Park.

TSU Men's and Women's basketball will host the Quarterfinals round of the 2017 SWAC Basketball Tournament on Tuesday, March 7 at 5:30 and 7:30 pm (M/W tournament opponents have yet to be determined) rounding out what will be a busy and exciting week of home events for TSU Athletics.

Upcoming TSU Athletics Home Events

Friday, Mar. 3
Baseball host Southern at MacGregor Park 5:00 pm

Saturday, Mar. 4
Baseball host Southern at MacGregor Park 2:00 pm
M/W Basketball host Southern at HPE Arena 5:30 pm/7:30 pm

Sunday, Mar. 5
Baseball host Southern at MacGregor Park 1:00 pm

Tuesday, Mar. 7
Softball host Jarvis Christian at Memorial Park 2:00 pm/4:00 pm
M/W Basketball host SWAC Tournament Quarterfinals at HPE Arena 5:30 pm/7:30 pm

Tiger Day 2017

Texas Southern University’s Office of Admissions hosted over 2,000 high school seniors February 24 during Tiger Day. While on campus the potential future Tigers attended admissions and financial aid sessions, heard academic department presentations, experienced student and Greek-life organizational showcases and took campus tours.

TSU Students Volunteer to Install Youth Computer Lab

TSU Computer Science students volunteered their time to install a lab at the Willow Creek Apartments. They joined a coalition of organizations headed by Bridging the Digital Divide (BDD) to improve the lives of the families living in low-income apartment communities throughout Houston.

The TSU group installed a computer center that will be used by children and adults. The lab will be available to 9,000 people who live at the complex, most living below the poverty line, and will give them the tools to become more self-sufficient. Adults can get tutorials on how to obtain a General Equivalency Diploma (GED) or learn English as a Second Language (ESL), and children of all ages can improve their scholastic skills through academic software. STEM education will be a priority in all of the computer centers.

Families can access a range of computer programs including Read By Five, Computer Literacy, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), along with software for job training and employment searches.
University Calendar 2017

TSU Events at a Glance for February 2017 - April 2017

Friday, March 3 - Saturday, March 4
TSU Theater Present: The Poet and the Rent
Granville Sawyer Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.
Buy tickets online at www.poetandrent.brownpapertickets.com

Friday, March 3 - Sunday, March 5, 2017
NIRSA Region IV Intramural Basketball Tournament
Recreation Center, 5:00 p.m.
For more information contact Jeremy Lewis at 713-313-6897

Saturday, March 4 - Friday, March 10, 2017
Mid-Semester Examinations

Saturday, March 11 - Friday, March 17, 2017
Spring Break

Saturday, March 25, 2017
Shaundra Simmons Foundation Walk for Colon Cancer
Metropolitan CME Church, 8955 S. Frwy. Houston 77051

Tuesday, March 28 - Thursday, March 30, 2017
Research Week - "One World Connected Through Research"
Abstracts and registration must be submitted by March 10 to overbachd@tsu.edu

Wednesday, March 29, 2017
Faculty Senate Elections
Robert J. Terry Library, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 30, 2017
Honors Day Convocation
H&PE Arena, 1:00 p.m.
HONOREES LINEUP STARTS AT NOON
For more information contact the Honors College at 713-313-6725

Saturday, April 1, 2017
TSU Choir Concert - Festivals of Spirituals Concert
St. Luke Community United Methodist Church, 3:00 p.m.
5710 East R. L. Thornton Freeway, Dallas 75223

Friday, April 14, 2017
Good Friday Holiday
Campus closed

Thursday, April 20, 2017
37th Intercultural Communication Conference
MLK Humanities Bldg.
For more information, contact Dr. Humphrey Regis at 713-313-7435

Friday, April 21, 2017
Thomas Freeman Honors College 30th Anniversary Gala
Honors College Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.
RSVP by April 1 at 713-313-6725

Saturday, April 22, 2017
TSU Choir Concert Dress Rehearsal
Riverside United Methodist Church, 9:00 a.m. - Noon
4920 Cullen Blvd. Houston 77004

MHCA program holds student orientation

The Master of Science in Healthcare Administration (MHCA) program held their Student Orientation February 23 in the President’s Lounge of the Sterling Student Life Center. First- and second-year graduate students, alumni, and prospective students were provided information on the program and university services.

Dr. Melanie Lawson detailed the importance of TSU’s Health Administration program as the first in Houston. The program was created by Dr. Andrew James and Dr. Polly Turner with a grant from the Office of Civil Rights (OCR).

Courtney Onic and Shalom Gbisetawi, both on track to graduate in May, “paid it forward” by giving new students insight on best practices for success in the program. The orientation concluded with presentation by Mrs. Jenta Young, a MHCA graduate who interned at the White House during the Obama administration.

Public auction of TSU equipment, furniture set for March 11

A public auction of surplus TSU furniture and equipment will be held on Saturday, March 11 at 9 a.m. at the Worstell Auction Company, 8424 Hansen Road. The sale will handled by the university’s contracted auctioneer and will include items from private parties, and various state and local agencies. TSU personnel are invited to bid on all items up for auction.

For information on auction items, auction terms and rules, visit Worstell’s website at www.worstellauctionco.com/. For questions or additional information about the auction, contact Dan McCormick at mccormickd@tsu.edu