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## 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 Thermo-economic 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.

## 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' resumes prior to the fair. JHJ Academic Advisor Naveed Haider promoted the fair to MBA students and JHJ faculty encouraged students to attend.

## 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 Abidin**, **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.

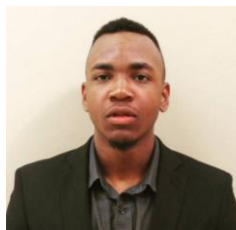
TSU alumni and former students are working in tandem with TSU's Office of Recruitment to reach students on a local, state and national basis and persuade them to attend Texas Southern. Alumni play a pivotal role in the recruitment process, attending college fairs in various cities and sharing their college 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 [ccochrantoole@tsu.edu](mailto:ccochrantoole@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.

## 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 **Ruthabel 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](http://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 [owerbachd@tsu.edu](mailto:owerbachd@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 Gbtsawi**, 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 be 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/](http://www.worstellauctionco.com/). For questions or additional information about the auction, contact Dan McCormick at [mccormickde@tsu.edu](mailto:mccormickde@tsu.edu)

### *Save the Date*

## Texas Southern University University Honors Day Convocation\*

**Thursday, March 30, 2017**

**12:00 PM Honorees Lineup**

**1:00-2:00 PM Program**

## "Excellence in Achievement"

**Health and Physical Education Arena (H&PE)**

*All students who earned a GPA of 3.0 or above in Spring 2016 and/or Fall 2016 will receive recognition at this University-wide ceremony, including high praise from the deans, provost, and president. A reception will follow the ceremony.*

\*If you met the requirements of 3.0 or higher with 12 semester credit hours completed in each of the long semesters and do not receive a letter of notification to attend the University Honors Day Convocation as an honoree, please call the Honors College at 713.313.6725.