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## TSU staffer to share birthday celebration with family, friends and local youth at Gridiron Glory



*Gridiron Glory*, the Pro Football Hall of Fame’s traveling exhibit set to open at TSU on January 30, is a golden opportunity to commemorate one of the most cherished sports in America. **Diane Nicholson-Jones**, a TSU staff person and *Gridiron Glory* steering committee member, sees the event as a chance to share the incredible stories of heroes enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Nicholson-Jones decided to host her February 9 birthday party at the exhibit, but with a twist. She was blown away after seeing a clip of the *Gridiron Glory* commercial while sitting in a planning meeting for the three-month event. The ad, now airing on Houston radio and television stations, inspired her to call upon family and friends to come to the party at the exhibit and underwrite the cost of sponsoring a group of youngsters to join them in the celebration.

“The story of professional football and the men enshrined in the Hall of Fame have a lot to share about persistence, dedication, hard work and personal responsibility, stories that today’s youth need to hear,” Nicholson-Jones said. “I’d like for youth from underserved and unserved areas to experience this event and learn about these great individuals.”

Friends responded to her request within the hour and committed to sponsoring 100 high school youth. Young men and women will have the opportunity to talk with a range of professionals about career opportunities while viewing the exhibit. Each guest will be provided with a souvenir

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## TSU’s Super Bowl Calendar of Events

### January 26 - 29

*Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame* media availability (University Museum, 10 a.m.)

### January 28

Democratic National Committee Regional Future Forum (Granville Sawyer Auditorium; 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.)

The Democratic National Committee is hosting four candidate forums across the country. Come out and hear from candidates seeking to fill DNC offices for the upcoming year. For more information, contact Julie Greene at (202) 488-5015 or [greenej@dnc.org](mailto:greenej@dnc.org).

*Gridiron Classic Challenge* (Durley Field and Rec Center; 7 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

The *Gridiron Classic Challenge* will bring the challenge of the NFL to the local community in a fun and interactive atmosphere. The day will be filled with empowerment, entertainment and enthusiasm through technology and good old football fun.

### January 29

VIP Premiere of *Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame* (University Museum, 4 p.m. – 8 p.m. \* Invitation Only)

### January 30 – April 30

Opening Day of *Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame* (University Museum; 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. \* ESPN Live Remote)

Get your tickets today at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). For details, including sponsorships, group tours, venue rental and private viewing receptions, contact Kendrick Callis at 713-313-7933 or [calliskd@tsu.edu](mailto:calliskd@tsu.edu).

### January 31

*Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame* (University Museum, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. \* TSU Alumni Day \* KTSU Live Remote)

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### February 1

*Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame* (University Museum, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. \* HBCU Black College Football Hall of Fame Day \* KMJQ Live Remote)

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## TSU Day at the Capitol 2017



Over 250 students, faculty, staff and alumni participated in TSU Day at the Capitol. Texas Southern leadership and its contingent were acknowledged on the floor of the House and Senate, and visited legislative offices. Senator Borris Miles and Representative Garnet Coleman presented resolutions acknowledging January 24<sup>th</sup> as TSU Day at the Capitol (Senate Resolution 20). The University honored 23 elected officials including, Honorable Sylvia Garcia, Honorable Borris L. Miles, Honorable Senfronia Thompson, Honorable Harold V. Dutton, Jr., Honorable Roberto R. Alonzo, Honorable Joe Deshotel, Honorable Alma Allen, Honorable Ron Reynolds, Honorable Sergio Munoz, Jr., Honorable Bobby Guerra, Honorable Jarvis Johnson, Honorable Victoria Neave, Honorable Shawn Thierry,

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from the event.

Tickets are available for *Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame* at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). Media, businesses and organizations are invited to partner with TSU in this amazing experience. Funding through exhibition ticket sales and sponsorships support college scholarships and student programs.

Unique underwriting opportunities include evening venue rental for companies or organizations to host private viewing receptions and funding group tours for youth centers, schools, and young athletes. For details, including sponsorships, group tours, daily packages and options for retail ticket outlets, contact Kendrick Callis at 713-313-7933 or [calliskd@tsu.edu](mailto:calliskd@tsu.edu), Rodney Bush at 713-313-7603 or [bushrr@tsu.edu](mailto:bushrr@tsu.edu), Linda L. Ragland at 832-443-6272 or [llr@mybrandsite.com](mailto:llr@mybrandsite.com).

For individual ticket purchases and hours of exhibition, visit [Ticketmaster](http://Ticketmaster).

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### February 1

**Super Bowl Comedy Explosion, (Health & Physical Education Arena; 7:30 p.m.)**

Super Bowl Comedy Explosion will feature nationally acclaimed comedians Rickey Smiley, Earthquake, Michael Blackson, Tony Roberts, Ali Saddiq and Billy Sorrells. Contact Velma Trayham at (832) 509-1145 for ticket information.

### February 2

**Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame (University Museum, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. \* NFLPA Players Day \* CBS Radio Live Remote \* Vince Young Foundation Reception, 2 p.m. – 5 p.m. \* Private Reception, 7 p.m. – 12 midnight)**

Get your tickets today at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). For details, including sponsorships, group tours, venue rental and private viewing receptions, contact Kendrick Callis at 713-313-7933 or [calliskd@tsu.edu](mailto:calliskd@tsu.edu).

### February 3

**Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame (University Museum, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. \* KTSU Jeans & Bling, 5 p.m. – 2 a.m. \* KTSU Live Remote)**

Get your tickets today at [www.ktsufm.org](http://www.ktsufm.org). For details, including sponsorships, group tours, venue rental and private viewing receptions, contact An'Gelle Sylvester at 713-313-1021 or at [ktsufm.org](mailto:ktsufm.org)

### February 4

**Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame (University Museum, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. \* Private Reception, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. \* Rep Your Team Tailgate Kickoff \* Bank of America Luncheon \* 97.9 The Box Live Remote)**

**Gridiron Celebrity Hoops XIX (Health & Physical Education Arena; 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.)**

Join us for plenty of fun and fellowship while taking in a celebrity-filled basketball game and mini concert.

**Youth Bowl Experience (Durley Field, Recreation Center, New Science Building Pavilion, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.)**

The Youth Bowl Experience invites youth ages 8-17 to partake in a fun day full of educational activities and to interact with past and present NFL-players, athletic executives and community stakeholders. Contact Stacy Harrell at (832) 687-4452 or (888) 496-8842 for more information.

## JHJ Alumni Chapter awards scholarships, celebrates young Tigers at annual soiree

TSU's Jesse H. Jones School of Business Alumni Chapter (JHJAC) hosted its fourth annual Scholarship Soiree - *Ninety Shades of Maroon and Grey* – on January 21 at the Hilton Americas-Houston. The event celebrated student achievement and culminated with the presentation of JHJAC John Odom Scholarship awards to seven undergraduate business students. JHJ alumni were recognized as the second class of *40 Under 40 - Young Alumni in Business*. Houston Mayor Sylvester Turner was in attendance to congratulate the scholarship recipients.



2017 JHJAC John Odom Scholarship Award recipients are (2<sup>nd</sup> left to right) Natasha Malone, Junior, Accounting and Management double major; Darlise Goodlow, Sophomore, Marketing major; Constance Williams, Junior, Marketing major; Leslie Konga, Sophomore, Finance major; Kiera Ford, Senior, Accounting major; Nhien Dien, Senior, Marketing; and James Clark, Jr., Junior, Marketing major. Also pictured are Verdis Wilson, TSUNAA-JHJ Alumni Chapter President (far left) and Muriel Funches, executive director of advancement, TSU-Jesse H. Jones School of Business (far right).

## TSU aviation program certifies its first private pilot



TSU aviation student **David Thompson** is one step closer to becoming an airline pilot after receiving his Private Pilot Certificate following a practical examination in a Cessna 172 at Ellington Field. Thompson is the first student to become a certified private pilot in TSU's flight program. Thompson's examination was administered by TSU flight instructor Captain Roscoe Edwards, who is the first African-American pilot examiner in the South with the Federal Aviation Administration.

## Houston Symphony, TSU Jazz Bands collaborate for Black History Month concert

The TSU Jazz Ensemble has partnered with The Houston Symphony to hold a Black History Month concert on February 19 at 8:00 p.m. The Symphony will present *R&B Mixtape*, featuring the music of Prince, Whitney Houston, Michael Jackson and other contemporary artists. Orchestra members will visit the University to collaborate with students in preparation for the concert.

TSU's Ensemble and Symphony members will open the *Mixtape* event with a lobby concert featuring early to modern American music that has been influenced by jazz. The lobby performance starts at 6:45 p.m. and the full concert begins at 8:00 p.m.

A limited number of free tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, contact Dr. Jason Oby at [oby\\_jb@tsu.edu](mailto:oby_jb@tsu.edu).



## Application deadline extended for Marcia Johnson Public Service Award

The Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy (ECI) is now accepting applications for its annual Marcia Johnson Outstanding Public Service Award (MJOPSA). The award, established in the name of the Institute's founder, will go to a TSU student, a community servant, and a local community organization in recognition of outstanding public service. Each award winner will receive \$1,000.

The award recognizes activities that promote progress and reform, legal and social policy advocacy, research and education, community coalition-building, community organizing, grassroots organization, and community decision-making.

Professor Johnson is a visionary who created the Earl Carl Institute for Legal and Social Policy in 1992, a non-profit organization sponsored by the Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Johnson named the Institute after Earl Carl, a respected law professor. The Institute was designed to be a training ground for law students who would defend and support historically disenfranchised communities. The Institute is dedicated to identifying academic and grassroots solutions to legal and social issues impacting the minority community, opportunities to promote policy change for the betterment of the urban community, and fulfill the missions of the Institute, the Thurgood Marshall School of Law and Texas Southern University.

Completed applications must be submitted to the Earl Carl Institute by **Friday, February 17, 2017**. Submissions via e-mail should be sent to Lucinda Daniels at [lrDaniels@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:lrDaniels@tmslaw.tsu.edu). Questions may be directed to Daniels or Sarah Guidry at 713-313-1139. For more information and to obtain an application, visit [www.earlcarlinstitute.org](http://www.earlcarlinstitute.org). Finalists will be announced in late February 2017. Awards will be issued at a reception on April 6, 2017.

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Honorable Garnet F. Coleman, Honorable Helen Giddings, Honorable Royce West, Honorable John Whitmire, Honorable Kel Seliger, Honorable John Zerwas, Honorable Jane Nelson, Honorable Dan Patrick, Honorable Joe Strauss, and Honorable Greg Abbott.

The university will continue to advocate on behalf of its legislative agenda throughout the remainder of the session and will return to the Capitol for the African American Legislative Summit to be held February 26 – 28. The university will post updates about legislative action at [TSU.EDU/Government-Relations](http://TSU.EDU/Government-Relations).

## University Calendar 2017

TSU Events for January 2017 - April 2017 at a Glance

### Friday, January 27, 2017

**Meet HPD Chief Art Acevedo and HFD Chief Samuel Pena**  
Public Affairs Bldg., room 114, 5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

### Monday, January 30 - Friday, February 3, 2017

#### COLABS Week

Register at [myinterfase.com/tsu/student](http://myinterfase.com/tsu/student)

For more information contact The Office of Career Services at [placementservices@tsu.edu](mailto:placementservices@tsu.edu)

### Monday, January 30 - Sunday, April 30, 2017

**Gridiron Glory: "The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame"**

University Museum, 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Mon-Sat; 10:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sun.

[Click Here for tickets.](#)

## Sport Management students present research at Florida conference



(l-r) Enoch Culliver and Angel Corona present their research at the NASSS conference in Tampa.

The Department of Health and Kinesiology, Sport Management program represented TSU at the North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS) conference held November 2016 in Tampa, Florida.

Dr. **Courtney L. Flowers** who serves on NASSS' Diversity Climate Conference Committee presented her research, "Playing from the Rough: Examining the Golf Sporting Culture at HBCUs." Dr. Flowers served as organizer and panelist for the "Academic Advising Issues in

Collegiate Athletics" panel discussion.

Dr. **J. Kenyatta Cavil** served as organizer and moderator for a two-part session, "The Sporting HBCU Diaspora, Social Change, and Public Engagement." Dr. Cavil also presented his work, "Exploratory Examination of the HBCU Label Impact on Brand Perception." He served as an adviser for two student presentations in Sport Management at the conference. TSU students **Enoch Culliver** and **Angel Corona** presented their research, "The Intersection of HBCU Athletics and Hispanic and Latino American College Athletes."

"I met a lot of sport management students and professors that I plan to keep in touch with," Culliver said.

"I gained insight on the powerful and supportive path I'm headed in regards to my career in Sport Management," Corona said. "The experience of the conference was exciting and educational."



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