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Gridiron Glory premieres with star-studded event



Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame opened January 29 with a special VIP reception featuring a host of special guests. TSU President **Austin Lane** and First Lady **Loren Lane** welcomed **Gene** and **Louise Strahan** (parents of Hall of Famer and TSU alumnus **Michael Strahan**), Pro Football Hall of Famer **Kenny Houston**, members of the National Football League Players Association-Houston Chapter, and Tigers in the NFL honorees.

Also in attendance were TSU Board Chairman **Derrick Mitchell**, TSU Foundation Board Chairman **Gerald Smith**, TSU Regent **Samuel Bryant**, TSU Foundation member **Willie Alexander**, and Rep. **Sheila Jackson-Lee**. *Gridiron Glory* runs through April 30, 2017. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the door or online at Ticketmaster.com.

Minnesota Vikings COO to receive inaugural Pioneer Award from TSU



Kevin Warren

Texas Southern University has named **Kevin Warren**, chief operating officer of the Minnesota Vikings, as the inaugural recipient of TSU's Pioneer Award, which will be presented by **Tony Wylie, Sr.**, vice president of communications for the Washington Redskins and a TSU alumnus. The award will be presented Saturday, February 4, at 2:00 p.m. in the George Bush Ballroom at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

"I am honored and humbled to receive the inaugural Texas Southern University Pioneer Award," Warren said. "I am keenly aware of the sacrifices others made before me to give me the opportunity to work and excel in the National Football League. This award is extra special for its affiliation with Texas Southern University – an institution with graduates who have contributed immensely to Texas and the United States in all fields, including law, medicine, music, politics, sports and education. I will do my best to honor the University and this award on a daily basis, and continue to work hard in the National Football League for the Vikings, for my family and for my community."

Proceeds from the Texas Southern University Pioneer Award reception will benefit Texas Southern University's Graduation Success Scholarship Fund. The 501(c)3 fund helps seniors in their final semester continue their studies and get to graduation. This annual award will be issued on Super Bowl weekend in the game's respective host cities.

"Kevin is deserving of this award," Wylie said. "His promotion as the highest ranking African-American National Football League team executive is a testament to his talents and work ethic that he has

displayed throughout his 19-year NFL career. The fact that my alma mater, Texas Southern University, is benefitting from Kevin's success makes this award extra special."

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TMSL associate professor appointed to DA Ogg's transition committee



Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) associate professor **Lydia Johnson** has accepted an appointment to serve as co-chair of the Equality in Justice transition committee for new District Attorney Kim Ogg. The committee will consist of six to eight individuals with experience in law, academia, law enforcement, and community leadership. Johnson will address diversion and related issues in criminal justice as a member of the team.

Johnson's experience as an associate municipal court judge for the City of Houston and director of TMSL's Criminal Law Clinic will assist the committee's efforts to deliver long-term and short-term policy goals.

TMSL duo advances to national moot court competition

Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) students **Olympia Oliver** and **Ashley Rose** were named first runner-up in the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition at the National Black Law Students Association's Southwest Regional Convention in New Orleans. The team is coached by TMSL alum Anthony Hynes.

Oliver and Rose argued before judges, professors and other prominent law practitioners from the New Orleans area. TMSL students attended workshops and networking events during the three-day convention that included law experts, academicians, and sitting jurists.

The TMSL team's victory allows them to advance to the national competition to be held March 7-12 at the Westin Galleria in Houston.

TSU welcomes 2017 football class of 24 student-athletes

Texas Southern University's football program added 24 student-athletes to the Tigers' team on February 1, National Signing Day.

TSU began this year's recruiting process with one goal: to fill multiple positions on its roster.

"We really feel good about the quality of student-athletes that we're bringing into our football program," said **Michael Haywood**, TSU head football coach. "I can't speak highly enough about the level of talent here in the state of Texas. I used to hear Coach Mack Brown say all the time that the caliber of football played in this state is some of the best in the country and that's clearly evident by the sheer numbers of highly touted prospects that come out of the state of Texas each and every recruiting season."

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"We are grateful that Tony Wyllie, a proud Texas Southern University alumnus, was instrumental in bringing this award to the university," said TSU President **Austin Lane**. On behalf of the TSU family, I would like to congratulate Kevin for the excellent example he has set for our student body. We know that our students will benefit greatly from this annual award."

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Twenty-one of the Tigers' 24 signees hail from Texas, and TSU was able to land three mid-year signees – all top-rated prospects from Louisiana, Florida, and Virginia.

"In looking back at where we were at the conclusion of last season it was clear that we had trouble stopping the run, so we focused much of our efforts on the defensive side of the ball," Haywood said. "We also wanted to be able to add some overall speed to our team on both sides of the ball. We went out and recruited some student-athletes that we feel can help us reach those goals."

A recent ranking of top 25 HBCU recruits released by Hero Sports included a total of six Texas Southern Tigers football signees: RB Terio Brown, LB Patrick Howell, LB Paul Favorite, QB Austin Sessums, TE Jadon McConnell, and DT Devante Emebo. Texas Southern led all of its Southwestern Athletic Conference counterparts in student-athletes appearing on this list.

"Without a doubt, we're excited about the direction of this football program with the addition of these fine young men," Haywood said. "This class, along with the student-athletes we have returning next season, should keep us on track towards accomplishing our two main goals which is graduating student-athletes and competing for championships."

A full list of the Tigers' 2017 National Signing Day Class can be found below.

- Demontario Anderson** - 6'3 - 210 lbs. - LB - Beeville, Texas
- De'Andre Angelle** - 5'10 - 180 lbs. - WR - Port Arthur, Texas
- LaDarryl Blair** - 5'11 - 182 lbs. - CB - Dallas, Texas (Boise State)
- Jason Briggs** - 6'5 - 230 lbs. - DE - Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Terio Brown** - 5'9 - 170 lbs. - RB - Humble, Texas
- Tyriq Burton** - 6'1 - 220 lbs. - LB - Willis Point, Texas
- Chris Castle** - 6'2 - 210 lbs. - LB - Woodville, Texas
- Raymond Clayborn Jr.** - 6'2 - 290 lbs. - OL - Katy, Texas
- Davante Emebo** - 6'3 - 270 lbs. - DT - Missouri City, Texas
- Paul Favorite** - 6'1 - 211 lbs. - LB - Dallas, Texas
- Patrick Howell** - 6'1 - 225 lbs. - LB - Pearland, Texas
- Jayden Jackson** - 6'0 - 180 lbs. - SS - Cibolo, Texas
- Jadon McConnell** - 6'4 - 260 lbs. - TE - La Porte, Texas
- Adrian Munoz** - 6'2 - 240 lbs. - LB - Carrollton, Texas
- Joshua Murray** - 6'0 - 170 lbs. - CB - Katy, Texas
- Elijah Odom** - 6'2 - 210 lbs. - QB - Richmond, Virginia
- Ryder Rae** - 6'2 - 280 lbs. - OL - La Porte, Texas
- Luis Reyes** - 6'1 - 175 lbs. - K - Cypress, Texas
- Austin Sessums** - 6'0 - 185 lbs. - QB - Tampa, Florida
- Matthew Stephenson** - 5'10 - 170 lbs. - CB - Houston, Texas
- Kenterious Walker** - 6'0 - 185 lbs. - SS - Houston, Texas
- Bradlee Warrick** - 6'2 - 265 lbs. - FB - Pittsburg, Texas
- Jimmy White** - 6'2 - 280 lbs. - DL - Willis, Texas
- Quincey Williams** - 6'3 - 295 lbs. - DL - Cibolo, Texas

University Calendar 2017

TSU Events for January 2017 - April 2017 at a Glance

Monday, January 30 - Friday, February 3, 2017

COLABS Week

Register at myinterfase.com/tsu/student
For more information contact The Office of Career Services at 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. M-S; 10:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Sun.

[Click Here for tickets](#)

Friday, February 3, 2017

KTSU Jeans and Bling Party

University Museum, 5:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.
For ticket information call 713-313-1021 or visit www.ktsufm.org

International Study Abroad Fair

College of Education Foyer, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Monday, February 6 - Friday, February 10

JHJ Charisma Camp - For Men Only

JHJ Room 128, 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Register with JHJ Career Office, Suite 330

Monday, February 13 - Friday, February 17, 2017

JHJ School of Business Week

JHJ Auditorium
Register at www.myinterfase.com/tsu/student
For more information email placementservices@tsu.edu

Thursday, February 16, 2017

College of Education Excellence in Education Gala

Junior League of Houston, 1811 Oak Briar Ln. Houston, TX 77027
For tickets and information contact Dr. Bernice Peltier-Glaze at 713-313-7496

Thursday, February 16, 2017

JHJ Graduate Student Career Fair

JHJ Lobby, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Resume service will be provided

Friday, February 17, 2017

Casey Grant Book Signing - Meet and Greet

Stars in the Sky: Stories of the first African American Flight Attendants
TSU Bookstore, 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 18 - Sunday, February 19, 2017

TSU Jazz Ensemble and Houston Symphony collaborate on R&B Mix tape

Jones Hall 615 Louisiana St., 7:00 p.m. Sat.; 6:30 p.m. Sun.
For ticket information contact Dr. Jason Oby at 713-313-7263

Sunday, February 19, 2017

TSU Choir Concert

Latter Day Deliverance Revival Church, 4:00 p.m.
4036 Lyons Avenue, Houston 77020

Monday, February 20, 2017

President's Day Holiday

Campus closed