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## Freshman Seminar reinstated as graduation requirement



The new University advisors are (l-r, front row) Samantha Ary, Jocelyn Veasley and Fetera Henry; (l-r, back row) Dewayne Stafford, Clishe Larke, Angela Ambers-Henderson, Robert Melvin and Charles Sloan.

Texas Southern University has restored the Freshman Seminar course (FS 102) as a requirement for graduation. TSU's Curriculum Committee approved a request from the Division of Student Services to reinstate the course that is viewed as critical to student retention.

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## Pharmacy professor receives Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship



Dr. Uche Anadu Ndefo, an associate professor in Pharmacy and Health Sciences, was awarded a fellowship by the Carnegie African Diaspora Program. Ndefo will travel to Nigeria to work with the University of Nigeria, and Professor Godswill Onunkwo on curriculum development for the new Doctor of Pharmacy program. The program will focus on preceptorship and rotation site development.

The Carnegie African Diaspora Fellowship Program, now in its fourth year, is designed to reverse Africa's brain drain, build capacity at the host institutions, and develop long-term, beneficial collaborations between universities in Africa, the United States and Canada. It is funded by Carnegie Corporation of New York and managed by the Institute of International Education (IIE) in collaboration with United States International University-Africa (USIU-Africa) in Nairobi, Kenya, which coordinates the activities of the Advisory Council. A total of 282 African Diaspora fellowships have been awarded for scholars to travel to Africa since the program's inception in 2013.

## Collaborative artist exhibition to open at University Museum

The University Museum will host the 2017 Citywide African American Artists Exhibition June 16 through July 30. The exhibit is free and open to the public. An opening night reception will be held on June 16 from 7-9 p.m.

The exhibition is a collaboration between the Houston Museum of Fine Arts and TSU's University Museum. Artists of the African Diaspora will showcase their work to the public and broader range of art patrons. Jamal Cyrus is the exhibit curator.

Exhibit hours are Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, Noon-5:00 p.m. The museum, located in the south wing of the Fairchild building on the campus, is closed on Mondays and national holidays.

## TSU's 70<sup>th</sup> SGA Administration sworn into office



(l-r, front row) Senator Glensia Robinson, Executive Secretary Sidney Guillory, Miss TSU Tramauni Brock, Executive Vice President Kaelin Norris, Miss Sophomore Janai Washington-DeDiemar. (l-r, second row) Herald Editor-in-Chief Todd Rodgers, Internal Affairs Senator Jamia Smith, UPC President Patrick Brackens, SGA President Corbrin Burton, Executive Comptroller Melvin Anderson, Mister TSU Chad Zeno. (l-r, third row) Mister Sophomore Alusine Davis, Senate Chair Robell Tocruray, External Vice President Zetrik Marves, Vice President of Student Services Dr. Raphael Moffett, Miss Senior Blessing Nwosu, Mister Junior Shun Brisby.

TSU's student leadership was sworn in on June 9 in the President's Lounge in the Sterling Student Life Center. The inauguration brought together SGA officers, campus royalty and the new editor of *The Herald*, the student newspaper.

The 2017 CITYWIDE

African American Artists Exhibition

A collaboration between the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, and the University Museum at TSU.

On view at the University Museum June 16 through July 30, 2017





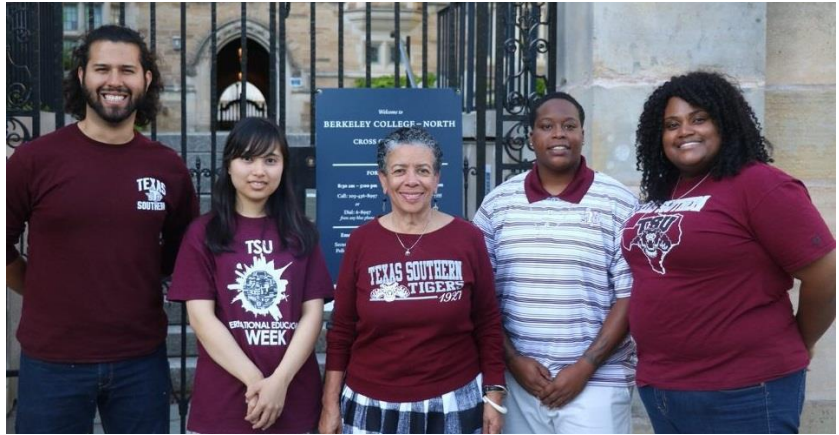
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The University has averaged slightly more than 1,300 first-time freshmen each fall since 2012. About 45% of those students are first-generation students and 10% require some developmental education. An Advising Task Force consisting of faculty and staff was assembled to develop a comprehensive freshman-year strategy to ensure student success. The task force defined advising as a “a shared responsibility between student and advisor that helps facilitate the successful completion of a student’s educational and career goals.”

The comprehensive, mandatory course is designed to aid students in developing strategic academic plans, assimilating into campus culture by being active in the university environment, utilizing learning strategies designed for student success, and setting realistic career goals.

Eight enrollment and completion advisors will lead this effort and teach the 16-week course. FS 102 will give students the right tools to navigate the college experience, including an introduction to the rich history of the University to instill TSU pride. Student progress will be monitored to strengthen advising strategies and each semester, results will be shared with the task force for monitoring and evaluation.

## TSU students have strong showing at Yale Art Summer Program



(l-r) Robert Riojas, Kei Takahashi, Dr. Alvia Wardlaw, Chanise Epps, Michael Marie Thomas

The four Texas Southern University students who participated in the inaugural HBCU Summer Teachers Institute in Technical Art (STITAH) at Yale University have returned to campus. The Institute was held June 2-9 in New Haven, Connecticut.

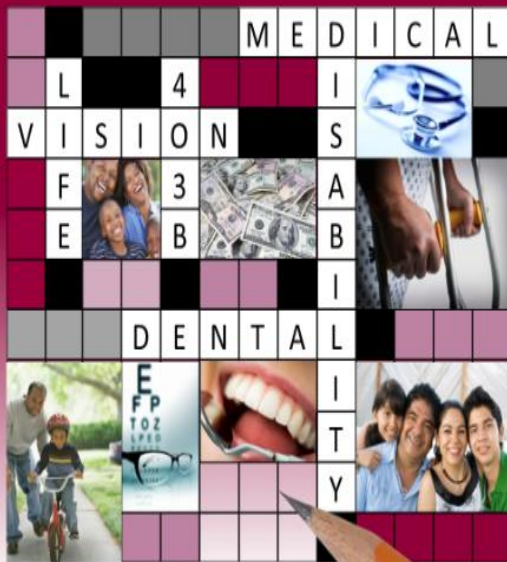
Art majors Chanise Epps (sophomore), Robert Riojas (senior), and Kei Takahashi (sophomore), and History major Michael Marie Thomas (junior) were four of 11 students chosen nationally to participate in the weeklong professional development course geared toward HBCU students. The students delivered individual presentations on the conservation of works from the Yale Gallery of Art. TSU’s ‘Fantastic Four’ impressed program coordinators and represented the University’s motto, “Excellence in Achievement.”

“Our students not only participated in the Yale program, they quite literally showed up and showed out, so much so that they have each been invited back next year to participate,” said Dr. Alvia Wardlaw, director of the University Museum and professor of art history at Texas Southern University. Dr. Wardlaw mentored the students and served as a chaperone on the trip.

The HBCU Summer Teachers Institute in Technical Art is designed to be an intensive program in art conservation, focusing on the protection and care of tangible artifacts and works of art. Conservation activities included attending lectures and demonstrations, examination, technique analysis, research and treatment.

“Our students, who were incredibly confident, self-assured and actively networking with the many professionals and experts they met, were able to gain real-world experience using the same state-of-the-art equipment employed by experts in the field of protecting and caring for artifacts and works of art,” Wardlaw said.

## 2017 Benefits Fair



We'll help you fill in the blanks.

Wednesday, June 28, 2017  
Science Building  
10am - 2pm

Open Enrollment  
June 26 - July 28

This is the time for employees to enroll in or make changes to benefits.

Please remember to bring your TSU ID for Registration.



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**TSU Theatre Summer Camps**  
July 5-28, 2017

**Children's Theatre Camp**  
Ages 6-13

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Ages 14- High School

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