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TSU Tigers to face North Carolina, Lady Tigers to face Baylor in NCAA Tournament match-up



The Texas Southern Tigers, 2017 SWAC regular season and tournament champions, will open the NCAA Men's College Basketball Tournament as a 16-seed. The team heads to Greenville, South Carolina as part of the South Region to face 1-seed North Carolina. The match-up was announced Sunday as part of the nationally televised NCAA Selection Show.

The Tigers enter the Big Dance with a 23-11 record (16-2 SWAC), and their fourth-straight postseason berth. TSU played in the NIT last year. The Tigers, after grinding out wins over Alabama State, Grambling State and Alcorn State to gain their third tournament championship in four years, are seeking their first NCAA tournament win in seven appearances.

The Tigers, led by Head Coach **Mike Davis**, will challenge UNC with 2017 SWAC Player of the Year **Zach Lofton**, who led the conference in scoring during the regular season at better than 17 points per game. SWAC Freshman of the Year **Demontrae Jefferson** (14.9 PPG, 3.3 APG) has emerged late as a solid go-to option on offense alongside Lofton, and SWAC Defensive Player of the Year and SWAC Tournament

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Maroon & Gray Affair keynote speaker was inspiration for *Scandal*



Judy Smith, president of Smith & Company, a top strategic and crisis communication firm in Washington, DC, will serve as keynote speaker for *The Maroon & Gray Affair*, a black-tie fundraiser for Texas Southern University. The gala will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017 at the Marriott Marquis Hotel Houston.

Smith's career as a 'professional fixer' was the impetus for the groundbreaking television series, *Scandal*, starring Kerry Washington. Smith is co-executive producer of the show, sharing her technical expertise with *Scandal*'s award-winning creator, Shonda Rhimes. *Scandal* is currently in its sixth season on ABC.

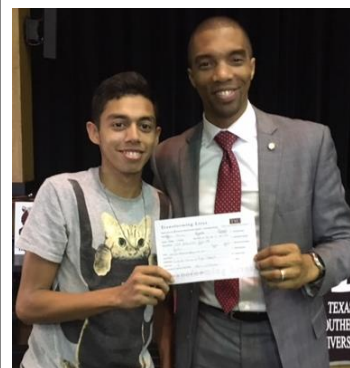
The Maroon & Gray Affair draws inspiration from the University's hallmark

colors to present an evening of elegance in support of student scholarships and programs. TSU First Lady Loren Lane is chairing a committee comprised of a virtual "Who's Who of Houston," including **Pamela Huewitt**, **Roslyn Mitchell**, **Gerald Smith**, **Argentina James**, and other notable figures. The gala is in line with Mrs. Lane's vision to aid young scholars who, in turn, will contribute to the city, the nation and the world.

"Our goal is to improve our annual graduation and retention rates by providing our students with a bridge over their financial challenges. This University wants to do everything in its power to support these incredible young people so that they can matriculate unencumbered from the start of their freshman year to the moment they walk across the graduation stage in four years," said President Austin A. Lane.

Tables and tickets are still available for *The Maroon & Gray Affair*. For more information, contact TSU's Office of Development at www.tsu.edu or at 713-313-6844.

TSU administrators recruit new Tigers in Austin



[l-r] TSU scholarship recipient Ricardo Morva, Dr. Raphael Moffett

Dr. Raphael Moffett, vice president of Student Services and Brian Armstrong, director of Recruitment visited Austin last week to share information about TSU and recruit top high school students to join the Tiger class of 2021.

Freeman Walker, TSU Austin Alumni Chapter president and **Jessica Carter**, an Austin Alumni Chapter member, spoke with students from Eastside Memorial High School about the University's programs and the Summer of Success (SOS) conditional admission program.

During the visit, ten new students applied for admission and 59 students completed contact cards to receive more information. Twelve EMHS students had applied for admission in advance. EMHS senior Ricardo Olvera Morva was awarded a \$2,500 scholarship to attend TSU in the fall.



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MVP **Marvin Jones** will anchor the squad.

The game will take place on March 17 at Greenville's Bon Secours Wellness Arena, with an approximate tip-off time of 3:00 p.m. The contest will be televised on TNT with Lewis Johnson, Chris Webber, and Brian Anderson calling the action. The UNC Tar Heels are formidable opponents, winning the ACC regular-season championship before being upended in the semifinals by Duke, who won the tournament championship.

UNC posted a 27-7 (14-4 ACC) record this season. Roy Williams' unit was led by junior swingman and ACC Player of the Year Justin Jackson and second-team all-ACC guard Joel Berry. Jackson averaged better than 18 points per game for the Tar Heels, and Berry posted just under 15 points per game to go with 3.7 assists. UNC has four players averaging double-figures in scoring.

TSU's Lady Tigers, 2017 SWAC Tournament champions, are set for their first trip to the NCAA Division I Women's Tournament. TSU earned a 16-seed in the regional match-up, facing the Baylor Lady Bears, seeded number one in the tournament. The game will be played at the Ferrell Center in Waco, Texas on Saturday, March 18 at 5:30 p.m., and will be televised live on ESPN2.

Texas Southern, led by Head Coach **Johnetta Hayes-Perry**, enters the tournament with a 23-9 overall record (14-4 SWAC). The Lady Tigers are led by All-SWAC First-Team guard and SWAC Tournament Most Valuable Player **Joyce Kennerson**. She is tied for the league lead in scoring at 18.3 points per game and has hit 20 or more points in 11 of TSU's last 15 games. The Lady Tigers posted a 12-3 record in the last 15 games, including tournament play.

Flanking the dynamic sophomore will be inside presence **Artavia Ford** (10.4 ppg, 5.7 rpg), gunner **Kaitlyn Palmer** (9.8 ppg, 3.6 rpg) and freshman **Chynna Ewing** (7.4 ppg, 5.8 rpg), who also earned All-Tournament recognition. The Lady Tigers placed in the top 30 nationally in scoring defense with 57.0 ppg.

Texas Southern's opponent, the Lady Bears, have won 30 or more games in seven straight seasons, including a 40-0, national championship-winning campaign in 2011-12. Baylor has four players that average 12 points or more per game, led by first team All-Big 12 and All-Defense choice Kalani Brown (15.2 ppg, 8.2 rpg) at center. First-Team All-Big 12 guard Alexis Jones (13.9 ppg) and Alexis Prince (12.1 ppg) offer perimeter threats for the nation's second-highest scoring offense (88.6 ppg).

This will be the first meeting between the two teams since 2011 when Baylor won over TSU 91-39.

For a recap of the exciting SWAC tournament action, [click here](#).

TSU professor earns medal of merit from native country



Dr. **Humphrey A. Regis**, professor in the School of Communication and the former dean of the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College, was presented with the Medal of Merit from the island nation of Saint Lucia, located in the Eastern Caribbean.

Regis was bestowed with the honor - one of the country's most prestigious national awards - from the Office of the Governor General as part Independence Day 2017 for his "long and meritorious service" in education and journalism. The award recognizes Regis' nearly 50 years of service as a teacher, more than 45 years in print and broadcast media, and more than 30 years of research and scholarship on journalism and mass communication, including one recognized contribution he made in

collaboration with TSU colleagues.

Dr. Regis started as teacher at an elementary school, completing his early studies at Saint Lucia Teachers College. He went on to earn bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in journalism and mass communication while serving as news director of *Caribbean*, broadcast on the public service station WPFW-FM in the Washington, DC area. Dr. Regis helmed a project - *World African Community* - introducing history to secondary-school and adult-education students, and the general public.

Dr. Regis posted more than 30 years of research and publications on the relationship between mass communication and areas such as cultural continuance, change and domination. He collaborated with Dr. Andrea Shelton (College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences) in July 2016 and initiated the Study Abroad program for health education and health services in Saint Lucia.

TMSL Mock Trial team finishes Second in national competition



TSU's Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) Black Law Students Association's (BLSA) Mock Trial team placed second at this year's Thurgood Marshall National Mock Trial Competition. **Kevin Christiansen**, **Mya Johnson**, **Brooklyn Morris** and **Preston Strickland** remained undefeated until the championship round against Nova Southeastern Law School in Florida. The competition was sponsored by the National Black Law Students Association (NBLSA).

More than 40 teams from law schools across the country competed in their respective regions to qualify for national competition. TSU's team finished first in the Rocky Mountain Region to secure their spot. TMSL alumna **Letitia D. Quinones** prepared TSU's team for the competition.



**Fri., March 17 &
Sat., March 18**
TSU's Durley Stadium

TICKETS (at the gate)

2-Day Pass: \$25 Adults & \$15 Children & High School

1-Day Ticket: \$15 Adults, \$10 Children & High School



WATCH PARTY



TEXAS SOUTHERN VS NORTH CAROLINA

FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH | 3:00PM

LADY TIGERS VS BAYLOR

SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH | 5:30PM

SSLC GAME ROOM

Parking Available Lot C off Cleburne (Behind Library) | Food Specials at Bengal Burgers

University Calendar 2017

TSU Events at a Glance for March 2017 - April 2017

Monday, January 30 - Sunday, April 30, 2017

Gridiron Glory: The Best of the Pro Football Hall of Fame
University Museum, 10:00 a.m - 6:00 p.m. Mon-Sun

[Click Here for tickets.](#)

Saturday, March 11 - Friday, March 17, 2017

Spring Break

Monday, March 20, 2017

Frederick Douglass Lecture Series - Dr. Mayur Desai
Honors College Auditorium, 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Financial Aid Management Puzzle Pt. II
Office of Student Financial Assistance (West Parking Garage)

Frederick Douglass Lecture Series - Dr. Sunny Ohia
Honors College Auditorium, Noon

Thursday, March 23, 2017

JHJ Executive Lecture Series
JHJ Auditorium, 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

State of Housing and Community Development Houston
Public Affairs Bldg. McCoy Auditorium, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Dr. Jeffrey Lowe at
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Saturday, March 25, 2017

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

ALLEY KAT BAR & LOUNGE

GAME TOURNAMENT

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DATE: FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH

TIME: 3 PM

TEAMS: TSU VS NORTHCAROLINA

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