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Outstanding faculty recognized during annual ceremony



(l-r) Ronda Lewis, Dr. Grace Loudd, Dr. Nicole Willis, Dr. Bobby Wilson, Dr. Munder Zagaar, Ms. Ifueko Omorogbe, Dr. Omonike Olaleye, Dr. Sarmistha Rina Majumdar, Dr. Needha Boutté-Queen, President Austin Lane, Orlando P. Milton, Jr., Phillip Lewis.

The annual Faculty Excellence Awards reception honored distinguished work by faculty members during the 2016-2017 academic year. TSU President Austin Lane and Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Bobby Wilson presided over the ceremony on May 10.

“Teaching, research and service are the three measures of any university’s faculty,” said President Lane. “I’m in awe of the outstanding work that our four recipients have done in these key areas in and out of the classrooms with our students and for our university. The University’s second key area of focus - academic program quality and research, speaks directly to their credentials, scholarship, teaching and service to our community.”

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District court judge to speak at TMSL hooding ceremony



Thurgood Marshall School of Law (TMSL) will honor the 2017 graduating class at its annual Hooding Ceremony May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the H&PE Arena. The Honorable Kenneth M. Hoyt will serve as the keynote speaker. Judge Hoyt is a TMSL alumnus ('72) and senior judge for the United States District Court – Southern District of Texas.

The ceremony is a prelude to the university’s commencement ceremony and has become a venerable tradition for the Law School. It recognizes each law graduate’s anticipation of receiving their Juris Doctorate degree and honors prescribed protocols and procedures. The highest academic achievers from the 2017 TMSL graduating class will also be recognized. Texas Southern’s Spring Commencement will

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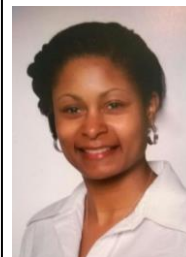
Dr. **Byron Eugene Price**, a TSU alumnus and former public affairs professor, was named Dean of Sustainable Business and Entrepreneurship at the Green Institute in Ondo Kingdom, Nigeria. The Green Institute is a social enterprise created to fulfill the market potential of environmental sustainability.

The Green Campus Initiative is the first campus-based environmental advocacy organization in Nigeria. It organizes and consolidates the efforts of Nigeria's college students on campuses across the country to be catalysts of transformative change.



Kenneth Huewitt, TSU’s vice president of Administration and Finance, has been named nominated to receive the Texas State University Distinguished Alumni Award. Huewitt, who holds a B.B.A. in Accounting from Texas State, is a veteran financial professional with more than 25 years of experience in advanced financial management. He was a member

of Texas State’s football team that won back-to-back national championships in 1981 and 1982. He was inducted in 2007 into the T-Association’s Hall of Honor, the highest honor for an athlete at Texas State. The Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes those who have achieved prominence and made a significant impact on the lives of others through their profession, accomplishments, affiliations, and service to the society and the University.



Dr. **Sonya Good**, associate professor of chemistry, has been awarded a research fellowship for the 2017 NASA Glenn Faculty Program (NGFFP). She will participate in the NGFFP at the NASA Glenn Research Center (GRC) in Cleveland, Ohio, from June 5 through August 11.

The NGFFP enhances faculty knowledge through relevant and cutting-edge research at GRC. The program stimulates an exchange between faculty and GRC researchers and engineers, enriching and refreshing research and teaching at U.S. academic institutions. NASA mission-related research and technology content is infused into classroom instruction and contributes to in-house research, technology and engineering to advance the NASA mission.



Dr. **Jeffrey S. Lowe**, associate professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy, has been named to the editorial board of the *Journal of Planning Education and Research* (JPER), the official journal of the Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning (ACSP).

JPER ranks among leading peer-reviewed planning journals and presents vital contemporary trends and issues in planning theory, practice and pedagogy. The journal serves scholars and educators in urban and regional planning, political science, policy analysis, urban geography, economics, sociology and computational applications. *JPER* is published quarterly.



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be held on May 13 at 9:30 a.m. in H&PE Arena.

Judge Hoyt was the second African-American federal judge in the state of Texas and has been a champion for human and civil rights. Prior to his appointment by President Ronald Reagan in 1988, Judge Hoyt served as a state trial judge in the 125th District Court, Harris County (1981-1982) and as a justice on the First Court of Appeals of Texas (1985-1988). He has served as an adjunct professor at TMSL and as a faculty member to the United States Department of Justice-Trial Advocacy Institute. He has authored thousands of legal opinions and published numerous papers and articles.

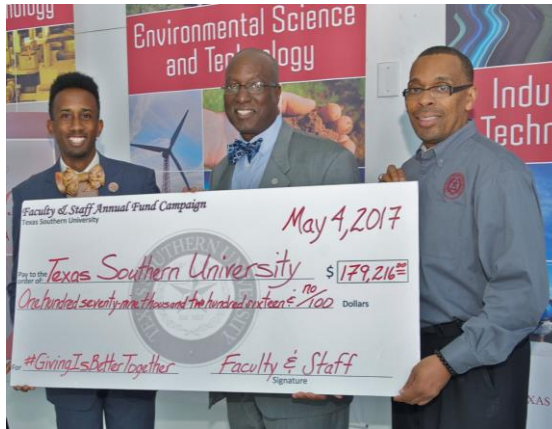
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Dr. **Munder Zagaar**, assistant professor of Pharmacy Practice and Clinical Health Sciences, was presented with faculty's highest honor - the McCleary Teaching Excellence Award. He was nominated by his colleague Dr. Edward Bell who described him as an instructor at the forefront in applying new course design, computer technology and active learning strategies for students and fellow faculty. Dr. Zagaar co-chairs the Curriculum Committee and facilitates sessions for the college's Teaching for Health Professions certification program.

Dr. **Omonike Olaleye**, associate professor of Pharmaceutical and Environmental Health Sciences, won the Scholarly Research/Creative Activities Award. She was nominated by Department Chair Dr. Dong Liang. Dr. Olaleye received four major grants and submitted four patent applications in 2016-2017. She has been awarded \$5,218,823 through 11 funded grants and/or awards in which she served as principal investigator, program director or core leader.

Dr. **Sarmistha Rina Majumdar**, associate professor of Political Science, received the Distinguished Service Award. She was nominated by School of Public Affairs Interim Dean Dr. Michael Adams. Dr. Majumdar is a key contributor in promoting TSU's MPA and eMPA programs across Houston, the state of Texas and at the national level. Her leadership and initiative led to the reconstruction of the Greater Houston Chapter of the American Society for Public Administration. She was instrumental in writing a proposal for TSU's online doctoral program in Public Administration that has been submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

The Department of Social Work received the award for the Provost's Department of the Year. The department was praised for being a model of faculty collegiality and professional behavior, and was recognized for its productivity and impact on departmental scholarly activities involving students and the community. The department produced a range of publications, presentations and grant awards that involved inter-departmental and inter-university collaboration. The award was accepted by Dr. **Jane Perkyms**, interim associate dean, Dr. **Merline Pitre**, interim dean, **Ronda Lewis**, administrative assistant, Dr. **Grace Loudd**, assistant professor, Dr. **Nicole Willis**, assistant professor, **Ifuko Omorogbe**, director of field education, Dr. **Needha Boutté-Queen**, department chair, **Orlando P. Milton, Jr.**, visiting instructor, **Phillip Lewis**, adjunct faculty, Dr. **Alicia LaChapelle-Friday**, adjunct faculty, Dr. **Gloria Batiste-Roberts**, adjunct faculty, and **Regina Walker**, adjunct faculty.



The 2017 Faculty and Staff Annual Fund Campaign ended with a Victory Celebration on May 4. Texas Southern's faculty and staff pledged a total of \$179,216 to fund student scholarships.

(l-r) Derrick Wilson, Kenneth Huewitt and LaRence Snowden

Music Doing Good scholarships awarded to future Tigers



(l-r) Marie Bosarge, Dr. Jason Oby, Dr. Merline Pitre, Breanna Lindsey, President Austin A. Lane

Music Doing Good, a local non-profit, has partnered with Texas Southern University and three other area schools for an innovative scholarship program – the Music Doing Good College-Bound Fund. Marie Bosarge, president and founder of Music Doing Good, hosted an event announcing the inaugural class of scholarship recipients on May 4. Two recipients, Breanna Lindsey and Clinton Walker, will attend TSU in the fall. Lindsey, a Spring High School senior,

will pursue a degree in Music Education with an emphasis on Voice. Walker plans to hone his talents as a classically-trained pianist by focusing on performance as a Music major.

"I'm really thankful and humbled to have received this scholarship," Lindsey said. "I can't wait to get started at the legendary Texas Southern University and continue working toward becoming a music educator."

Her parents, Tonya and Darryl Lindsey, along with President Austin Lane and several TSU faculty and administrators were on hand for the festivities.

"With the rising cost of tuition, college is not an option for so many families now," Bosarge said. "It is heartbreaking to think that many talented young people will not make it to the stage or the classroom for lack of funding. It has been my dream to establish this kind of program, and now it is a reality."

"I would like to express our sincere thanks to Ms. Bosarge and her organization, Music Doing Good, on behalf of the students, faculty and staff of Texas Southern University," Dr. Lane said. "Our university has a rich tradition of producing iconic musical artists such as Kirk Whalum, Yolanda Adams, Horace Alexander Young, and the late Joe Sample, to name a few. These scholarships will serve as a catalyst in allowing recipients to develop into the next generation of musical greats hailing from TSU."

Additional Music Doing Good Scholarship recipients include Adriana Black (cello) and Josh Gilliam (percussion) – University of Houston; Lindsey Larson (piano) and Miriam Soto (percussion) University of St. Thomas; Luther Green (media arts and technology), Selma Butler (media arts and technology), Natalie Valentine (visual and performing arts) and Daryl Johnson (visual and performing arts) – Houston Community College.