2015 Faculty and Staff Campaign off to a Fast Start, Hopes to Reach $1 Million Raised

The sixth annual Faculty and Staff Campaign is scheduled to begin Wednesday, March 25, with its Kick-off Celebration (location and time to be determined). Campaign chairman LaRence Snowden and Campaign Manager Jeff Shaw announced that this year’s campaign has its sight set on reaching $1 million in aggregate donations since 2009, by collecting $243,000 this year with 75% participation.

The campaign got off to an unofficial start March 12, in the President’s Lounge of the Student Life Center with the Annual Fund Campaign Leadership reception. Leadership donors to the campaign were recognized for their continued commitment of financial assistance to Texas Southern University students. Leadership donors who’ve given from 1 to 5 years were pinned with lapel pins showcasing the number of years they have donated and photographed with the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research Dr. James W. Ward. During the evening, Mellany Patrong, director of Risk Management, spoke as to why she decided to become a President’s Leadership Scholarship donor while Linda Ballard, director of Financial Aid, spoke on the benefits of giving.

Cedric Darden, a senior English major from Dallas gave a student testimonial on how he has benefitted from donations by Texas Southern faculty and staff. The event raised $75,000.

The highlight of the evening was when Dr. Selina Ahmed, interim chair and associate professor in the Department of Human Services and Consumer Sciences, announced that she would be creating a $50,000 endowment in her husband’s memory who passed away last year.

Texas Southern Tigers Capture SWAC Tournament Title and Spot in the NCAA Tournament

The Texas Southern Tigers are headed to the dance after capturing their second consecutive SWAC Tournament Title in two years.

TSU beat Southern 62-58 in a hard fought battle in the Toyota Center. “I’m extremely proud of this basketball team,” said Davis. “They battled through some adversity early on and they showed resiliency down the stretch. This championship is the product of lots of hard work from our players and staff.”

SWAC Regular season player of the year, Madarious Gibbs was named Tournament Most Valuable Player but he handed the trophy to teammate Malcolm Riley who led the Tigers with 18 points and 10 rebounds.

Chris Thomas was also named to the All-Tournament Team.

Coach Davis invited the Texas Southern Lady Tigers to participate the victory celebration.

Tigers NCAA Tournament Bound

Texas Southern Tigers were awarded a #15 seed in the NCAA Men’s Basketball Bracket. They will travel to Portland, Oregon to face the #2 seed Arizona Wildcats of the Pac-12.

“Going into the season we wanted to play a very challenging non-conference schedule in order to prepare us for this moment,” said Davis. “Arizona has a really good basketball team and we’re looking forward to playing them on Thursday.”

The teams will play on March 19, at 1:10 p.m. CST on TNT.

Ambassador Ron Kirk to Address Spring Graduates, Milton Carroll to Receive Honorary Degree

Texs Southern University has announced that Ambassador Ron Kirk will be the keynote speaker for its Spring Commencement Ceremonies set for Saturday, May 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the H&PE Arena. TSU Alumnus Milton Carroll will be issued an honorary doctorate of Humane Letters.

Kirk is Senior of Counsel in Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher’s Dallas and Washington, D.C. offices. He is Co-Chair of the International Trade practice and is also a member of the Public Policy, Crisis Management, Mergers and Acquisitions and Private Equity practice groups.

Prior to joining the firm in April 2013, Ambassador Kirk was the first African American to serve as United States Trade Representative (USTR) and was a member of President Obama’s Cabinet, serving as the President’s principal trade advisor, negotiator and spokesperson on trade issues. Ambassador Kirk

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Kingsley Onweiyu Selected as Smithsonian NMAAHC Intern

As part of a pilot program in training students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in museum careers, Kingsley Onweiyu is currently working at the University Museum as an intern sponsored by the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Kingsley is currently working with Monica Vidal, Museum Registrar and Samuel Blesson, Exhibitions Coordinator to learn best practices in collections management and exhibition development and installation. As shown in this image, Kingsley has hands on opportunities to examine and access works from the Museum’s permanent collection. The long-term goal of the Smithsonian pilot project is to establish a permanent endowment internship program at the NMAAHC museum and work with partner HBCU project directors to sustain and institutionalize their university based internship programs.

Lady Tigers Accepts Bid to WNIT

The Texas Southern Lady Tigers will get to compete in post-season play. The Southwestern Conference (SWAC) Regular Season Champions accepted a bid to the Women’s Nation Invitational Tournament (WNIT).

TSU finished first in the conference and will face Southern Mississippi on Thursday, March 19 in Hattiesburg, MS.

This will be Lady Tigers’ third bid to the WNIT. They lost in the first round last year to SMU 84-72.
TSU Champions Committed to the Community

Two Texas Southern championship teams took time to give back to the community.

Members of the 2015 SWAC Indoor Championship Track and Field team participated in the Lilly Grove Missionary Baptist Church Fun Run for fitness. The TSU track stars helped lead the way in the 3k run to promote healthy living and healthy choices.

A group of Lady Tigers from the 2014 Champion Softball Team teamed up with actor Lance Gross and former WNBA star Lisa Leslie for the Toyota Green Initiative. They went to The Boys & Girls Club at Finnigan Park to promote recycling and energy efficiency. The Texas Southern athletes helped install energy efficient lights as part of the event. The Lady Tigers also helped the kids learn how to recycle.

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT

ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command Systems
ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System

March 23 – 26, 2015
8:00 AM to 5:00PM

ICS-300: Intermediate Incident Command System for Expanding Incidents
This course provides training on use of multiple resources for personnel who require application of the Incident Command System (ICS) during expanding incidents. This course expands upon information covered in the ICS-100 and ICS-200 courses.

ICS-400 - Advanced Incident Command System, Command and General Staff-Complex Incidents
This course is intended to serve as a vehicle to share proven incident management strategies and practices as well as to enhance teamwork and coordination among all response agencies’ officers directly responsible for emergency response to a WMD/terrorism incident or other “Incident of National Significance.”

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Dr. Jenifer Bratter,
Associate Professor of Sociology at Rice University
“From Mammy to Olivia Pope: What Film and the TV Industry Tells us About Race and What It Means to be a Black Woman”
Wednesday, March 25th :: Noon
Thomas F. Freeman Honors College Auditorium
Lower level – Robert J. Terry Library