Dr. James Ward Named Provost

Texas Southern University President Dr. John M. Rudley officially named veteran administrator Dr. James W. Ward as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research during the Board of Regents annual retreat on March 7, 2015. He served as interim in this role since May 12, 2014. Prior to this appointment Dr. Ward served as Dean of the School of Communication. This appointment becomes effective immediately.

As Dean of the School of Communication for nine (9) years, the school of communication had the largest percentage of students to graduate on time.

The school’s graduates are working in every field imaginable - from producers of movies and shows; to publicist at major media networks, to law enforcement to judges and writers. He credits this success to a team of dedicated faculty and staff and having a student-centered environment.

Dr. Ward states, “I argued early during my administration to maintain, monitor and operate student labs and that my team would be readily and always accessible to the students. On any given day, more than 90 percent (90%) of the students can be found utilizing the labs in the MLK Center throughout the day.

Ward said he will continue to meet with strategic groups, delivering his drive to succeed with the ultimate vision of the president. He plans to blend TSU’s rich history with its present ensuring its vibrant future. “And TSU’s future is promising and I will be working toward that end to position TSU in a global and far-reaching arena where people will know TSU by its expert faculty, and the quality of our programs and our products, the students.

Dean Bullard Participates in March on Selma Commemoration

Dr. Robert Bullard, dean of the Barbara Jordan – Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs, was one of several environmental leaders who participated in a tribunal March 7, held at the Selma 50th Anniversary Commemoration march in Selma, Ala.

The theme of the tribunal was “Change is Gonna Come: Advancing an Environmental and Climate Justice Agenda in the South.” TSU, along with Dillard University and the NAACP National Environmental and Climate Justice Program led the environmental and human rights events in the Selma Commemoration.

Dottie Peoples to be Featured in TSU’s CROWNS May 8 and 9

Texas Southern University has tapped one of the greatest voices in gospel history - Dottie Peoples who will be featured in the university’s presentation of CROWNS on Mother’s Day weekend, May 8th and 9th for two shows only. Certain to be the hottest tickets in town, the university encourages everyone to purchase their tickets early. Tickets are available at www.tsu.edu or if you prefer you can reserve your seats now in the Office of Communications, Marketing & Community Relations – Room 211 Hannah Hall. Call 713-313-7933 or 713-313-7970 for more information. Sponsorship opportunities, vending and program advertising opportunities are also available.

Click for CROWNS Tickets or Information

TSU National Alumni Association Charters International Alumni Chapter

Nassau, Bahamas - The Texas Southern University National Alumni Association in partnership with the Texas Southern University Office of Alumni Relations charted an International Alumni Chapter on February 22, 2015 in Nassau, Bahamas.
Spring Conference on High Speed Rail comes to TSU

The Texas Southern University - Department of Transportation Studies will host their Spring 2015 Conference - “High Speed and Intercity Rail: Connecting Texas” on Thursday, March 26, 2015. The conference will be held in the Tiger Room of the Sterling Student Center and feature a breakfast and luncheon keynote speaker and two panel discussions with industry leaders and experts in rail, transportation planning, local transportation, and development.

Breakfast speaker will be Dr. Lisa Nungesser of Parsons Brinckerhoff, Inc.; Luncheon speaker will be Allan Rutter with the Texas Transportation Institute and former U.S. DOT Federal Railroad Administrator; Panelists include: Robert Eckels, Texas Central Railway, Maureen Crocker, Gulf Coast Rail District, Joe Black, Lone Star Rail District, Mark Werner, Texas Department of Transportation (Rail Division), Peter LeCody, Texas Rail Advocates, Kevin Feldt, North Central Texas Council of Governments, Alan Clark, Houston-Galveston Area Council, Lauren Barrash, The Houston Wave, Ashby Johnson, Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization, John Breeding, Uptown Houston Association.

There is no cost to attend the conference, but you must register by clicking here: Spring 2015 Conference Registration

For more information, contact Ursurla Williams at williamsua@tsu.edu or 713-313-4394.

TSU Men and Women Basketball

First Seeds in SWAC Championship Tournament

HOUSTON- The Texas Southern Tigers basketball team finished the regular season with a 88-78 win over Southern University in the H&PE Arena.

It was the Regular Season Champs’ seventh straight conference win to end the season. TSU takes the top seed position going into the SWAC Championship Tournament which kicks-off in Houston on Tuesday, March 10. TSU will face the winner of the Alcorn Tournament which kicks-off in Houston on March 10. TSU will face the winner of the Alcorn.

The TSU Lady Tigers ended the regular season tied for first with Southern University but TSU edged pass the Lady Jaguars to take the top seed in the SWAC Championship Tournament.

Texas Southern will play their first game on Wednesday, March 11 against the winner of the Alabama A&M vs Mississippi Valley game. The Lady Tigers’ tip off is at 6:00 p.m.

Rivera Wins Greater Alexandria Invitational

The Texas Southern Men and Women’s golf teams both took second place in the Greater Alexandria Invitational in Alexandria, Louisiana on March 1-3, 2015.

Sophomore Jarett Croff of Franklin, Tenn was TSU’s top men’s finisher with a two round score of 141, three under par. Senior Kassandra Rivera of Donna, Texas was the women’s champion. She took first place with a two-day total of 149, five over par.

Those who will serve as officers of the chapter include, President - Terry Paul Archer, acting chief of protocol, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Immigration; Vice President - Andrew Pinder, vice president of construction, Arawak Homes; Financial Secretary - Louis Moss, sales manager, MSC Bahamas Ltd.; Treasurer - Dominic R. Wilson, ministry of works, Building Inspectors; Sergeant at Arms – Austin Grant, gaming inspector; and Parliamentarian – Olive Bastian-Patton, manager of Health and Safety Atlantis. Approximately 300 Texas Southern University alumni live in the Nassau and Freeport, Bahamas areas.

During this visit, TSU President Dr. John Rudley and TSU Regent Marilyn Rose met with the Minister of Education, the Honorable Jerome K. Fitzgerald to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the Bahamas and Texas Southern University, to establish the TSU/Bahamian Merit Scholarship.

President of American Petroleum Institute Visits TSU

Jack N. Gerard, the president and CEO of the American Petroleum Institute (API) visited Texas Southern University on February 10, 2015. The API is the national trade association that represents all aspects of America’s oil and natural gas industry. Mr. Gerard has led API since November 2008, expanding its membership and influence in all 50 states and globally. API’s Washington presence is the foundation for the oil and natural gas industry’s advocacy and outreach at state, federal and global levels on public policy, standards and certification programs, and as the source for information on industry best practices.

The College of Science, Engineering and Technology (COSM) hosted Mr. Gerard and luncheon keynote speaker and two panel discussions with industry leaders and experts in rail, transportation planning, local transportation, and development.

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Tournament Winners

(l-r) Branson Ferrier-Alabama State, Kassandra Rivera-Texas Southern.
The Department of Human Resources & Payroll Services presents

Spring 2015

Lunch & Learn Events

Time: 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM
Location: HR Conference Room, HH129

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TSU News

The deadline to submit news or information for TSU E News is Thursday’s at noon for the following week’s edition. Submissions may be sent to calliskd@tsu.edu or pickensek@tsu.edu.

For any questions or comments, call Eva Pickens at 713-313-4205.

For more information, contact Carla West at (713) 313-1963 or email her at westcj@tsu.edu.

Historically Underutilized Businesses Fair

Texas Southern University’s 2015 Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) Vendor Fair will be held Wednesday, March 18, 2015 from 1-4 p.m. in the Sterling Student Center on the 3rd floor in the Tiger Room.

MID-TERM WEEK / LIBRARY EXTENDED HOURS

Texas Southern’s Robert James Terry library will be open 24 hours starting Saturday, March 7 at Noon and will remain open until March 13 at 5:00 p.m.

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Gerard at a luncheon meeting with the senior leadership of the University and the College. He described the program expanding API’s outreach efforts to colleges and universities and why he made a point to visit TSU. Discussions at the luncheon were held with the Associate Provost, Dr. Elizabeth Brown-Guillory, the Director of Development, Mrs. Carolyn Oliver, Dean Lei Yu, the associate deans, the department chairs and engineering students. Mr. Gerard gave a talk to assembled students in the afternoon.

Mr. Gerard encouraged students to consider careers in the oil and gas industry. He told a large gathering of students and faculty that while alternative energy is growing in its contribution to America’s energy needs, fossil fuels will still be needed for a long time. He described the large investment in alternative energy resources being made by the major oil and gas companies as well as the sudden surge in oil and gas production as a result of new drilling technologies.

“This do not exclude the energy industry from your career considerations, but actively pursue careers with energy companies,” Gerard said. “The energy industry is preparing for a grand workforce change as a result of retirements and demographic changes in the nation. Over 70 percent of workers in the oil and gas industry are over 50 years old. African Americans, Hispanics, and other minorities will be a majority of the workforce soon and the oil and gas industry will have a great many openings.”

TSU Earns Arbor Day Foundation Honor

Nebraska City, Neb. — For the third consecutive year, Texas Southern University has been honored with 2014 Tree Campus USA® recognition by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to effective urban forest management.

Tree Campus USA is a national program created in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation and sponsored by Toyota to honor colleges and universities for effective campus forest management and for engaging staff and students in conservation goals. Texas Southern University achieved the title by meeting Tree Campus USA’s five standards, which include maintaining a tree advisory committee, a campus tree-care plan, dedicated annual expenditures for its campus tree program, an Arbor Day observance and student service-learning project.

“Students are eager to volunteer in their communities and become better stewards of the environment,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Participating in Tree Campus USA sets a fine example for other colleges and universities, while helping to create a healthier planet for us all.”

“Toyota is so proud to support a program that we believe has a great impact on both reducing the environmental footprint of a college campus and inspiring college students to become conservation leaders,” said Latrondra Newton, chief corporate social responsibility officer for Toyota Motor North America, Inc.

The Arbor Day Foundation and Toyota have helped campuses throughout the country plant thousands of trees, and Tree Campus USA colleges and universities invested more than $29 million in campus forest management last year. More information about the program is available at arborday.org/TreeCampusUSA.