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## Gospel legend Kim Burrell to debut new radio show June 5 on KTSU-FM 90.9



**Kim Burrell**, Dove and Stellar award-winner and Houston native, is bringing her captivating and distinctive voice to KTSU Radio (90.9 FM), beginning Sunday, June 5, 2016. Burrell's new show – *Bridging the Gap with Kim Burrell* – will feature her unique take on music, life and society. *Bridging the Gap* will air live on KTSU every Sunday from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

This radio show is Burrell's first venture as a host. She plans to give her fans and new listeners a mix of encouragement and entertainment. *Bridging the Gap* will feature special segments, including "You Thought It, I Said

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## Letter to the E-News Editor:

For the last few months, I have noticed the positive improvements from the TSUPD.

Testimony: I arrived at work at 3:00 a.m. to cover the 24-hour computer lab. I parked in my normal spot and successfully made it to the RJT Library without any issues, but then I received a call from the TSUPD checking on me to make sure I was okay and to see if I needed an escort. I didn't reach out to them or anything. They made it their business to make sure I was ok. I believe in acknowledging and giving credit for this OUTSTANDING service and I want to say THANK YOU TSUPD #thankyoutsupd.

--Cicely Taylor

## Jesse H. Jones scholars receive awards at Houston CPA Society recognition awards



The Houston CPA Society, a chapter of the Texas Society of CPAs awarded JHJ School of Business accounting students who plan to become Certified Public Accountants \$3500 scholarships May 19. The scholarships were funded by the C.T. Bauer Foundation and presented during a recognition reception held at BraeBurn Country Club.

The students awarded are pictured front row, from left, **Justin Rector**, **Alejandra Martinez** and **Rahman Muhammad**. Others are **C.T. Bauer**

Foundation board members pictured top row, from left, **Jim Stinton**, **Bob Casey**, **Muriel Funches**, Executive Director of Advancement, JHJ School of Business, and **Rick Harsh**. Not shown but awarded a scholarship was **Chibuike Chukwu**.

The Texas Society of CPAs Foundation also awarded an Accounting Excellence Award to **Jordan Roberts**.

## TSU Athletics undergoes Academics turnaround



Over the course of the past several years the Texas Southern University Athletics Department has enjoyed a wide range of success as it relates to the academic turnaround of the program.

A big part of that success behind the scenes has been the diligent work of TSU Athletics staff members who advise student-athletes and provide programs that help them improve academically and post better grades.

"We've have a tremendously hard working staff," said TSU Assistant A.D. for Academics **Adeannah Pooler**.

"The student-athletes here at Texas Southern have helped turn the tide as it relates to the academic standing of our program through their hard work and countless hours of putting in the time it takes be successful inside the classroom while also meeting the rigorous demands of competing in a NCAA Division I sport."

This past 2016 Spring Commencement was highlighted with over 40 Texas Southern student-athletes participating in the ceremony. TSU has more than doubled its student-athlete graduation rates over the past eight years, a trend which brings smiles to the face of all involved in the process.

"There's truly nothing more gratifying for us as administrators than to watch our student-athletes matriculate through the University and ultimately attain their degrees," Pooler said. "The student-athletes here take their academics as seriously as they take competing in their various sports of competition and it shows through the recent Graduation Success Rates posted by our institution."

## Deadline for free TSU, Verizon summer STEM camp quickly approaching

The deadline to register your middle school son for the Verizon Minority Male Makers summer STEM camp at Texas Southern University is Thursday, May 26. Application packets can be picked up in Hannah Hall room 211, [online](#) or by calling Tiffany Asberry at 713-313-1861. Parents/guardians must complete the application packet and return it to Rodney Bush in TSU's Office of Advancement by e-mail to [bushrr@tsu.edu](mailto:bushrr@tsu.edu) or by fax to 713-313-4296.

The Verizon Minority Male Makers Program at Texas Southern University is designed to boost curiosity and heighten youngsters' ability to engage in problem-solving and innovation. The program's curriculum utilizes technology modules, allowing participants to create 3-D designs and engage in computer and mobile app development.

The program consists of four, one (1) week sessions (June 6-10, June 13-17, June 20-24, June 27-July 1). Classes will be held from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

For more information, please call Mr. Bush at (713) 313-7603.

## 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](mailto:calliskd@tsu.edu) or [pickensek@tsu.edu](mailto:pickensek@tsu.edu).

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



## TSU Alums shine at *Houston Recovers* Concert



KTSU FM (90.9) served as media sponsor and only local radio station partner for the *Houston Recovers with Clay Walker & Friends – Live from Lakewood Church* benefit concert. On May 21, TSU alumni **Kirk Whalum** and **Yolanda Adams**, along with **Regina Belle** were among the list of esteemed concert performers. KTSU General Manager **Ernest Walker** served as the music producer and director for the event. KTSU radio personalities, student volunteers and staff covered the event, including interviewing artists and broadcasting the live, two-hour concert.

Other performers include Clay Walker, Chris Walker, Brian McKnight, La Mafia's Oscar de la Rosa, Danny Gokey and CeCe Winans.

"We had an amazing experience and made a lot of good connections with Lakewood Church, the City of Houston and ABC-13," said Walker. "Those connections will bode well in the future not only for KTSU but TSU as well."

## Tigers' baseball, softball teams fall short at SWAC championships

The Texas Southern Tigers men's baseball team fell short in their comeback attempt on May 22 in New Orleans, LA. at the Southwestern Athletic Conference Baseball Tournament Championship, losing by a score of 7-5 to Alabama St.

In the ninth, TSU tried to claw back into the game, getting runners on first and second. A throwing error allowed a Tigers run and Christian Sanchez followed with a RBI single that brought the Tigers within two runs. TSU concluded the season with a 24-26 overall record. **Robert Pearson** and **Kamren Dukes** were named to the 2016 All-SWAC Tournament Team.

In Irondale, Ala., the Texas Southern Lady Tigers attempt at three consecutive conference softball championships fell short with an 18-8 loss to Alabama State in the 2016 SWAC Tournament Championship game.

Texas Southern showed signs of life in the top of the fourth inning, as **Domonique Tello** smacked a three-run double to cut the game to 11-5. But the long ball proved to be too much for the Lady Tigers as Alabama State hit back-to-back solo shots to extend the Hornets' lead.

**Haley Smith**, **Amber Garza**, and **Domonique Tello** were named to the 2016 All-SWAC Tournament Team.



## The Mirror of Life Awards to air on HMSTV



The **Mirror of Life Awards** television special that will spotlight the outstanding artistic talents of several Texas Southern University student musicians will air on Houston Media Source Television (HMSTV) Wednesday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m.; Friday, May 27 at 9:00 p.m.; Monday, May 30 at 7:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m.

Featured TSU students include: **Kierre Prejean**, guitarist in the Jazz Studies program, and director of the Mirror of Life Orchestra, which also includes, **Nathaniel Lee, Jr.**, bass guitar; **Joshua Howard**, drums; and **Tim Lea**, saxophone and piano. Other current and former TSU students **Manuel Berry**, Baritone; **Monique Searls**, **Nikki Luellen**, and the show's opening act, the TSU **Ocean of Soul Motion Squad** were featured guest artists. Rounding out the spotlight on TSU talent are Dr. **Dianne Jemison Pollard** and Maestro **Benjamin J. Butler II**, two distinguished TSU faculty members who were honorary award recipients.

The creator behind the *Mirror of Life Awards* is TSU Prof. **Howard C. Harris, Jr.**, Professor of Music and Director Emeritus and Founder of Jazz Studies at Texas Southern University. He is also founder of the Peoples' Workshop, aka Peoples' Family Workshop for the Arts, the organization that produces the annual Worldwide Arts Expo and Talent Competition that is held during the summer months where pre-production of the awards show begins.

**Mirror of Life Awards** will air on the following channels in the city of Houston only: Channel 17 on Comcast; Channel 99 on AT&T U-Verse; Channel 99 on Sudden Link; Channel 95 on TV Max; and Phonoscope on Channel 75. The show can also be accessed worldwide on the website at [www.americaletstalk.us](http://www.americaletstalk.us).

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It," "Losing My Religion", and "Summary of Hope." The weekly show will also feature special guest appearances from music artists in Jazz, R&B and Gospel.

The launch of *Bridging the Gap with Kim Burrell* will coincide with KTSU Radio's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration from **11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.** The event will include live performances, a meet-and-greet with KTSU on-air personalities, celebrity guests, family fun and food. The premiere of *Bridging the Gap* will be a live, outdoor broadcast, and Burrell's fans are encouraged to come to the event, watch the Gospel legend in action, and witness history being made at KTSU Radio.

The kick-off will take place behind TSU's Sterling Student Center in parking lot S-1 at the Blodgett Street entrance. The event is free and open to the public.

KTSU Radio is a member-supported radio station located at 90.9 FM on the dial in Houston and streamed live worldwide at [streema.com](http://streema.com) and at <http://tunein.com/radio/KTSU-the-Choice-909-s35779/>

Kim Burrell is known for a distinctive music style that she calls "jazz gospel." She is the daughter of a pastor and an evangelist singer, and her career started with a church solo when she was a one-year-old. Burrell's professional career began with Rev. James Cleveland's Gospel Music Workshop Choir, Trinity Temple Full Gospel Mass Choir of Dallas, and the Inspirational Sounds Mass Choir of Houston. Her recording debut came in 1995 with the release of *Try Me Again*, which was followed in 1998 with *Everlasting Life* and *Live in Concert* in 2001. Burrell stepped over into R&B with a featured solo on R. Kelly's *3-Way Phone Call* and sang with funk legend George Clinton. She has shared the stage with Gospel artists Shirley Caesar, Donnie McClurkin, Karen Clark-Sheard, Yolanda Adams, Kirk Franklin and Marvin Winans. Her secular work includes collaborations with Missy Elliot, Chaka Khan, Stevie Wonder, Harry Connick Jr., and the late, great Whitney Houston. Burrell founded The Love & Liberty Fellowship Pentecostal Overcoming Holy Church in 2010, where she serves as Senior Eldress/Overseer-Bishop.

For more information, visit [www.ktsufm.org](http://www.ktsufm.org) or call (713) 313-7591.

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Blues • Gospel • Hip-Hop • Jazz • R&B • Oldies • Reggae • Zydeco

# 90.9 FM KTSU

YOUR COMMUNITY STATION

## 45th Anniversary Kickoff Celebration

featuring the Premiere of  
**Bridging The Gap**  
with **Kim Burrell**

Live Performances,  
KTSU D.J.'s, Celebrity Guests,  
Community Leaders,  
Great Food and Family Fun...



**Sunday, June 5, 2016 • 11am-4pm**  
On The Campus of Texas Southern University  
*Behind the Sterling Student Life Center - Parking Lot 51 off Blodgett*

**FREE ADMISSION**

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Texas Southern University  
Department of Visual and Performing Arts

**TSU Children's THEATRE CAMP**  
Ages 6 to 14 years  
July 5-29, 2016 • 8:30am to 5pm  
Play – TBA  
Adrian Goodin "14  
Play Director  
Dianne Jemison Pollard  
Camp Director  
Ollington Smith Playhouse  
3100 Cleburne St. Houston TX 77004  
To register call (713) 313-7139  
or email [jemison\\_dp@tsu.edu](mailto:jemison_dp@tsu.edu)

**TSU Musical THEATRE CAMP**  
Ages 15 years through High School  
July 5-30, 2016 • 10am to 3pm  
Play – The Wiz  
Erika Walton  
Play Director  
Rosarito Rodríguez-González  
Camp Director  
The Deluxe Theatre  
3303 Lyons Ave, Houston TX 77020  
To register call (713) 313-1314  
or email [rodriguezr@tsu.edu](mailto:rodriguezr@tsu.edu)

### HONORARY CHAIRS

Ada Anderson, Robert Chavez,  
Tina Knowles, and Reginald Van Lee

and

Merele Yarborough, Gala Chair,  
invite you to

# Save the Date

## FOR THE SAKE OF ART 2016

a Wearable Art Competition

### HONORING

Shelby Marcus and Kermit Oliver

*Presented by H-E-B*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2016**

Omni Houston Hotel

7:00 P.M. Silent Auction and Reception

8:00 P.M. Dinner and Program

For more information, please contact:  
Ms. Marshall at 713-313-7136.

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the University Museum at Texas Southern University