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The H&PE Arena Basketball Court Named in Honor of Coach Robert Moreland

Joining Robert Moreland, center, for the dedication of the H&PE floor named in his honor were from left: Tony Harvey, TSU’s head men basketball coach; Dr. John Rudley, TSU President; Moreland and wife, Victoria; children, Ellis, Tonya and Tamara.

Texas Southern University recently honored the Legacy of Coach Robert “Bob” Moreland by naming the basketball court in the H&PE Arena in his honor.

“It’s a tremendous tribute to all the young men and coaches who we have worked with over the years. Certainly for my family and for myself, this is a tremendous and meaningful honor.”

Moreland served 27 seasons as head coach of the Texas Southern University men’s basketball program. Over his nearly three decades as a Tiger, Moreland has more wins than any coach in the university’s history. He has 406 victories. He also has won or shared ten SWAC championships. Moreland is a five time SWAC coach of the year, American wire service 1994 National Coach of the Year and 1994 & 1995 American Wire Service National Black College Champion. He also coached three national scoring champions in Harry Kelly (2-times) and Kevin Granger.

During his career at Texas Southern, coach Moreland had six 20-win seasons including a NAIA National Championship in 1977 and three trips to the NCAA Tournament in the 1990’s (Georgetown University 1990, Duke 1994 & University of Arkansas 1995).

Moreland started his coaching career at Greer High School in Carthage, Mississippi, where he coached from 1962 to 1963. The following year he assumed the reigns of Utica Junior College in Utica, Mississippi. While there, he won 78% of his games over a 12 year period. The last 10 years were 20 win seasons, including a 30 win season in his final campaign at Utica Junior College before heading west to Texas Southern University. It only took coach Moreland two seasons to post a 30-win season at TSU and win a national championship in the
process. “All I ever thought about was coaching and winning,” said Moreland, “I never thought about the number of victories I would win.”

Moreland earned his bachelor’s degree in Physical Education from Tougaloo College (1962) and his Master’s (1969) and Directorate (1972) Degrees from the University of Indiana.

Coach Moreland was inducted into the SWAC Hall of Fame in December 2007 and he received the “SWAC Alumni Association Lifetime Achievement Award” for contributions to the Southwestern Athletic Conference in December 2009. He is also a inductee into the Tougaloo University Hall of Fame and Hines Community College Hall of Fame. Coach Moreland is married to Victoria Moreland; he is the father of four (Ellis, Tonya and Tamara); he has four grand-kids and four great grand-kids.

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Texas Southern University was founded in 1926 and became a state institution in 1947. Texas Southern possesses an impressive array of undergraduate and graduate programs, a diverse faculty, more than 80 student organizations, and an alumni network comprised of educators, entrepreneurs, public servants, lawyers, pilots, artists, and more, many of whom are change agents on the local, national and international stage. Nestled upon a sprawling 150-acre campus, Texas Southern has served as a cornerstone for developing the greatest potential in leaders from various socioeconomic, cultural, and racial backgrounds. Texas Southern is located in the heart of the city, giving its students and faculty easy access to the Museum District, neighboring educational institutions, the Texas Medical Center, downtown Houston, two major airports and all of the city’s major freeways. More than 9,487 students, along with nearly 1,500 faculty and staff comprise the University’s community making it one of the nation’s largest Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU’s). For more information, visit www.tsu.edu.