



TigerLand

A monthly newsletter from TSU President Dr. Austin A. Lane

January 2018



Dr. Austin A. Lane
President

Hello TSU family!

The Tigerland Newsletter is designed to keep you informed about news and events occurring on the university campus. There are several news items that highlight the accomplishments of our students, faculty and alumni as well as announcements of upcoming events and important dates about programs that may be of interest to you. I want to remind you to continue to keep in touch and share your ideas and concerns for improving the campus and its operations via the "Ask the President" button on the website and on page 2 of this newsletter.

SAVE THE DATE

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**Tuesday, January 30 –
Thursday, February 1, 2018**

Mandatory Exit Loan Counseling
Financial Aid Welcome Center -
West Garage

Register at www.tsu.edu/financialaid

Friday, February 2, 2018

**Greek Informational Risk
Management Workshop**

Student Center Cafeteria, 8:00 p.m.
TSU ID required

Tuesday, February 6 –

Thursday, February 8, 2018

Mandatory Exit Loan Counseling
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Thursday, February 8, 2018

Dept. of History Presents:

Alondra Nelson,

Columbia University professor

School of Public Affairs, Room 114,
1:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 8 –

Sunday, February 18, 2018

TSU Theater presents Dutchman

Ollington Smith Playhouse,

7:00 p.m.; 3:00 p.m.

\$10 General Admission –

\$5 Students

Visit www.brownpapertickets.com

Tuesday, February 13 -

Thursday, February 15, 2018

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Texas Southern University introduces new Center for Justice Research \$2.7M initiative will provide data to support criminal justice reform



(l-r) TSU Provost Kendall Harris, Ph.D.; Oliver Bell, TSU Board of Regents; Dr. Howard Henderson, TSU President Austin A. Lane, Gerard Robinson, Center for Advancing Opportunity; Dr. Harry Williams, Thurgood Marshall College Fund; Houston District Attorney Kim Ogg, Dr. John Hardin, Charles Koch Foundation.

Texas Southern University announced the establishment of the Center for Justice Research (CJR) in a press conference on January 22. The Center is a new initiative designed to produce innovative solutions to criminal justice reform and address challenges in America's criminal justice system. TSU was awarded \$2.7 million by the Center for Advancing Opportunity, an initiative supported by funding from the Charles Koch Foundation and Koch Industries to the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

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TSU students receive Insurance Council of Texas scholarships

The Insurance Council of Texas (ICT) awarded academic scholarships to **Alicia Roberts** and **Maurisha Johnson**, two students in the Jesse H. Jones School of Business. Both were recommended by Dr. **Gary Sylvester**, JHJ adjunct professor, for their success in his insurance and risk management classes.

"These ICT scholarship recipients were recommended by their insurance and risk management professors because they were among the best in their class and showed a keen interest in the property and casualty industry," said Mark Hanna, ICT spokesperson.

Each student will have the opportunity to attend ICT's Property and Casualty Symposium on July 12 and 13 at the Hyatt Regency in Austin. They will have an opportunity to network with industry leaders, hear from experts on the latest property and casualty issues, and participate in a speed interview and network session with more than a dozen insurance companies.

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Thursday, February 22, 2018
College of Education Gala

The Junior League of Houston, 1811 Briar Oaks, 6:00 p.m.
 Event will recognize outstanding Educators

Friday, February 23, 2018
TSU Government

Public Interest Table Talk Fair
 Student Center Tiger Room, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 For more information, call 713-313-7541

Monday, March 12 – Friday, March 16, 2018
Spring Break
 Have fun, be safe.

Friday, March 30, 2018
Good Friday Observance

Thursday, April 19, 2018
38th Intercultural Communication Conference

Theme: Communication, Membership, Globalization: Implications for World African Community
 Send abstracts or proposals to Dr. Humphrey Regis at regisha@tsu.edu
 Submission Deadline: February 16, 2018

Saturday, April 28, 2018
Annual Maroon and Gray Affair
 Marriott Marquis Hotel

Monday, May 28, 2018
Memorial Day Holiday

Saturday, June 9, 2018
For The Sake of Art Wearable Art Competition and Gala

Save the Date
 Designers and Artist register online at www.forthesakeofarttsu.com
 Registration runs until March 5, 2018

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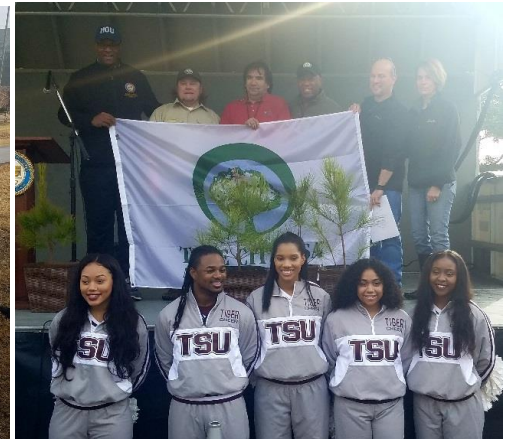
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Dr. Wilson receives Leadership Award from Faculty Senate



TSU faculty convened January 12 to kick-off a new semester at the Spring Opening Meeting. Dr. **Kendall Harris** was introduced as the new Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. Faculty received updates on TSU Online, Student Academic Support Services, the Capital Expenditure Plan, TSU 2020, enrollment trends, and media opportunities and training. Dr. **Bobby Wilson** was presented with the Distinguished Leadership Award by Dr. **Kenyatta Cavil** and the Faculty Assembly/Senate.

TSU students pitch in for city's annual Arbor Day celebration



Texas Southern students served their community on January 19 by volunteering with the city and Mayor Sylvester Turner for Houston's 32nd Arbor Day celebration. Volunteers planted 760 trees along the Arbor Trail stretching from Macgregor to Hwy. 45.

"Arbor Day is not just about beautifying our tree canopy, it's also about having an impact on our environment. Every tree that we plant enhances our quality of life," Turner said.

President Lane named to list of prominent HBCU leaders



HBCU CAMPAIGN FUND
 Celebrating Historically Black Colleges
 and Universities around the United States

The Ten Most Dominant HBCU Leaders of 2018



TSU President **Austin Lane** has been named to the HBCU Campaign Fund's top ten list of HBCU Leaders of 2018. The HBCU Campaign Fund is a non-profit group designed to support Historically Black Colleges and Universities. This select group is responsible for creating progressive policies, changing perspectives and making decisions that affect students through their education at HBCU institutions. [Click here](#) to see the full list.

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"The Center for Justice Research represents a new direction for Texas Southern and will strengthen our commitment to equal justice for all citizens," said TSU President **Austin A. Lane**. "TSU is elated to receive strong support for the Center from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund and the Charles Koch Foundation, forming a critical partnership to advance knowledge through our faculty and evidence-based research, and in turn, care for our fragile communities."

The primary focus for the Center for Justice Research will be to produce innovative solutions to criminal justice reform efforts by utilizing an experienced group of researchers working to understand and address the current challenges of the U.S. criminal justice system. The Center will be an incubator for policy-driven criminal justice research support, increase the research capacity of HBCU faculty in the field, and train and mentor graduate students interested in addressing issues surrounding mass incarceration.

Howard Henderson, Ph.D., professor of Administration of Justice in TSU's Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs, will serve as the Center's director.

John Hardin, Ph.D., director of university relations at the Charles Koch Foundation, said that more Americans are incarcerated than have a college degree. Hardin said that the Foundation is concerned that the criminal justice system has more impact on the community than the educational system and also has a greater ability to destroy lives.

"Research is required to ensure that the criminal justice system in this country is one that treats all people equally and with dignity so that citizens can live a fulfilling life," Dr. Hardin said. "We are proud to be a part of a partnership supporting such critical, academic pursuits."

CJR's mission is to change how historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) address criminal justice reform by developing objective, evidence-based research. The goal is to develop and share interdisciplinary criminal justice research to break down barriers faced by American citizens in fragile communities. A 'fragile community' is defined as a specific area with high crime, low access to social mobility and limited opportunities for growth.

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee (D-18th District) said, "Our criminal justice system is deeply flawed and perversely inhumane support for reform spans the ideological spectrum, and this grant to TSU's Center for Justice Research will help to enhance efforts to ensure that all of us receive equal treatment under the law."

Jackson Lee, a senior member of the House Committee on Judiciary and Homeland Security and a strong advocate for justice reform, spoke via speakerphone at the press conference in support of the initiative. She said that African Americans and other people of color are heavily incarcerated due to a disparate system, but that research and science are the tools to resolve criminal justice problems.

"TSU is an appropriate place for this commitment because it is the people's university. It costs more than \$32,000 to incarcerate people and more women are being incarcerated, so there is a crucial need for this grant," Jackson-Lee said.

Harris County District Attorney Kim Ogg said, "Incarceration is the end of opportunity for many people, but this grant is setting the stage for a new era in criminal justice. We need a common-sense approach to avoid recidivism and address problems with mental illness and addiction in the community."

TSU's Office of Continuing Education launches the Attorney Ricky Anderson Entertainment Law Institute

Institute expands universities online learning and not-for-credit certificate offerings



The Office of Continuing Education has increased its online certificate programming with the addition of the Attorney Ricky Anderson Entertainment Law Institute Virtual Campus (ARAELI). The institute's e-learning certificates are designed to prepare students and lifelong learners for today's competitive global entertainment and media marketplace.

ARAELI is a customized, self-paced program. Featured courses include artist promotion and representation management, music publishing, production and distribution, recording, performance agreements, merchandising, touring film and television agreements, and "Music in Cyberspace."

"Texas Southern University is committed to supporting and exceeding the changing needs of our students due to the steady growth of online education and degree programs," said TSU President **Austin Lane**. "Full online degree programs provide more flexibility in achieving a college education for our diverse community of learners."

"With online education rapidly developing and the number of online educational programs increasing, Texas Southern University is committed to supporting and exceeding the current needs of our full-time and part-time students," said Attorney Ricky Anderson. "The fully online certificate programs provide even more flexibility in achieving an advanced education for our diverse community of learners."

Enrollment for ARAELI began on January 26, 2018. The programs are taught by experienced faculty and will be delivered through a virtual campus learning management system for online, blended and web-enhanced courses. The Attorney Ricky Anderson Entertainment Law Institute is an educational partner with Aperion Global Institute.

Courses are available 24-hours a day, year-round through a self-paced e-learning licensed technology platform. ARAELI offers a flexible and accelerated online learning process for students and lifelong learners, within and outside the State of Texas.

[Click here](#) for a full listing of ARAELI programs and courses.

Student Spotlight



Name: Aaron Dallas Jr.

Classification: Junior

Major: Business Finance (3.71 GPA)

Hometown: Cypress, Texas

Current Organizations: Honors College, Intersarsity Christian Fellowship, Pre-Alumni, Residential Assistant, Mr. Jesse H. Jones School of Business, and a Thurgood Marshall College Fun Wal-Mart Mentor.

Past Organizations: Student Government Association, Jesse H. Jones Fellows Program and American Association of Blacks in Energy.

Accomplishments:

- Recipient of the Presidential Platinum Leadership Scholarship as a freshman.
- Recipient of the Jesse H. Jones School of Business 1979 Frame Your Future Scholarship, C.T. Bauer Scholarship, Reliant Energy Scholarship and Thomas F. Freeman Honors College Scholarship.
- Raised \$3,000 with help from TSU alumni, community leaders, family and friends that was used to award eight TSU students with Dallas-Jones Scholarships.
- Recently founded a third scholarship called The Skills Showcase Scholarship to assist TSU students.
- Invited to be a featured audience member on the television show, *Great Day Houston* hosted by Deborah Duncan, for his service and leadership at TSU. The audience included an additional 20 TSU students.
- Recognized by the dean of Thomas F. Freeman Honors College for having the highest GPA during the 2016 Fall Semester.
- Performed the invocation at the Spring 2017 Honors Convocation ceremony.
- Has obtained internships each year and accepted an internship offer with ConocoPhillips Oil and Gas in their Supply Chain division that will lead to full-time employment after graduation.
- Voted by his peers as the 2016-2017 Leading Male Tiger of the Year and is a recipient of the Student Lifetime Achievement Award and Sophomore of the Year.

Future plans: Aaron wants to provide more scholarship opportunities for fellow students. He wants to introduce a scholarship for students who are parents. He also plans to study abroad as an undergraduate. Aaron wants to pursue a master and doctorate degrees in Divinity, and become a pastor. He plans to write books on faith, college, and leadership and wants to start a non-profit organization aimed at tackling issues in destitute areas.

Favorite quote or words that you live by: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give" Sir Winston Churchill -

Fun Fact: Aaron is a legacy student at Texas Southern University. His parents graduated from TSU in 1990, his aunt in 2001, and his sister in 2015.

TSU welcomes new assistant vice president of Student Affairs



Dr. **Michael Gary, Jr.** has been named as the new assistant vice president of Student Services. Dr. Gary served as the assistant vice president and dean of students at Florida Memorial University. He has worked in student affairs at the collegiate level since 2005, focusing on student leadership and staff development.

Dr. Gary's passion working with college students began while as an undergraduate student at Lincoln University where he was involved in many co-curricular activities, including serving as Student Government Association president. His research has included black male college persistence and African-American millennial college students in leadership positions. Dr. Gary has served as project and operations manager at Morehouse College, coordinator for Student Life and Development at Lincoln University, and assistant residence director at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

Dr. Gary, a Philadelphia native, graduated from Lincoln University with a B.S. in Computer Science, a M.Ed. in Higher Education Administration with a concentration in Student Affairs from The University of Massachusetts-Amherst, and earned a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership at Mercer University. He is a Philadelphia native and is married to Laronda Stevens Gary and together they have a son, Michael "Tripp" Gary III.

Dr. Bullard ranked among top urban planning professors

Dr. **Robert D. Bullard**, distinguished professor of urban planning and environmental policy, was ranked 11th in the top 25 rankings of urban planning faculty in the United States and Canada. Professor Bullard's book, *Dumping in Dixie: Race, Class and Environmental Quality* was ranked eighth of cited publications by urban planning faculty. The rankings were compiled by Tom Sanchez of Virginia Tech's School of Public and International Affairs using Google Scholar Citations.

Dr. Bullard has also been named to the Advisory Committee for the Climate Communications Initiative. This is part of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine effort to showcase their extensive body of work on climate science, impacts, and response options to inform the public and decision makers.

The multi-disciplinary advisory committee – with a diverse set of expertise in climate science, climate economics, science communication, social media engagement and science education – will develop a strategic plan for the initiative and provide guidance in implementing the plan. The group is planning to hold a public meeting in March. For more information about the CCI, visit nas.edu/climate/cci.



Education student invited to Ivy League event



Nicole Tucker, a College of Education undergraduate student, has been invited to participate in the Minority Serving Institution (MSI) Graduate Student weekend at the Penn Graduate School of Education.

MSI Graduate Student Weekend, to be held April 6-8, is an annual event hosted by the Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions and Penn Graduate School of Education. The gathering provides undergraduate students with an opportunity to obtain information on pursuing graduate and professional degrees in education. The jam-packed weekend encourages students to participate in professional development and educational sessions to prepare for the graduate school process.

TSU Theatre opens Spring season with Dutchman

TSU Theater will kick off its spring season with a performance of *Dutchman*. The play, written by award-winning playwright and activist Amiri Baraka (Leroi Jones), will be directed by TSU Theater Professor **Thomas Meloncon**.

Dutchman is a two-character performance spotlighting a confrontation on a New York subway between a middle-class black intellectual (Clay) and a sensuous, older white woman (Lula). Clay has deep insecurities about his ethnicity, history, and social status. Lula challenges Clay to examine himself and the racial stereotypes that rule his life.

The play runs February 8-10 and February 15-17 at 7:00 p.m. Matinee performances will be held February 11 and February 18 at 3:00 p.m., all in Sawyer Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased online at www.brownpapertickets.com.

Houston reps discuss politics in forum at TSU



Representatives Garnet Coleman and Shawn Thierry participated in lively political discussion on January 23 led by Evan Smith, CEO of *The Texas Tribune*. Thierry and Coleman shared their thoughts on the woeful state of public education, sexual assault allegations at the Capitol, the upcoming Texas primaries, and the state's high maternal mortality rate, especially among African-American women. The large audience in the Barbara Jordan- Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs auditorium registered their thoughts through laughter and applause, even a few groans. The forum was part of a series of events that the *Tribune* holds across the state to have conversations on a range of social and political issues.



written by Amiri Baraka
directed by Thomas Meloncon

Ollington Smith Playhouse
3100 Cleburne St. Houston, TX 77004
February 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 at 7pm - February 11 & 18 at 3pm
\$10 General - \$5 Students
For information call 713-313-7157
Buy tickets online at brownpapertickets.com

TSU basketball coach Mike Davis reaches milestone victory



Mike Davis won his 100th game on New Year's Day as head coach of TSU's basketball team with a 78-66 victory over Southern University. Davis increased his win total to 103 with wins over Alcorn State, Prairie View A&M and Mississippi Valley State. The men's basketball team had the fourth-longest home winning streak in the nation at 27 consecutive victories before losing 72-74 to Arkansas-Pine Bluff on January 22.

TSU Athletics to honor 2002-03 basketball champions

TSU's basketball team from the 2002-03 season will be honored in a special ceremony to commemorate the 15th anniversary of their championship season. The men's team members will be celebrated when TSU hosts Alabama A&M on February 24 at 7:30 p.m. in H&PE Arena.

Head Coach **Ronnie Courtney** guided Texas Southern to a win over Alcorn State in the Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship game on March 15, 2003. The decisive 77-68 SWAC victory catapulted the Tigers into the NCAA Tournament. TSU went on to face UNC-Asheville in the opening round of the tournament.

"The 2002-03 men's basketball team at Texas Southern was an exceptional group of young men," Courtney said. "The team came together at the right time and we were able to accomplish some remarkable things that season."

Texas Southern amassed an 18-13 record during the 2002-03 campaign, bolstered by the Tigers winning five of their last six contests.

"We're really excited to get the opportunity to look back and celebrate that memorable season. It will honor the rich tradition of Texas Southern Tigers men's basketball along with alumni, current TSU students, faculty and staff," said Dr. **Charles McClelland**, TSU vice president of Intercollegiate Athletics. "Since this year marks the 15th anniversary of TSU's title run under Coach Courtney, we found it fitting that we take this opportunity to bring the team back and recognize their contributions to the program. This will be a special night for them as well as for our current student-athletes and coaches as they continue to build upon the rich tradition that has been established at TSU."

TSU Jazz Ensemble performs at national jazz conference



The TSU Jazz Ensemble was invited to perform at the 2018 Jazz Education Network National Conference in Dallas. Our students performed on the Main Inspirations Stage with renowned saxophonist and TSU alumni Kirk Whalum. The Ensemble was supported by the African American Jazz Caucus who paired students with professional mentors to start building their music careers.



The countdown to the 2018 *Maroon & Gray Affair* has begun! TSU thanks one of our sponsors, **Fred Hoyer** and **Bayway Lincoln** for supporting #TSU and student scholarships.

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MAROON & GRAY *Affair*

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018
MARRIOTT MARQUIS HOTEL

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