

Farewell to our Dean



Dr. Dianne Jemison Pollard

RETIRES DECEMBER 31, 2022

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About This Edition

The award winning *Freeman Honors*, is the bi-annual newsletter of the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College at Texas Southern University. It connects the students, faculty and office personnel of the College with its many benefactors and partners in education within the University.

The College anticipates that this connection will reflect and cultivate the relationships in a family whose members are dedicated to maximizing the preparation of College students for service as citizens and as leaders in a global society.

Honors Fall Retreat 2022



FREEMAN SCHOLARS

On Saturday, January 27, Freeman Scholars and Honors staff gathered for the first college-wide meeting and event for the 2022-23 academic year. The meeting was held in the Walter J. McCoy Auditorium and featured guest speaker **Ms. Andreus Boise** (TSU Career & Professional Services Center), **Dr. Gregory Maddox** (Director of International Programs and Dean of the Graduate School), TSU COVID Czar **Ms. Zuri Dale**, and Title IX Coordinator **Mr. Bobby Brown**.

Dean's Message

Greetings,

The Honors College experienced a very productive fall semester from its stimulating lectures to exciting trips to the dedication of the Freeman bust and archives.

The semester was also a realization that it would be the end of an era as I will be retired from the University after 44 years of service. I knew this was the right time as I was teaching a stage directing class this semester. **Dr. Carlton Molette**, Dean of the School of Communication, recruited me in 1978 to facilitate the theatre season and direct the shows. I had just received the MFA degree in directing from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. I wanted this class to be my last theatre class.



*Dr. Dianne
Jemison Pollard*

Over these last five years, serving as Dean of the Thomas F. Honors College, has been very rewarding. Along with the Honors College Faculty and Fellows, and the Honors College Advisory Board, we embraced the challenge to be one of the top colleges in student research, accomplishments, and student leadership at TSU.

Finally, the Honors College staff is to be commended for helping to make the college initiatives very successful, including our biennial Honors Research Conference and the digital *Freeman Research Journal* that houses the undergraduate theses. A sincere thank you to **Dr. Hector Miranda**, who will serve as interim Dean, **Ms. Renuka Nair**, **Mr. Shandon Neal** and all Graduate Research Assistants, especially our last two, **Ms. Aliah Pinder** and **Mr. Kaelan King**. I will miss all my University colleagues and staff.

Please enjoy this issue of *Freeman Honors*.

Dr. Dianne Jemison Pollard

The Honors Fall Induction and Recognition Ceremony



2022 Transfer & New Continuing Inductees

Left to right: Dr. Hector Miranda, Mr. Talbert Williams, Ms. Feria Nji, Ms. Renuka Nair, Ms. Jada Alix, Mr. Cameron Duncan, Dean Jemison Pollard, Ms. Ehiose Edosomwan, Ms. Cydney Haynes, Mr. Devin Robinson, Ms. Ravyn McKnight and Mr. Shandon Neal

On Wednesday, September 15th, the Honors College held the annual Fall Dinner in the Tiger Room of the Student Center. In this yearly celebration of academic excellence, attendees were treated to a wonderful meal and inspirational thoughts by **Dr. Dakota Doman**, Chief of Staff, Office of the President at TSU.

Six new continuing scholars and two transfer scholars were inducted into the College. **Dean Jemison Pollard** administered the oath. In recognition for their commitment to the Honors curriculum and core principles, continuing Juniors were awarded blazers and cardigans, and seniors were awarded senior pins.



Blazer Recipients

Left to right: Ms. Anoosh Arshad, Mr. Aaron Daniels, Mr. Herbert Watts, Dean Jemison Pollard, Ms. Nadiya Joseph, Ms. Nya Leday-Johnson, Ms. Chelsea Magee, Ms. Jazlynn Miller and Ms. Haille Minor

The Honors Fall Induction and Recognition Ceremony (contd.)



2022 Cardigan Recipients with Dean Jemison Pollard

Left to right: Ms. Omokhuwlele Umoru, Mr. Oswald Omoijiade, Ms. Raevyn Louis, Mr. Kester Iwelmor, Ms. Damazia Gaines, Ms. Janiya Chapman and Ms. Kamryne Ayers,



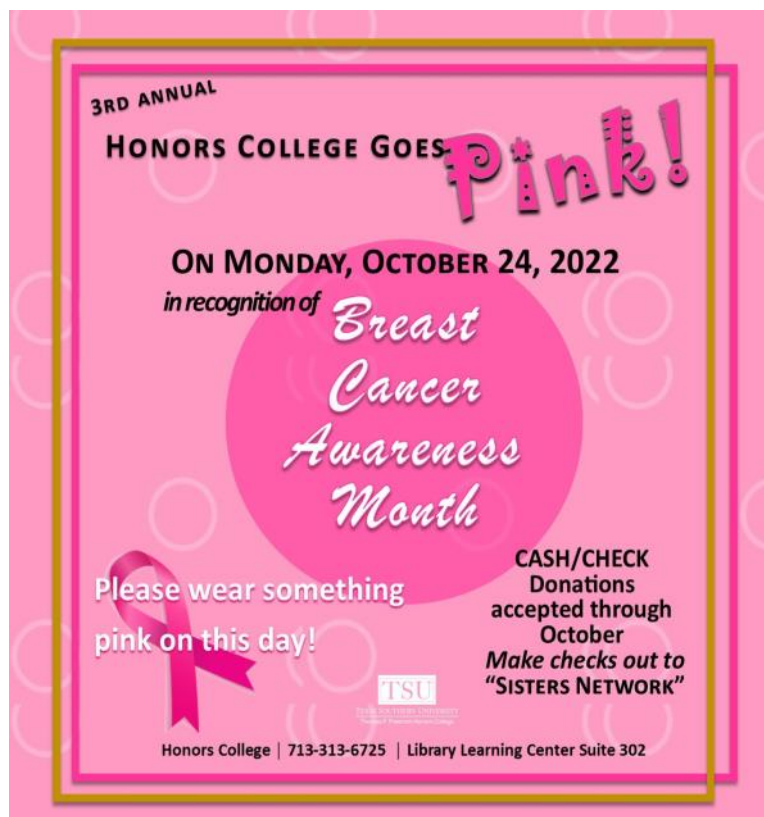
2022 Senior Lapel Pin Recipients with Dean Jemison Pollard

Left to right: Ms. Samserai Cardenas, Mr. Tannard Darensburg Jr., Ms. Jaina Johnson, Mr. Dexter Maryland, Ms. Judnie Michel, Ms. Noralis Santiago-Rodriguez, Mr. Shaun Stevenson, Ms. Donjana Allgood, and Mr. Emmanuel Joshua

Community Service: Breast Cancer Awareness



Freeman Scholars with Dean Jamison Pollard, Mr. Shandon Neal, and Ms. Aliah Pinder



During the month of October, the Community Outreach committee canvassed the TSU campus community to raise funds for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. As a college-wide initiative, all scholars, faculty and staff were asked to wear pink on October 24, 2022. Funds raised during this campaign were donated to the Sisters Network Inc., a Houston-based organization, committed to increasing local and national attention to the devastating impact of breast cancer on the African American community.

The Honors College Ambassadors (HCA), is the student organization that represents the Freeman Scholars among the TSU campus organizations, and seeks to engage the scholars with activities within the College as well as on and off campus. The HCA is comprised of four committees: Mentorship, Community Outreach, Recruitment and Social Media. Each committee chair works with the HCA president and the Honors College staff to plan out the semester and include community service projects, campaigns to increase the College presence on and off campus, recruit and train Freeman Scholars to represent the College at recruitment events, and increase freshman engagement via peer mentoring.

Homecoming 2022: Celebration Destination



*2022 Honors College Royalty
Mister Honors College, Tannard Darensburg and Miss Honors College, Janiya Chapman*

Homecoming 2022: Coronation

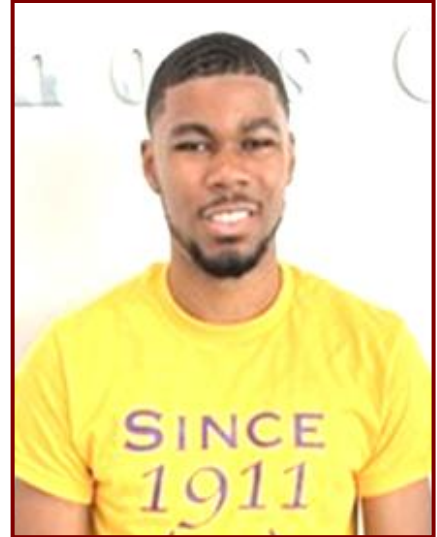
Mister and Miss Honors College 2022-2023



Janiya Chapman (Political Science, senior) hails from Rancho Cucamongo, California. In addition to being a Freeman Scholar, Janiya is a member of the TSU Women's Volleyball Team and is an active member in several campus organizations. In 2021-22, Janiya was the recipient of the prestigious Porter-Hedges Scholarship and received ongoing mentorship from practicing law professionals through the year.

Janiya advocates for academic excellence and school advancement.

Janiya is currently preparing to take the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT). Upon graduation, she plans to attend law school, as she aspires to be a corporate attorney.



Tannard Darensburg, Jr. (senior, Psychology) hails from New Orleans, Louisiana. Since he embarked on his journey at TSU, Tannard has not fallen short of excellence in achievement. Tannard is involved in many extra-curricular activities at Texas Southern University and is a member of Omega Psi Phi, Fraternity Inc., and Collegiate 100. Tannard's long term goal is to become a Family Life Counselor.

The Honors College congratulates Tannard Darensburg, Jr. and Janiya Chapman, the 2022-2023 Mister and Miss Honors College!

Mister Freshman TSU 2022-2023



Freeman Scholar **Kohl Crawford** (freshman, Political Science) was crowned the 2022-23 Mister Freshman at the TSU coronation, during Homecoming Week.

Kohl hails from Dallas, Texas. He finished his first semester in college with a 4.0 GPA while being actively engaged on campus including Student Government Association and Collegiate 100. He was officially inducted as a Freeman Scholar at the Spring Freshman Induction. In addition to being a Freeman Scholar, Kohl is also a recipient of the prestigious Strada Scholarship.

Kohl aspires to a career in law. Upon graduation, he plans to continue his education and attend law school.

The Honors College congratulates Kohl!

Homecoming Alumni Mixer



Mrs. LaAndra Peterson and Dr. Anthony Peterson



*Dean Jemison Pollard with Honors alum
Mr. JaDarrian Morgan*



Honors Alumni, l to r: Atty. Marcus Esther, Ms. Khouri Jackson, Mr. David Anderson, Ms. Angela Smith, Mr. Aaron Dallas and Mr. JaDarrian Morgan

Call to Alumni: Make Contact with the Honors College

We are continually updating our database of alumni of honors units at Texas Southern University. The database includes information on those past students who have been in the Honors College, Frederick Douglass Honors Program, and other honors activities or units that may have preceded them. If you are one of these alumni, please provide the information to the Honors College by contacting **Mr. Shandon Neal**, at Shandon.Neal@tsu.edu or 713.313.1180 or the Honors College front desk at 713.313.6725.

Research and Recruitment Trip



*Back row, l to r: Aliah Pinder, Tannard Darensburg, Blake Melton, Pablo Reyes-Sanchez, Jamel Jolivet, Jazmin Igbineweka, Cydney Haynes, Channing Below, Fera Nji, Oswald Omoijiade, Miguel Garza and Shaun Stevenson
Middle row, l to r: Alexis Nunley, Alyss Kerl, Madisyn Reddic and Alexa Romero
Seated: Dean Jemison Pollard and Mr. Shandon Neal*

After a two-year absence from taking the Research and Recruitment trip due to the pandemic, honors staff and Freeman Scholars were eager to take a trip. The purpose of the semester trips is to share research and fellowship with another university, usually an HBCU. Past trips have included going to Jarvis Christian University, Huston-Tillotson University, Xavier University, Dillard University, Mountain Top Junior College and Southern University. This year, we journeyed to Fisk University in Nashville, Tennessee. Three Freeman scholars, **Shaun Stevenson** (senior, Biology), **Blake Melton** (senior, Biology) and **Alexa Romero** (senior, Administration of Justice) and three scholars from both Tennessee State University and Fisk University shared their research in the symposium. The Freeman Scholars toured both campuses. The highlight of the tour was looking at the rich and historic art at Fisk. The following day, the Freeman Scholars recruited in Memphis, Tennessee.



Freeman Scholars, Mr. Neal, and Dean Jemison Pollard at Tennessee State University (left) and Fisk University (right)

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Frederick Douglass Lecture Series

**“Critical Race Theory:
A Historian’s Response”**

**DR. KAREN KOSSIE–
CHERNYSHEV**

Professor of History
College of Liberal Arts
& Behavioral Sciences

September 28, 2022



The Frederick Douglass Lecture Series is a required attendance event for the Honors College Scholars. Two lectures are presented each semester and each has a community and/or global focus.

“Facts about the Bitcoin”

DR. DAVID YEN

Dean
Jesse H. Jones School of
Business
Professor, Management
Information Systems

November 1, 2022



“The Thomas F. Freeman Honors College Formula:

Effective Leadership + Supportive Honors Faculty/Staff = Scholar Success!”

HONORS COLLEGE 2ND ANNUAL PREVIEW WEEKEND

High-achieving High School Seniors Invited to Honors for a Preview of Academics and Student Life in the Honors College



Parents and Guests pictured with Preview Weekend Attendees

The second annual Honors Preview Weekend was held on Saturday, November 12. We invited twenty- three scholars from high schools across the US to visit our campus for two days and they accepted.

The list of students came from three cohorts, TSU Scholars Night, Thurgood Marshall College Fund-Fleischer Scholars Summer Academy, and students who applied to the Honors College before November. The agenda included Honors College faculty speaking to their potential majors, the Honors College team discussing the benefits of membership in Honors, and a trip to the BBVA Stadium to look at our fighting Tigers football game vs Grambling State. The highlight of the day was the inspirational message delivered by TSU President **Dr. Lesia Crumpton-Young**, as she handed out scholarships of up to \$14,000 per year, to each of the students attending the 2022 Preview Weekend. All students were given one month to accept the scholarship. By December, thirteen scholars had accepted our offer.



Lt o r: Freeman Scholar Khamari Clemons and Graduate Assistant Aliah Pinder



*Honors Faculty and Staff Panelists
L to r: Dr. Mayur Desai, Dr. Hector Miranda, Dr. Willie Capers
and Dean Dianne Jemison Pollard*

Scenes from the Preview Weekend



Potential Freeman Scholars with their families



National Collegiate Honors Council Conference



The National Honors Collegiate Council (NCHC) conference fosters Honors colleges and programs to aspire to create and center communities, build diverse groups of engaged learners and include pedagogies that support these aspirations. The Honors higher education community looks forward and thinks creatively and imaginatively about communities and inclusion.

Dean Jemison Pollard and **Mr. Shandon Neal**, Director of Operations in Honors, attended the NCHC conference in Dallas, Texas, November 2 through 6, 2022. Each attended several sessions where they interacted with Honors directors and scholars from across the country. As always, the scene centered on the host community, Dallas, Texas. Conference attendees interacted with the host city and its various communities, following the City as Text format. Scholars relished the adventure and experiential learning opportunity.

It is appropriate, then, that the theme of NCHC22 was “centering community.” The second part of the 2022 theme “centering,” acknowledged that we live in an era of exceptional (if not unprecedented) political polarization and nativist politics. To this end, this conference agenda took into consideration the higher education community’s obligation, as a center of belonging and community. NCHC22 provided honors professionals and students with the opportunity to explore these ideals, while providing important solutions and opportunities for lively discourse in taking the honors community from the campuses to the world.



Mr. Shandon Neal and Dean Jemison Pollard

Dedication: Dr. Thomas F. Freeman Bust & Archives



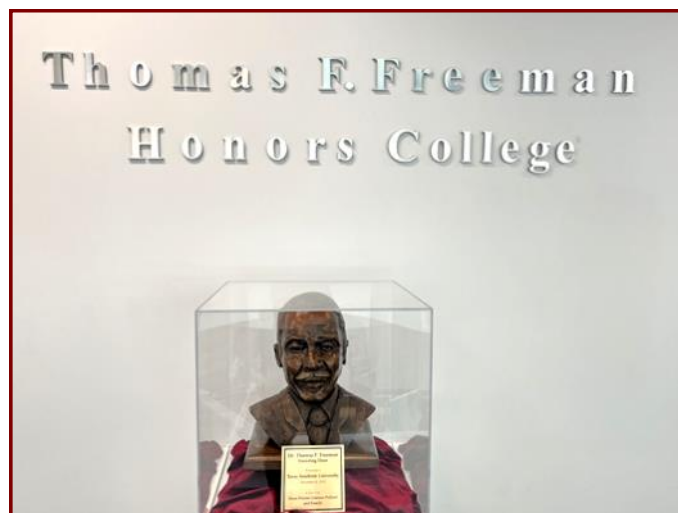
L to r: Atty. TaKasha Francis, Mr. Jesse Sifuentes, Dean Jemison Pollard, Mrs. Clarice Freeman and Ms. Connie Cochrane

The bronze bust and the Freeman Archives were dedicated on December 8, outside the Honors College in the Library Learning Center on the 3rd floor.

The Bust was a gift to the University from **Dean Jemison Pollard** and family. **Dr. Freeman** and the Dean's father **T. J. Jemison** were schoolmates at Virginia Union University in Richmond. Therefore, both families share a rich history.

The Bust by was created by TSU alumnus and retired Adjunct Professor of Art in the Bigger Art Center, **Mr. Jesse Sifuentes**. He was commissioned by **Dean Jemison Pollard** who admired his work as the pottery and sculpture teacher. Also, he is a noted muralist. The Bust sets in a display case and is a lasting tribute to the legacy of **Dr. Freeman** as the founding Dean of the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College founded in 2009.

Following the dedication of the Bust was the opening of the Freeman Archives in room 303, next door to the Honors College, Dr. Freeman's original desk from the Debate Office may be viewed along with artifacts, books, papers and personal items from his many national and international trips.



Dr. Freeman Bust

Dedication: Dr. Thomas F. Freeman Bust & Archives (contd.)



*Dr. Thomas F. Freeman Archives
Library Learning Center, Room 303*



Farewell cover story

The End of 2022 Marks the End of an Era

Dr. Dianne Jemison Pollard, Dean of the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College and Professor of Theatre, is retiring from Texas Southern University after 44 years of distinguished service. Dr. Jemison Pollard led the theatre program for many years, was chair of the Department of Fine Arts (Art, Music, and Theatre) for more than 10 years, and served as Associate Dean and Dean of the Honors College for more than nine years.

As an accomplished university stage director, she directed inaugural productions for the following TSU presidents: **Dr. Leonard H.O. Spearman**, **Dr. William Harris**, **Dr. James Douglass**, **Dr. Priscilla Slade** and **Dr. John Rudley**. Her ability to teach students the fundamentals of directing as they shaped every aspect of “being” the character garnered her several first place directing awards on the national level at the National Association of Dramatic and Speech Arts (NADSA). In all, she has directed more than 50 plays.

As the Dean of the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College, she implemented several initiatives including: the Research and Recruitment Trip, the Biannual Honors College Research Conference; the *Freeman Honors Research Journal*, which is an open access digital journal that houses the senior thesis and honors newsletters. She also implemented the gold medallion on the graduation stole Freeman Scholars receive at graduation and branded the name Freeman Scholars.



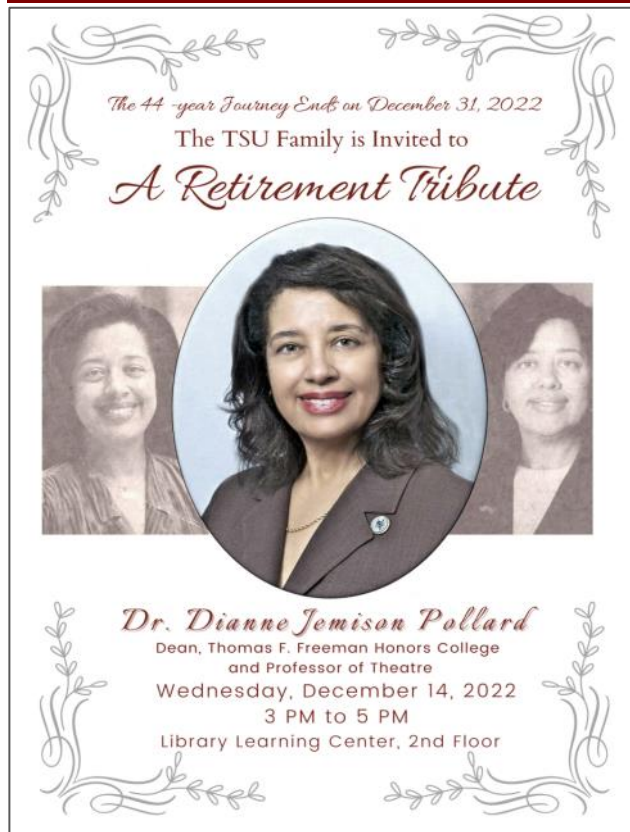
During a retirement celebration paying homage to her 44 years of service, **Mayor Sylvester Turner** declared Tuesday, December 14, 2022 “Dr. Dianne Jemison Pollard Day” in the City of Houston.

She and her family commissioned artist and TSU alum, **Mr. Jesse Sifuentes**, to produce a bust of **Dr. Freeman**, founding dean of the College, as her gift to TSU. The bronze bust was unveiled outside the Honors Suite in the Library Learning Center on December 8. Dr. Jemison Pollard also arranged for the Freeman Archives to be in room 303, next to the Honors College, so that all people can see not only artifacts, papers, and books important to Dr. Freeman, but his original desk from the TSU Debate office, which has been refurbished, can be viewed.

Dr. Jemison Pollard has worked hard and will be missed by students, colleagues, and alumni.

This article first appeared on www.tsu.edu in December 2022

Farewell cover story (contd.)



Retirement Tribute Flyer

A special thank you to the TSU Director of Libraries, **Ms. Haiying Li**, for her creation of the photos on the screen and the help of the Library Learning Center staff **Ms. Connie Fields** and **Ms. Shirley Dimerson**.

The highlight of the tribute was the proclamation by **Mayor Sylvester Turner** citing December 14, 2022 as “Dr. Dianne Jemison Pollard Day.”

Refreshments were served and gifts were given. The end of the tribute featured Honors College Advisory Board Member, **Dr. Gloria Batiste Roberts**, giving a beautiful toast to Dean Jemison Pollard.

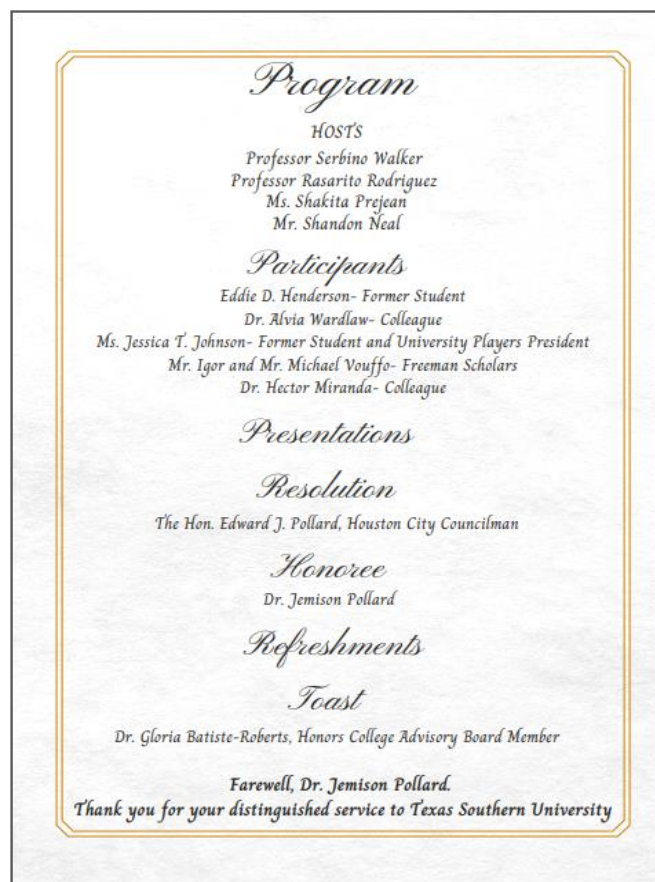
All in all, a great tribute to say thank you to one who served TSU WELL.

December 14, 2022

Fellow Deans, Provost, President, the Mayor of Houston, University-Players Alumni and community members were all in attendance to say farewell to Professor and Dean **Dr. Dianne Jemison Pollard**, who served the University for 44 years.

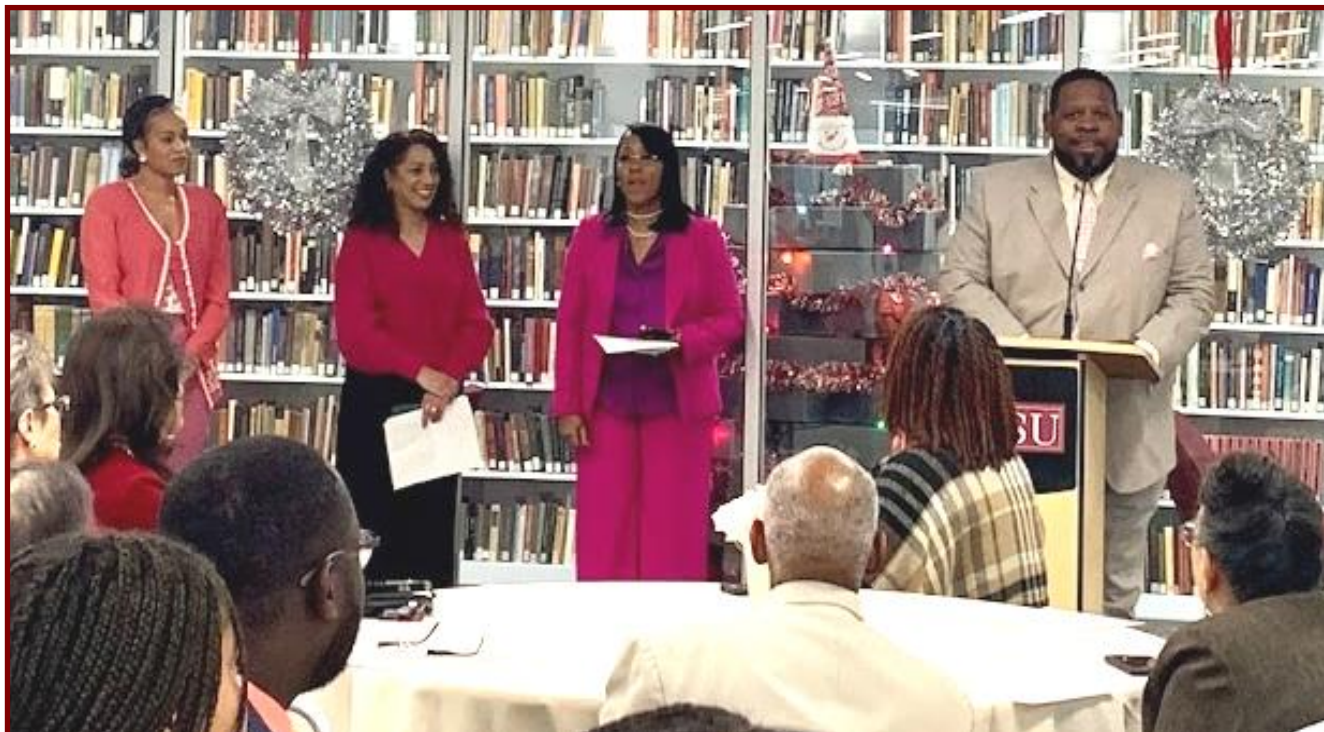
Program hosts who led the festive tribute were: Theatre Coordinator, **Prof. Rosarito Rodriguez**, Director of Operations for the Honors College, **Mr. Shandon Neal**, University Players Alumna, **Ms. Shakita Prejean** and Former Student and Colleague of Dr. Jemison Pollard, **Prof. Serbino Sandifer Walker**.

Program Participants included **Ms. Jessica T. Johnson** and **Mr. Eddie Henderson**, former Theatre student and president of University Players, Honors College Freeman Scholars, **Michael and Igor Vouffo**, Assistant Dean **Dr. Hector Miranda** and Director of Academic and Student Services **Ms. Renuka Nair** from the Honors College, and Dean Jemison Pollard’s son and Houston City Councilman, **Hon. Edward Pollard**.



Program

Farewell cover story (contd.)



Program hosts l to r: Ms. Shakita Prejean, Prof. Rosarito Rodriguez, Prof. Serbino Sandifer-Walker and Mr. Shandon Neal



Retirement Celebration Cake



Ms. Renuka Nair



Dr. Hector Miranda

Farewell cover story (contd.)



Dean Jemison Pollard receives a certificate of recognition from Judge Wanda Adams, Harris County Justice of the Peace



Mayor Sylvester Turner (center) reading the Proclamation



L to r: Councilwoman Carolyn Evans-Shabazz, Mayor Sylvester Turner, Councilman Edward Pollard and Dean Jemison Pollard



L to r: Dr. Gloria Batiste Roberts, Dean Jemison Pollard and Mrs. Clarice Freeman



Dr. Merline Pitre (Distinguished Professor of History and former Dean of College of Liberal Arts & Behavioral Sciences) and Dean Jemison Pollard

Fall 2022 Undergraduate Research and Internships Symposium

Celebrating scholarly research and internship experiences, the symposium serves as a forum for junior level scholars to present their work completed as part of the course augmentation proposals (CAPs). The presentation topics and content are based on the scholars' chosen fields of study. Participants are given 10-15 minutes to present their research.

Donjana Allgood

JP Morgan Chase Internship

"Configuration UI Update"

Ariana Alexander

CIVE 301/ Prof. Wolde-Kirkos

"Environmental Engineering"

Jada Alix

MGMY 300/ Prof. Allagoa-Warren

"Women in Business: Ethics and Biases"

Kamryne Ayers

RTF 331/ Prof. Childress

"Post-Pandemic Effects of Media on Generation Z"

Javion Cox

THEA 436/ Prof. Meloncon

"Color Blind Casting and its Effects on Modern Drama"

DaMazia Gaines

PA 301/Prof. Esechie

"Effects of Solitary Confinement on the Mental Health of Inmates"

Ileyana Hall

RTF 331/ Prof. Childress

"Bias and Perception in Media: An Analysis"

Jayla Jefferson

Internship

"African Americans Disproportionately Prescribed Opioids Relative to Other Races"

Jamel Jolivet

EDCI 339/ Dr. Lister

"Child Development"

Nadiya Joseph

MKTG 306/ Prof. Van Abbot

"Marketing Community Outreach Programs"

Jaina Johnson

AJ 301/ Dr. Mupier

"Perspectives on Domestic Violence"

Jamel Jolivet

SPED 309/ Dr. Corbie-Archery

"Health Impairments and Education"

Alyss Kerl

Internship

"The Impact of COVID-19 on Funeral Homes"

Nya LeDay-Johnson

Internship: Northrop Grumman

"Role of a Program Analyst"

Ravyn Louis

Internship: NSF Research

"Cancer Cells/Osteosarcoma"

Chelsea Magee

BIOL 347 / Dr. Rosenzweig

"Monkey pox: The Next Pandemic?"

Ravyn McKnight

COMM 330/Prof. Duncan

"The Benefits of Creating a Vision Board: A Case Study"

Haille Minor

BIOL 347/Dr. Rosenzweig

"Effects of Antibiotic Resistance on Medication: Why Certain Bacteria Strains Survive"

Oswald Omojiade

CIVE 301/Prof. Wolde-Kirkos

"Solid Waste and its Effects on the Environment"

Baileigh Robinson

RTF 335/Prof. Powell

"World of Videography: Techniques and Analysis"

Devin Robinson

HIST 381/Prof. Tomiko Meeks

"History of the Ancient Civilization of Carthage"

POLS 413/Dr. Vasquez

"History of Nation State Relations in America"

Josephine Stafford

BIOL 347/Dr. Rosenzweig

"Epidemiological Analysis of Monkey Pox"

Nicholas Taylor

BIOL 340/Dr. Dr. Hillar

"The Stereochemistry of Amino Acids"

BIOL 499/Dr. Sodipe

"Scientific Paper Deconstructed"

Omokhuwele Umoru

PHYS 333/Dr. Vrinceanu

"Binarization in Computer Vision"

PHYS 330/Dr. Migenes

"Dark Energy and Dark Matter: A Study"

Aliyah Webb

SOC 359/Dr. Mosley

"COVID-19 Pandemic: A Student's Perspective"

SENIOR THESIS DECEMBER 2022

Emmanuel Joshua

Degree: B.S. in Computer Science

Advisor: Dr. Yi Qi

Thesis Title: *Review on Artificial Intelligence Redefining Modern Civilization*

Brian Martinez

Degree: B.B.A. in Accounting

Advisor: Dr. Mayur Desai

Thesis Title: *Review on the Corporate Collapse: Profits and Pandemic*

Judnie Michel

Degree: B.S. in Biology

Advisor: Dr. Hector Miranda

Thesis Title: *Review on the Effects of Hydroxypure and Gene Editing on Sickle Cell Anemia Patients*

Fall 2022 Honors College Graduate Recognition Luncheon

Freeman Scholars who completed the Honors College curriculum received a certificate of Graduation with Honors Distinction, along with the Honors Stole and medallion and other gifts. Congratulations to our Fall 2022 graduates!



Emmanuel Joshua



Brian Martinez



Judnie Michel



Graduation Celebration

Creative Expression

"To be elite"

*I don't shy away
from the Sun*

*But rather radiate
from it*

*I don't back down
from a challenge*

But rather rise to it

I fear no other being

*But walk proudly
past them*

I am history in the making

*Full of opportunity
and change*

*Changing the face
of the office*

*I make my mark
in my skin*

I am the future

*For which my legacy carries
beyond time*

By: Lynijah Williams

(Freshman,

**Management Information
Science)**

Congratulations to Salutatorian and Freeman Scholar!



Freeman Scholar and Biology major, **Judnie Michel** graduated as the class salutatorian at the Winter 2022 Commencement.

Judnie joined the Honors College as a first-time freshman in 2019. While she excelled academically all through her undergraduate career, she has been highly active in the College. She served as the Mentorship Committee Chair for 2021-22 and Fall 2022. She rallied for the freshman class assigning them upper-class Freeman Scholar mentors and organizing mentor-mentee mixers. Judnie hails from Richmond, Texas and is proud of her Haitian heritage.

Judnie aspires to pursue a career in nursing and upon graduation, she plans to attend nursing school.

Congratulations, Judnie!

Freeman-Strada Scholars



Freeman-Strada Scholars with Mr. Shandon Neal and TSU President

Back row, L to r: Darius Davis, Mr. Neal, Katelayn Vault and Dasha Brooks

Front: Madisyn Reddic and President Lesia Crumpton-Young

Scenes from Fall 2022



*Honors Christmas Party: Freeman Scholars with Dean Jemison Pollard (center) and Ms. Renuka Nair (right)
Festive Attire Winner: Channing Below (third row left, seated)*



*Mr. Shandon Neal at the Strada HBCU
Leadership Summit*



*Freeman Scholars Michael Vouffo (left) and Kohl Crawford
(right) with Asst. Dean Dr. Miranda (center)*



*Freeman Scholars at the Honors Fall Dinner:
l to right: Triniti Boson, Miguel Garza and
Alexis Nunley*



*Freeman Scholars at Frederick Douglass Lecture:
Front row l to right: Pynk Ellzey, Arriana May, Akiya Saine
and Khamari Clemons*

FREEMAN HONORS

HONORS COLLEGE CORE VALUES

HONESTY, INTEGRITY, COMMUNITY, CREATIVITY AND EXCELLENCE

The Scholar



Dr. Thomas F. Freeman

1919-2020



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Thomas F. Freeman Honors College