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## MAGAZINE

A HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY PUBLICATION

HT STUDENTS WERE AMONG THE MILLIONS OF YOUTH,  
AFRICAN AMERICANS, AND LATINOS WHO VOTED  
AMERICA'S FIRST BLACK PRESIDENT INTO OFFICE.



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# 2009 Calendar of Events

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January 7 .....	Faculty/Staff Institute	March 10.....	National Women and Girls' AIDS Awareness Day
January 8-9 .....	Spring New Student Orientation	March 12-13 .....	HT Annual Board of Trustees Meeting
January 17.....	Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service	March 16-21 .....	Spring Break
January 19 .....	Martin Luther King Jr. March and Festival	March 20 .....	Community Easter Egg Hunt
January 28 .....	A Black History Month Program <i>Bishop E.T. Dixon Lecture</i>	March 25 .....	Semaine de la Francophonie
February 7.....	National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	March 26-27 .....	Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP)
February 17 .....	Fifth Annual W.E.B. DuBois Lecture and Reception	March 26-30.....	Honda All-Star Challenge
February 12 .....	Celebrating Black History Month Chamber Music Academy (7:30 p.m.)	April 6-11 .....	Religious Emphasis Week
February 15.....	Austin Alumni Chapter Blues and Jazz Concert (4 p.m.)	April 15 .....	Poetry on the Patio
February 20 .....	Environmental Science Symposium (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.)	April 16 .....	Miss and Mr. HT Pageant
February 23-28 .....	Homecoming Week	April 21 .....	HT Undergraduate Research Symposium (11 a.m. to 2 p.m.)
February 28 .....	Homecoming Basketball Game HT vs. Langston University	April 24-26 .....	Spring Fest
February 28 .....	University Day	May 8.....	21st Annual HT Select Shot Golf Tournament
February 28 .....	African American Heritage Festival	May 8 .....	Honors Convocation
March 7 .....	President's MASKED Scholarship Gala	May 9.....	Commencement Convocation (8:30 a.m.) <i>Keynote Speaker Actress Sheryl Lee Ralph</i>
		May 13 .....	Faculty/Staff Recognition Event

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Lilibeth Jones and Shara Stone waited in anticipation on election night to hear whether the first African American would become president of the United States of America. ■ Photos by Alberto Martínez, Austin American-Statesman

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#### MISSION STATEMENT

Huston-Tillotson University is an historically black University affiliated with The United Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ, and the United Negro College Fund (UNCF). The mission of the University is to provide its increasingly diverse student body with an exemplary education that is grounded in the liberal arts and sciences, balanced with professional development, and directed to public service and leadership. The University prepares students with the integrity and civility to thrive in a diverse society, fosters spiritual development, preserves and promotes interest in the accomplishments and experiences of the University's historic constituents and evolving population, and creates and sustains supportive relationships which advance the Huston-Tillotson University community. ■ Huston-Tillotson University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate degrees. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia, 30033-4097 or call 404.679.4500 for questions about the accreditation of Huston-Tillotson University.



## 'Hope' for America Fueled by Hope from Huston-Tillotson Sons and Daughters

**H**ope is a four-lettered word that has sustained Huston-Tillotson University for scores of years. It is this hope that fueled the accomplishments of the alumni featured in this edition of the *Ram Magazine*. This same hope of generations past was restored for many on Nov. 4, 2008.

On the world stage, citizens of the United States restored hope for millions within its borders and even more abroad with an historic election and the promise of a new day of opportunity and mutual respect. Over the weeks and months ahead, we will be tested as a nation, as a people, even as a University to determine if this phenomenal election is truly an indication of a new commitment to work hard and learn more, to understand diverse cultures and to care more about the welfare of fellow human beings.

Education is the pathway that leads to better understanding and the fulfillment of the dream that Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. so eloquently revealed. As an institution, HT has lived out its commitment to these core values. The University's sons and daughters are expected to make contributions to society when they are graduated; many of their accomplishments are chronicled in the pages that follow. As we read their stories, we ask ourselves "how can I help advance the progress of America symbolized by the recent presidential election?"

Carpe diem!

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James H. [unclear]". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

# New Generation of Voters Captured by the Presidential Election

The peer-to-peer push among Huston-Tillotson students first to get registered and second to vote followed the national trend. Many students voted in their first election and were among the millions of youth, Latinos, and African Americans who helped elect Senator Barack Obama as the first black and 44th president of the United States.

A process that started nearly two years ago when students were called upon to participate in political rallies began the student interest. An election watch party sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in the Davage-Durden Student Union on Nov. 4 with pizza and beverages courtesy of HT President Larry L. Earvin, provided an opportunity to share witness to the event. Students such as Adrien Herron took a front row seat at 7:30 p.m. and stayed until 9:30 p.m. when Florida was announced for Obama.

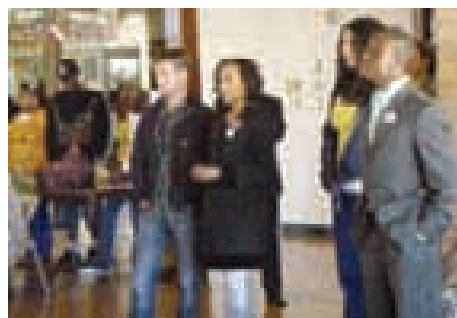
Students poured from the union and their residence hall rooms to the street between Allen-Frazier and Beard Burrowes to cheer, text and phone their friends and families, take pictures, pray, and sing. The impromptu chorus of the National Black Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing" filled the night air before students gathered to hear Obama's acceptance speech.

The celebration continued on Thursday during weekly chapel as students praised, prayed, and pledged their support for the new president. \*



▲ Alumna Bertha Sadler Means made history when she was selected as a Texas delegate to the Democratic National Convention. The convention, held in Denver, Colorado, was her first and enabled her to witness the nomination of Obama as the party's choice for president of the United States.

◀ The campus is an early voting site for all elections, making it convenient for individuals like alumna Faviela Parrilla (pictured) to vote.



◀ Kerry Washington (center) from the Oscar winning major motion picture "Ray" and Ben McKenzie (left) from "The OC" made campus appearances during a student get out the vote rally. McKenzie and Washington spoke, signed autographs, and took pictures with students such as Coker J. George (right), who helped organize the appearance, before walking with them to the East Austin Obama campaign headquarters to register students to vote.

# Graduates Find Career Aspirations and Success

By Linda Y. Jackson

**P**redecessor institutions Samuel Huston and Tillotson were both built on clear missions and foundations. Tillotson Normal Institute was established to train teachers and hundreds of graduates fulfilled that mission. While women dominated the field, an education rooted in classical teachings that included Greek, philosophy, and the Bible, was attractive to men and helped produce some of the nation's top religious leaders. Teachers and preachers established the base upon which all other Huston-Tillotson graduates would stand.

Famous, distinguished, and successful graduates in a number of professions are highlighted in this issue of the *Ram Magazine*. Although many of the graduates shown are from Central Texas, HT alumni are in a variety of national and international careers. From accountants to scientists, they represent the pride of the University.

## EDUCATION

### Inez Beverly Prosser, '24\*

Prosser graduated with distinction from Samuel Huston College as an education major and later taught at Tillotson College, where she was dean and registrar from 1921 to 1930. Prosser accomplished much before she was killed in a car wreck at the age of 38. She was the first African American woman in the country to earn a doctorate in psychology. She earned her

doctorate in educational psychology in 1933 from the University of Cincinnati with a dissertation entitled, "The Non-Academic Development of Negro Children in Mixed and Segregated Schools." The Inez Beverly Prosser Memorial Symposium on Black Women in Psychology was held this year on the UC campus.



### Maxine Boles, '44

By the time Boles received her bachelor of science degree from Tillotson College in 1944 with a major in home economics and natural sciences, that early group of "elite" students had transformed the college. She began her professional teaching career as a fifth grade instructor in Marlin, Texas; later accepted a position as a home economics teacher at O.J. Thomas High School in Cameron, Texas; and also taught combined third and fourth grades in the Vado, New Mexico, school district. At one time, Boles was one of the University's top donors when she contributed \$150,000.

### Bertha Sadler Means, '45

Means, a graduate of Tillotson College, met her husband on campus, married, raised children, worked, and later started her own business – Austin Cab Company. She was one of the pioneers who fought segregation and was



accepted into the University of Texas at Austin to earn her master's in education. She retired from the Austin Independent School District (AISD) and was

awarded the W. Charles Akins African American Heritage Award in 2002 for her exemplary character, leadership, and community service. Means served on the HT board of trustees. The Bertha Sadler Means African American Resource Center located in the Anthony and Louise Viaer – Alumni Hall was named in her honor for her support and generosity. Means was featured in the *Austin American-Statesman* and the *Los Angeles Times* when she lobbied and was nominated as a Texas delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado. Running on the theme "Great-Grandmama for Obama," she utilized a family of volunteers to mount an e-mail campaign that worked successfully.

### Gwendolyn A. Newkirk, '45

She is professor emerita at the University of Nebraska and a long-time member of the board of General Mills Corporation, which is best known for its cereal products.

“Some say that HT teachers are more dedicated and stay in the classroom longer than teacher education graduates from other colleges or universities.”



**Willie Mae Kirk, '47**

A few years ago, Kirk received the Austin Area Urban League's Whitney M. Young Jr. Award for her community service and in recognition of her many years of advocacy for Austin citizens. A few of her lifetime accomplishments include helping to close a segregated ice rink in Austin



and demanding a traffic light for students of L.L. Campbell School. Kirk, a retired AISD teacher, was also

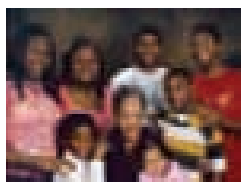
an election worker and president of the HT International Alumni Association. Ron Kirk (left), former mayor of Dallas, is her son.



**James Hill, '53**

Hill's career has brought him full circle. He is now a Huston-Tillotson University trustee and vice president for community and school

relations at the University of Texas at Austin. He worked as a high school counselor and was a mathematics and band teacher in the Abilene Independent School District. He was also the Texas Education Agency's deputy commissioner and the Educational Testing Services' director of the southwest field office.



**Nancy Crayton Jones, '53**

That is Dr. Jones (center), thank you. She received an honorary doctor of

humane letters from HT in 1994 and continues to support the University with her presence and financial contributions. She is retired from the Dallas Independent School District. "Grandmother" is the title that she likes to be called now.



**W. Charles Akins, '54**

Akins, now retired from the AISD, entered the profession as a classroom teacher before moving to coach, dean of students, principal, and

administrator. His quiet, compassionate leadership style was recognized in Austin with the naming of Akins High School, located near IH-35 in South Austin.

He played on the last football team at Tillotson College.



*Akins High School*

**Audrey L. Mackey, '56**

Mackey is a long-time professor of biology at Austin Community College, Austin, Texas.



**Shirley Byrdsong Knox Benton, '59**

Benton, a professional in the field for more than 45 years, earned her bachelor's in music, has studied at Harvard, was

named a Cambridge Who's Who Executive, and is a No Child Left Behind consultant. She was inducted into the National Black College Hall of Fame in 2003. Before retiring she was principal at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Fort Worth, Texas.



**Jenelle Leonard, '67**

Leonard was the first recipient of the Excellence in Digital Equity award given during the Digital Equity Summit. She

earned her bachelor's degree from HT before beginning her career with the United States Department of Education as its director of School Support and Technology Programs.



**Maurine Giles, '72**

Giles ended her retirement when she took a position with the Galena Park Independent School district. Before that she was a project

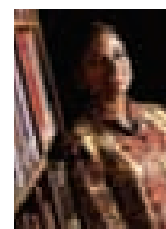
manager for Texas Southern University and was employed in a dual capacity as an administrator and teacher at Prairie View A&M University. Giles earned a master's and was a licensed master social worker-advanced practitioner, a licensed marriage and family therapist, an advanced addiction counselor, and certified as an approved member of a comprehensive diagnostic and evaluation team for mental retardation.



**Wanda G. Ward, '85**

Ward is an associate professor and director of special education at North Park University, Chicago, Illinois. She is energetic, philosophical,

and inspiring as she guides young people. Search online for her many writings. She also manages the university's Success Network Program: Foundation for Reaching Educational Excellence (FREE) and is a certified member of the Illinois State Board of Education's Accreditation Review Team. She earned her degree in mathematics and business administration.



**Alicia L. Moore, '88**

Moore comes from a family of educators and knew that she was destined to be an ▶

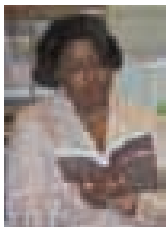
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educator at an early age. She received a bachelor of science degree in elementary education and obtained Texas teacher certifications in elementary education, early childhood, and physical education. Moore went on to earn both her master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Texas at Austin while concurrently enrolled in its administration and supervision certification programs. She is currently an assistant professor in the Department of Education at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas.



**Candace Wicks, '89**  
Wicks won the title of Dallas Independent School District Teacher of the Year for 2007-2008. The honor included a billboard on the Dallas

Area Rapid Transit buses and vans in the City of Dallas, Texas. She has a master's in education.

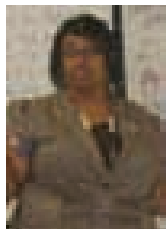


**Stephanie Edwards-Hunt, '93**  
Hunt, raised in a single-parent household, excelled in spite of obstacles. She graduated from Austin's Travis High

School at the top of her class and was a standout athlete in track. She earned her degree in social studies composite, obtained a master's from Prairie View A&M University, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in urban education from the University of Houston. She is currently the Title I Coordinator at H.P. Carter Career Center in Houston's Fifth Ward. Edwards-Hunt is an educator, leader, and writer.

#### **Trina Barrett, '02**

Barrett earned a full scholarship from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and was a first generation graduate with a degree in psychology. She earned her



master's from Concordia University, Austin, Texas. Barrett is employed as a fourth grade teacher at Campbell Elementary School, Austin.



**April D. Shaw, '02**  
Shaw, a former Miss HT, is assistant principal at Crockett Elementary School, located in the Grand Prairie Independent School

District, Texas. She was a secondary education major with a specialization in English and history and a member of the Sigma Tau Delta, International English Honor Society.



**Anthony T. Mays, '02**  
Mays is a former HT Student Government Association president. He is now an assistant principal at L.G. Pinkston High School in Dallas, Texas, and is responsible for the daily management of the "G House" school and the Special Education department. He earned his bachelor of arts degree in education and is currently working on a master's from Texas State University at San Marcos. He and his wife, Belinda, own Atheon Janitorial Services

### **MINISTERS**

#### **Prince Taylor, '31\***

During the mid-1960s, he was named president of the Council of Bishops in the Methodist Church, making him the first African American bishop to hold that position.



**G.V. Clark, '58**  
Clark leads his parishioners at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Austin, Texas, with the spiritual guidance they seek. His wisdom runs

deep and his Biblical knowledge is unmatched. He earned a master of divinity degree from Austin's Seminary of the Southwest, and studied at UT and the Andover Newton Theological Seminary.



**Cecil Williams, '52**  
Before mega churches began springing up in major cities around the country, Williams and the Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San

Francisco were setting the example as a community social service provider. Will Smith's portrayal of Chris Gardner in the movie "Pursuit of Happiness" shows the church and its works in action. Williams appeared as himself in the movie.

#### **Clifton Louis, '69**

Louis is the associate pastor at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church in Houston, Texas. For the past two years he has been the leader of Macedonia's Prison Ministry and is the co-founder of Unshackled by Faith Prison Ministries. He earned his bachelor's in history and government.



**Robert E. Hayes, Jr., '69**  
Hayes' degree in English has guided him through several positions within The United Methodist Church. He was elected Bishop of the Oklahoma

Conference and is now the area's Episcopal leader. He was treasurer of the Texas Annual Conference and has served as pastor, district superintendent, and college chaplain. He earned his divinity degrees from Perkins School of Theology,



Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, and Drew University, Madison, New Jersey.



**Dion C. Jordan, '93**

Jordan overcame a speech impediment as a child to become one of the most powerful and engaging professional speakers in the country. He has appeared in *USA Today*, on local and national broadcasts, and the "Oprah" show. His travels bring him back to HT often to speak to and motivate students. He launched Dion Jordan Enterprises and is the author of four books, including "All It Takes Is All That You've Got (And All That You've Got Is All That It Takes)." A business administration major and hotel and restaurant management minor, Jordan completed his master's at Claremont College in California, and is a certified speaker and minister.



**Terrance Grant-Malone, '01**

The youngest among the giants is Malone who also serves on HT's board. He guides the St. John Missionary Baptist Church on Dowling Street, Houston, Texas, congregation. Grant-Malone received his master's in urban religious studies from Aspen Theological Seminary in 2003 and his doctorate a few years later. He was an HT English major.

**COLLEGE PRESIDENTS**

**James Brawley, '20\***

He was a former president and long-time educator at Clark University, which is now Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia.

**Maceo T. Bowie, '46\***

He presented his inaugural speech in May 1970 and served until 1973 as the first president of the Kennedy-King City College in Chicago.



**John Q. Taylor King, Sr., '47**

King's leadership resonates throughout the campus in his role as chancellor and president emeritus of Huston-Tillotson. His career included HT faculty, dean, and presidential positions. He was elected HT's president in March 1965; he retired in 1988. King is well known as a writer, collaborating with others on four textbooks in mathematics and contributing many articles to professional and religious journals. He co-authored with his wife two books: "Stories of Twenty-Three Famous Negro Americans" and "Famous Black Americans," a booklet on the life of Mary McLeod Bethune.

King graduated from old L.C. Anderson High School, Austin, Texas, received a bachelor's of arts from Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, and a bachelor of science degree from Huston-Tillotson College. He later relocated to Chicago to enroll at DePaul University where he obtained a master's degree. He received doctorates from the UT in 1957 and Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, in 1970. He also received the honorary doctor of laws degree from Southwestern University, and St. Edward's University (Austin), and the honorary doctor of humane letters from both Austin College, Sherman, Texas, and Fisk University. Huston-Tillotson awarded him the honorary doctor of science degree. He also holds a Phi Beta Kappa Key.



**Cynthia Rochan Azari, '77**

She was named the seventh and first woman president of Butler Community College in Pennsylvania until her recent appointment as vice chancellor for Work Force Development and Educational Service, Eastern District, Community College Center for State of California.



**CHEMISTRY**

**James Harris, '53\***

Believed to be the first black man to play a prominent part in a major new-element identification program, Harris, a nuclear chemist, was co-discoverer of periodic table elements 102 and 103. In April 1969, the Radiation Laboratory reported the positive identification of two isotopes of element 104. He served as vice president of the National Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers Association. Harris died in 2000.



**Walter M. Batts, '72**

Notably one of HT's highest ranking government official, Batts is deputy director, Office of International Programs, Office of the Commissioner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration. He provides executive level policy and program direction for the FDA and is a liaison with foreign governments, international and regional organizations, and domestic agencies on all international issues related to all FDA regulated products. He graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in mathematics and chemistry. He is a native of Petersburg, Virginia, and currently resides in Mitchellville, Maryland. ▶

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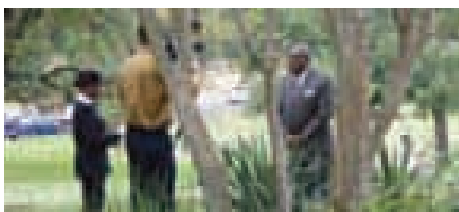
## GOVERNMENT



### **The Honorable Azie Taylor Morton, '56\***

Check your money. The paper currency might have the Azie Taylor Morton signature from when she served as treasurer of the United

States in 1977. She was a graduate of the first class at Huston-Tillotson College after the 1952 merger of Samuel-Huston and Tillotson Colleges. Morton was national director of the United States Savings Bond Division. She was manager of the HT campus bookstore before she passed a few years ago and was Inducted into the National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame in 2002.



*Pictured interviewing Stanton is Alumna Ramonica R. Jones.*

### **Robert Stanton, '63**

National parks from the Grand Canyon to the Washington Mall were under the leadership of Stanton (*above*), the first African-American director of the National Park Service. He managed more than 375 units in the National Park System, 83 million acres, 20,000 permanent and seasonal employees, and 265 million visitors annually. He was director of the National Park Service from 1997 to 2001. Retirement since his appointment in 1997 includes a Texas A&M faculty appointment and an honorary degree. He also received an honorary degree from Huston-Tillotson. Stanton was instrumental in securing a \$500,000 matching grant from the Department of Interior, Department of Commerce's Economic Development

Administration (EDA) for the restoration of Huston-Tillotson's second oldest building on campus, the Anthony and Louise Viaer-Alumni Hall.

## BUSINESS

### **Henry Sewing, '15\***

Sewing established the first commercial bank owned and operated by African Americans in the Midwest in Kansas City, Kansas, during the 1940s.

### **Bert Collins, '55**

Collins, a farm boy from Austin, earned his bachelor's degree in business administration, master's in business administration from the University of Detroit, and law degree from North Carolina Central University School of Law. He began his career at North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance as an administrative assistant before working his way up the corporate ladder to the company's eighth president in 1990. Retired as the chief executive officer of the insurance company, the nation's largest black-owned insurance company, Collins enjoys serving on boards and participating in community causes.



### **Frank Breedlove, '55**

The Rotary Club of Dallas officials installed Frank Breedlove as their 98th president in 2008. The motto of service for the Rotary Club, of which Breedlove has been a

member for 29 years, carries into many aspects of his career.

### **Betty McGowan Culbreath, '63**

When Culbreath was named chairwoman of the Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport, she was the first minority or woman from Dallas to hold the position. Culbreath influences policy at one of world's busiest airports.



### **John Hanson, Jr., '71**

Activists, authors, politicians, musicians, and more have sat across the microphone from Hanson during his syndicated radio show

"In Black America." Hanson, a Detroit, Michigan, native, came to Austin to attend Huston-Tillotson and has been a respected member of the community since. His career as administrative services officer/senior producer-host at KUT, a National Public Radio affiliate, includes a role as mentor. He recently announced this retirement and relocation to Dallas.



### **John D. Mays, '72**

Mays is employed with the Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. food and Drug Administration (FDA), Southwest Region, Dallas, Texas, as a consumer safety officer-

radiation specialist with collateral duties in equal employment opportunities and labor relations. He has served as president of the Dallas HT International Alumni Association and is a life member of the national non-profit organization, Blacks in Government (BIG). He supports various non profit organizations and is lead baritone in the United Voices of Concord Choir with Concord Missionary Baptist Church.

### **Ada Harden, '78**

Harden graduated from Huston-Tillotson with a bachelor's degree in business administration. She is very active in the Austin community and works as a volunteer resource specialist for AISD. Harden plans, implements, and executes the district's volunteer program, but still finds time to do voiceover work for radio and television. Her performing arts talent has earned her numerous accolades, including the Wilhelmina Delco Black Culture Award and four outstanding community service awards. See her on the big screen now in "Kings of the Evening."



**Andrea M. Charlton, '84**  
Charlton, a former Student Government Association president, is a ten-year employee with the Texas General Land Office, Energy

Financial Management. She majored in accounting and minored in business administration. She is currently an account examiner and also conducts money management workshops and seminars, teaching others how to live debt free.



**Kimberly E. Colbert-Wells, '90**

Wells was recently promoted to associate vice president in charge of customer service, Metropolitan Transit

Authority, Houston, Texas. She is the daughter of alumna Judy Taylor, '66.



**Erica Breedlove, '91**  
Breedlove, a former Miss HT, built a career in human resources at Austin Community College as the employment manager

where she has been employed for nearly 10 years.



**Robert Leonard, '93**  
Controller is the title that defines Leonard now at the University of Alabama at Huntsville and previously at Huston-Tillotson. He

earned his bachelor's in accounting and business and his M.B.A. in business and management from Webster University in San Antonio, Texas.



**Linda Johnson, '98**  
Recently, Johnson joined the Austin Community College staff as a human resources assistant. ACC is one of the largest community college

systems in Texas.



**La Tricia R. Bradshaw, '06**

Her degree in business administration earned her access to the banking industry where she is now an A+ Federal Credit

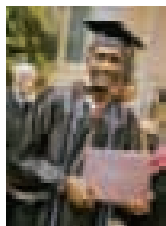
Union main branch manager.

**Natashia Cooper, '07**

Cooper, a business administration major, is in graduate school at the University of Texas, Dallas, Texas.

**Michael Lewis, '07**

Lewis is earning his graduate degree at the University of International Business, Beijing, China.



**Michael Adamson, '08**  
Nearly fifty percent of the students enrolled at HT are non traditional such as Adamson. He took advantage of the tuition assistance program

offered by his Applied Materials employer. He might be one of HT's highest wage earning graduates to cross the stage.

**Michael Nash, '08**

Nash started his career at Shell Oil and Gas in Houston, Texas, as an account analyst. He graduated with a degree in business administration with a concentration in management.



**Adrienne Sias, '08**  
Sias is completing a graduate degree at Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. She graduated with a degree in business

administration with a concentration in management.



## **PSYCHOLOGY**

**Divina Ormsby, '00**

Ormsby, a psychology major, was accepted into graduate school at Brunel University, West London, and Washington State

University. She began her studies at WSU this fall.



**Neema Sitta, '02**

Psychology major Sitta (*in jeans*), earned her master's in international development and international peace and conflict resolution from

American University, Washington, D.C. before joining the United Nation's World Food Program in Tanzania as program officer and head of the sub office. "As the head of the sub office, I deal with everything... school feeding programs, HIV/AIDS, nutrition programs, Food for Work, the construction of dams, roads, water tanks, and storage facilities." She is currently in Malawi, a tiny country in Southern-East Africa.



**Toby J. Green, '06**

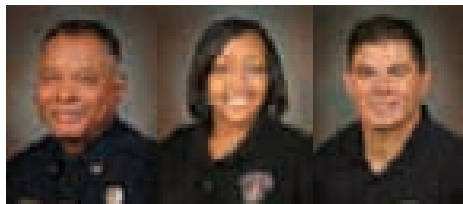
A few students utilize the military and its benefits to achieve their college dreams. Information warfare officer, United States Navy, Toby Green,

earned his bachelor of arts in psychology. He was stationed at Navy Information ▶

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Operations Command, San Antonio, Texas, but as of this writing he is in Iraq with the Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force. He is also working on a master's in psychology from Capella University.



### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

**Leslie L. York, '07; Tuesday Hurd, '07; Steven E. Rodriguez, '08**

York (left), Hurd (center), and Rodriguez (right) were among the first criminal justice majors and all enjoy careers with the Austin Police Department. Detectives Rodriguez and York are in the organized crime and internal affairs divisions, respectively. Hurd collects and analyzes the crime trail as part of the police evidence division. Huston-Tillotson President Larry L. Earvin and Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo signed a memorandum of understanding that includes a discounted tuition for APD.

### MUSIC



**James Polk, '62**

He graduated with a bachelor's in music education, taught band in the Elgin school district, was an entertainment director, and worked

briefly in the corporate sector. He left the corporate sector in 1978 to join the Ray Charles Orchestra first as an organist and pianist, and later as a writer, arranger, and conductor. His career also includes an appointment to Texas State University as associate director of jazz studies.



**Louie Carrington, '71**

Carrington has traveled the world performing his style of contemporary jazz and musical classics. Carrington calls Houston

home and performs regularly at Tony's Restaurant in Greenway Plaza. During HT's Reunion Weekend, Carrington lends his talent to the activities both on and off campus. He is the immediate past president of the Houston Alumni Chapter and now serves as the parliamentarian. His next project is an effort for HT's fine arts department.

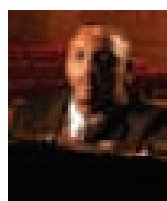


**Judy Arnold, '81**

She has opened and provided background vocals for The Winans, Vanessa Bell Armstrong, Keith Pringles and The Bobby Jones Gospel

Show. She has appeared as an extra in several blockbuster movies and television mini-series such as the Tuesday Night Movie of the Week "Tornado," "Courage Under Fire," and "Two Sisters for Sarah."

Arnold was the recipient of a "Judy Arnold Day" proclamation by the City of Austin mayor on June 11, 1998. She graduated with a bachelor of science degree in biology/pre-med with an additional major of music/voice.



**George B. Powell, '03**

It was only a few years ago when Powell was writing original pieces for the HT concert choir to perform. Now a recording artist

with George Powell and Friends, praise and worship are his mantra.

### SOCIOLOGY



**Lavon Marshall, '57**

Marshall enjoyed a long tenure at HT, including the position of vice president for student affairs. She and her husband, General, were considered the dynamic duo. They each retired from HT after 35 years. She earned a master's in education from UT and is a licensed professional counselor.

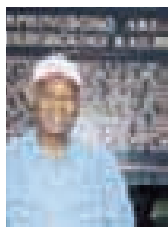


**Anthony E. Viera, '58**

A self-made millionaire, Viera made his fortune in real estate. A native of New York City, he came to Austin in 1953 after receiving a track

scholarship to Huston-Tillotson. After graduating summa cum laude with a degree in sociology, he was drafted into the United States Army where he served from 1958-1960. He was assigned to the U.S. Infantry Communication School, Special Service, and he participated on the USEAUR-United States track team in Europe. He was honorably discharged, receiving an overseas Good Conduct Medal and an Occupational Medal. Viera obtained his master's degree in social work from the Graduate School of Social Work at New York University in 1963. He was actively involved in metropolitan New York City's cultural, social, and athletic endeavors while a graduate student. From 1964 to 1971, Viera was employed by the New York City Board of Education as a teacher and later a supervisor in a special program named "Harlem Teams for Self Help." The program involved providing educational assistance and college scholarships to disadvantaged youth. In 1971, Viera started his own program assisting the disadvantaged in New York City. With the help and support of his wife, who became his business partner, he was able to fulfill his dream and accomplished his goal of combining business and social work to assist the disadvantaged in the city of New York. Throughout the 60s and the 70s, the Viera's impacted the lives of residents in the Bronx, which during that time was in great disrepair. They obtained 12 apartment buildings and over a period of 20 years, with hard work, long hours, determination and dedication, helped turn the community around. The two formed several corporations that provided work to the disenfranchised and disadvantaged.

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**John Mattox, '59**

Museum curator, Mattox, is on a mission to find common ground among cultures. His knowledge of the stories associated with slaves who passed

through the Underground Railroad is unmatched. As curator of the Underground Railroad Museum in Flushing, Ohio, he enlightens and informs others about the condemnation of slavery. He is retired as a senior account agent for the Allstate Insurance Company. Mattox also served in the military from 1959 to 1965. He majored in sociology and psychology.

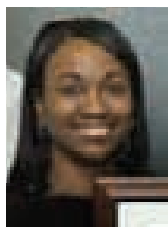
## COMPUTER SCIENCE



**Joseph Norman, '02**

When IBM was looking for an HT student to hire, they found Norman. He was a driven, hard working student before he graduated and continues on that path.

Norman was the keynote speaker at the 2008 Honors Convocation. "Untouchable Integrity" was the theme of his speech.



**Belinda Mays, '02**

Belinda Mays is an application analyst at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in Fort Worth, Texas. She also serves as a system

administrator for the Enterprise Data Collaborative System and on the executive board of the LMents new hire group. Mays earned a bachelor's degree in computer science from HT and a master's degree in education from the University of Texas at Austin. She was recognized by the Corporate Ethics Office in the 2007 Arts and Film Festival: Shaping our Culture through Ethics, Diversity, and Full Spectrum Leadership. Belinda and husband Anthony met on the HT campus.

## KINESIOLOGY



**Ruben Fowler, '87**

Fowler who calls Del Valle, Texas, his home, was assigned to officiate the Indianapolis Colts and San Diego Chargers 2008 NFL playoff game. He is usually behind the

defensive line, in the middle of the field. He also has the distinction of being among the first group of African American City of Austin firefighters.



**Eliseo Herrera, '95**

Eliseo Herrera is an HT alumnus who is now the head baseball coach at the University of Texas at Brownsville and Texas Southmost College. While

at HT, he was a baseball player and kinesiology major.

## MEDICAL

**Spencer Dickerson, M.D., 1891\***

After graduating from Tillotson secondary school, he completed his studies and served as a military physician during World War I. As a Chicago physician in the early 1930s, he rose to the rank of Brigadier General in the Illinois National Guard.

**J.L. Dickey, M.D., '16\***

He experienced segregation first hand growing up in Waco, Texas. However, he took advantage of the opportunities offered at Tillotson College and graduated in 1916. He taught briefly before enrolling at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. He established his practice in Taylor, Texas, where he was a respected member of the community and received the honor of Citizen of the Year (1952). The Lone Star Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association honored him in 1953. The Dickey-Lawless Science Building on the campus is named in his honor.



**Connie Yerwood Connor, M.D., '25\***

She, was the first black physician named to the Texas Public Health Service (now the Texas Department of Health),

got her start at the Samuel Huston College Academy. She earned her bachelor of arts degree with cum laude honors before enrolling at Meharry. She completed a residency in pediatrics, eventually moved into public health, and trained East Texas midwives. She served for a number of years on the HT board of trustees.

**Reginald Christopher, D.D.S., '60**

Christopher is now retired and started a Pre-Paid Legal career. He also graduated from Meharry.



**Hubert Freeman, D.D.S., '63**

HT alumnus Hubert Freeman is now practicing general dentistry in Dallas, Texas. After graduating from Huston-

Tillotson College with a degree in biology, Freeman studied dentistry at Meharry.



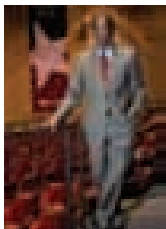
**Charles A. Christopher, M.D., '65**

Christopher is the staff physician at Texas State University in San Marcos. He completed his medical studies at

Meharry and pursued a military career. Christopher serves as surgeon general to Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. ▶

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**Raymond Lewis, '70**

Lewis has been the associate dean of Allied Health Sciences at the University of Texas Medical Branch for a number of years. He

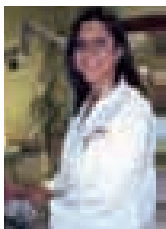
oversees the Office of Admissions and the Office of Student Affairs. Lewis earned a master's in social work from the University of Houston and studied at Harvard's Management Development Program. Last year he was named president of the Galveston Historical Foundation, the first African American to serve in that position.



**Latricia M. Thompson, M.D., '00**

She graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science degree in biology. Thompson, a full-time student and

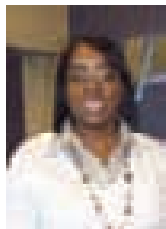
mother, was driven and focused during her years at HT. Her daughters watched her balance her studies and roles in Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, the Student Government Association, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. She enrolled at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, Texas, to pursue her medical degree. She completed her residency at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital and is a practicing obstetrician and gynecologist.



**Candelaria "Candy" Rodriguez D.D.S., '01**

"I am extremely blessed," said Rodriguez. Her career as a dentist began in 2007 after earning her dental credentials from

the University of Texas at Houston. She graduated from HT with a bachelor of science degree in biology and established her practice with the Carus Dental group off Ben White in Austin, Texas.



**Alexandra Aponte, '07**

**LaVita Y. Gill, '08**

Gill (left), a mathematics major, now billing analyst, and Aponte, a biology major, now dental team recruiter, are onboard at Pharmaceutical Product Development. PPD is a leading global contract research organization (CRO) providing discovery, development and post-approval services as well as compound partnering programs. The company has offices in 31 countries and more than 10,400 professionals worldwide.



## POLITICAL SCIENCE AND HISTORY

**Herman L. Davis, Jr., '64**

Davis is HT's number one cheerleader. Annually, he ensures that the students in the Kansas City, Kansas, area make the black college tour in which HT is included. Look for him in his HT T-shirt that he ordered from the new on campus bookstore.



**The Honorable Ron Davis, '68**

Travis County Commissioner Davis, has spent his career working on issues to improve the quality of life for residents

of Eastern Travis County (Precinct 1). He recently lobbied successfully for the passage of an ordinance that regulates landfills in unincorporated areas of the county. He acquired his master's degree in public administration from Texas State University, San Marcos.



**Delphia A. York Duckens, '71**

Duckens inspired students as the 2007 Charter Day speaker. An attorney by training, she was a political science

major. She is Senior Vice President for Fund Development, Girl Scouts of the USA.



**Joe E. Leonard, Jr., '90**

Leonard, a native Austinite, received his bachelor of arts degree in history. Following graduation he moved to Louisiana and taught in

the Louisiana public schools for seven years. While teaching, Leonard received his master of arts degree from Southern University in Baton Rouge. In 1996, Leonard moved to Washington, D.C., where he completed his Ph.D. in civil rights history from Howard University. Today, he is executive director of the Congressional Black Caucus. He was featured on Fox News as a "Washington Power Player of the Week."

**Dimpho A. Gaobepe, '05**

Gaobepe and his wife, Moipone, '06 are both HT graduates with degrees in political science. He knew upon graduating that the family would return to Johannesburg, South Africa. Dimpho serves on the board of Invest North West, South Africa, and has a career in economic development and tourism.

## MANAGEMENT

**Nelson E. Linder, '84**

Linder is known in the Central Texas area as a community activist. He is president of the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) chapter and volunteers as a KAZI-FM 88.7 radio host several times a week. Whether fighting for tenant's rights,

or hearing employment discrimination cases, he is fearless in his efforts.



**Joya Hayes, '96**  
Mass Communication graduate Hayes used her phenomenal speaking abilities to pursue a promising career in city government and motivational speaking. Hayes is a former HT Student Government Association president and is the current president of the Beta Psi Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. in Austin. After graduating from HT, Hayes earned a master's in public affairs from Texas State University at San Marcos. She also organizes the city wide annual Martin Luther King, Jr. march and festival.

## HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY



Among the 150 HT employees are graduates in a variety of areas. Pictured left to right are **Quincy Harris '00**, student accounts officer; **Ernestine Strickland '86**, registrar; **Alicia Childs '96**, records manager; **La Juana R. Napier '07**, alumni affairs; **Ora Wilson '60**, Title III coordinator; **Virgie B. Morton-Floyd '05**, administrative assistant; **Ramonica R. Jones '99**, development writer; and **Curtis Jones '94**, recruiter and men's basketball coach. Not pictured are: **Alvin Moore '77**, **Shakitha Stinson '97**, interim, director of admission; **LaToya R. Stevens '04**, office manager; **Alexander C. Anyaehie '07**, campus safety officer; **W. Twelvis Matthews '07**, College of Arts and

Sciences; and **Chermaine Burleson '08**, events coordinator.

Childs completed her master's this year from Concordia University, Austin. Harris earned her master's from Webster University, San Antonio, Texas, in 2006 in business administration with an emphasis in health services.

Mention of the faculty names below will bring a mixture of emotions to students including affection and gratitude.

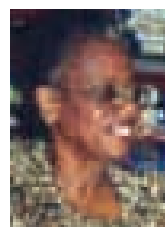
### June H. Brewer, '44

Professor Emerita of humanities, Brewer is a regular at the semi-annual Poetry on the Patio sponsored by the Downs-Jones Library staff. Brewer also taught at Morgan State College (now University), Baltimore, Maryland; Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota.



### Wilhelmina E. Perry, '44

On any given day, Perry is on campus as an alumni volunteer. At the beginning of each term, she teaches the HT history to students enrolled in University 101. She is a retired sociologist with the distinction of professor emerita from Rowan University in Southern New Jersey. She also taught at Texas Southern University



### Marvin G. Kimbrough, '52

Like Brewer, Kimbrough is also HT's professor emerita of humanities. She retired in 1999 and is a regular presenter at Poetry on the Patio. She previously taught at Paul Quinn College; Dallas, Texas; the former Butler College in Tyler, Texas; Albany State University in

Albany, New York, and Wiley College, Marshall, Texas.

### The Honorable Charles Urdy, '54

Visit the Urdy Plaza located on 11th Street right off Interstate Highway 35 and en route to the HT campus. The landmark is



Urdy Plaza

a symbol of the community's appreciation of his commitment to equal rights and open access. From sharecropping to a bachelor of science in chemistry, Urdy followed a path that took him through the military and graduate school. He earned a doctorate in physical analytical chemistry from the University of Texas. He taught at Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View; North Carolina College at Durham; Texas Southern University, Houston; and HT. He was an Austin City Council member for Place 6. He works for the Lower Colorado River Authority as manager of the Environmental Science and Technology Division.



### James R. Wilson, '57

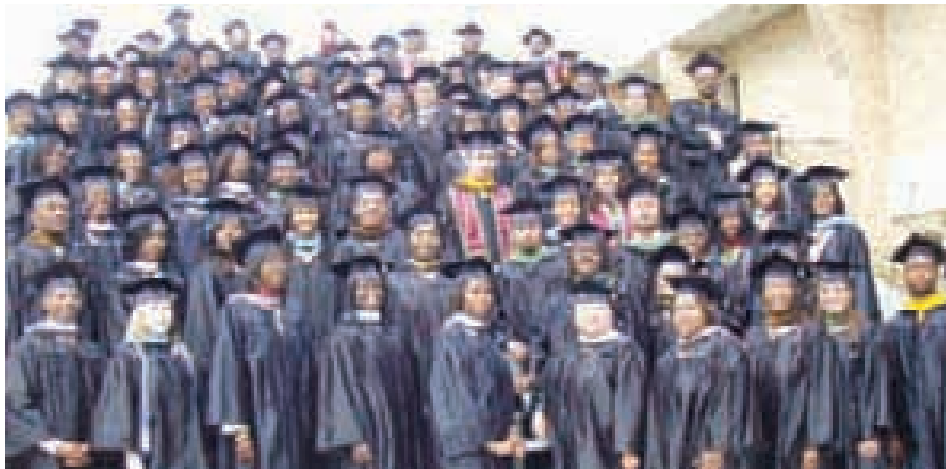
Huston-Tillotson's annual athletic event is now the James R. Wilson Athletic Banquet in honor of his coaching, officiating, academic, and athletic accomplishments. He retired from HT after more than 45 years as a physical education professor and athletic director.\*

*We invite you to send your picture, job title, and brief job description to [alumni@htu.edu](mailto:alumni@htu.edu) for consideration in the new alumni section of the [www.htu.edu](http://www.htu.edu) Web site.*

[\* Deceased]

## Graduates Present a Special Gift to Mothers During Commencement Convocation

By Linda Y. Jackson



The 96 graduates who participated in Huston-Tillotson University's Commencement Convocation during Mother's Day weekend did not have a problem deciding on a Mother's Day gift. They presented their mothers with their college diplomas.

More than 2,000 proud friends, relatives, and supporters of the graduates sat through the cool and pleasant 8:30 a.m. ceremony and cheered as they heard the names of their loved ones called and later witnessed their induction into the alumni association.

Dr. Mary Evans Sias, president of Kentucky State University, and the mother of Huston-Tillotson University graduate Adrienne M. Sias, rendered the Commencement Convocation address. She gave the newest members of the real world, sound advice on reaching their goals and conquering challenges along the way. She expounded upon nine points:

"Always be who you are, remember that everyone works at different speeds, dream big, never be afraid to challenge

what you know, ask for what you want, take part in life, life is not fair, life is not about what you achieve by yourself, and do the work yourself instead of waiting for others." The complete speech can be read on the University's [www.htu.edu](http://www.htu.edu) Web site.

Adrienne followed her mother's path by also graduating summa cum laude, which is the highest academic standing, with a degree in business management. Sias earned her summa cum laude honors in sociology.

Alumni from Samuel Huston, Tillotson and Huston-Tillotson colleges assembled for Reunion Weekend 2008 prior to commencement. The festivities began with an alumni brunch on campus and the 20th Annual Alumni Select Shot Golf Tournament at Morris Williams Golf Course. The highlight, Commencement Convocation, featured the 50-year class and the concert choir, under the direction of Dr. Gloria Quinlan, singing the traditional "Hallelujah Chorus." They also sang "I

Will Give Thanks Unto Thee, O Lord," showcasing graduating soprano Chermaine Burleson. Burleson received her degree in music.

The 50-year class, which included the University's million dollar donor, brought gifts starting at \$1,000. They adorned gold robes and marched with the Class of 2008 during the commencement convocation.

Four of the 2008 graduates were W.E.B. DuBois Honor Scholars. They gave their families the gift of economic relief by maintaining the cumulative 3.2 grade point average in order to receive the renewable tuition scholarship during their college matriculation. The DuBois scholars were as follows: Matthew L. Morris, history; Soleil M. Hernandez, psychology; Richard P. Northcote, chemistry; and Allen N. Davenport, business administration. The University implemented the prestigious Dubois program in 2003 to challenge academically talented students through community service, volunteerism, and leadership opportunities.

Students graduating with the highest honors (summa cum laude, 3.75-4.0 grade point average.) were: Papa M. Diallo, criminal justice; Mary G. Barrera, Greg A. Selden, and Kraven D. Rowry, interdisciplinary studies; Trent A. Reynolds, kinesiology; Hernandez, psychology; Yasmin H. Turk, sociology; Chenadra F. Washington, biology; and Diego M. Flores and Sias, business administration. Those graduating with next highest

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honors (magna cum laude 3.50-3.74 GPA) were: Steven Rodriguez and Nathaniel Whitfield, III, criminal justice; Misty Davis, English; Morris, history; Joshua A. Colvin, kinesiology; Logan T. Blackmon and Kye Y. Tavernier, psychology; and Northcote, chemistry. Those who graduated cum laude (3.30-3.49 GPA) were: Marcos L. Johnson and Lauren R. Westerman, criminal justice; Melanie A. Castro and Michael C. McCook, interdisciplinary studies; Alma N. Portillo-Delgado, kinesiology; Cornell Richardson, Jr., chemistry; Willie J. Showels, III, Trevor L. McLean, Michael L. Adamson, April Jackson, Ramon A. Ocumarez, and Allen Davenport, business administration.

Honors Convocation was held the day before Commencement Convocation as a recognition for top ranking students as well as those on the Honor Roll, Dean's List, in honor societies, and membership in Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges. Alumnus Joseph R. Norman, Jr., a 2002 computer science graduate, and IBM executive, challenged the capacity crowd with his remarks around untouchable integrity. "Accomplishments mean nothing to God if they're not done out of authenticity, with integrity, and with utmost honesty," Norman said.

The top ranking students were: Gail Maduro and Washington, biology; Kemba C. Valentine and Kim C. Valentine, business administration; Jeffery D. Plummer, computer science; Diallo and Whitfield, III, criminal

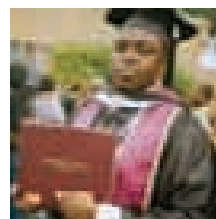
justice; Davis, English; Morris, history; Rowry and Selden, interdisciplinary studies; Reynolds and Jimmy E. Young, kinesiology; Edward J. Kozel, mathematics; Dorothy J. Milburn; music; Thabo Ramogogane and Valarie Rice-Smith, political science; Blackmon and Hernandez, psychology; and Dawn K. Shannon and Turk, sociology. "Choose a job that you love and you'll never work a day in your life," Norman concluded.

Larry L. Earvin, HT president, reminded the graduates during honors and commencement to carry their accomplishments with pride and lift the name of Huston-Tillotson. \*



*Lynn M. Speed, Coker J. George, and Logan T. Blackmon received their bachelor's degree in psychology.*

## W.E.B. DUBOIS HONOR SCHOLARS



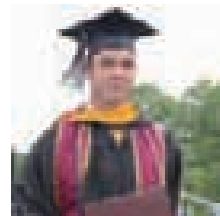
*Matthew L. Morris, history*



*Allen Davenport, business administration*



*Soleil M. Hernandez, psychology*



*Richard P. Northcote, chemistry*



*Pictured are Miss HT Gail N. Maduro, Earvin, Joseph Norman, and Matthew Morris during Honors Convocation.*



# Health and Wellness at the Center of Campus Expansion

By Ramonica R. Jones

**P**ersonal fitness resources, an air-conditioned gymnasium, community health facilities, and classroom space – no, these amenities are not part of a pricey athletic club package, they’re all components of Huston-Tillotson University’s Health and Wellness Center. Once construction is complete, the highly anticipated structure will be HT’s first new building on the campus since 1974.

The high tech, 21st century facility is a \$9 million project for the historic University. The goal of the multi-purpose center is to bring together the athletics and kinesiology departments with programs in physical education, athletic training and athletics, which are currently located in different areas of the 23-acre campus. In addition, the center will focus on spiritual, emotional, and social approaches to health.

The target of the long-awaited Center is not just the HT family, but the community in which it is located. The goal: to be East Austin’s most inclusive and accessible community-care resource, an objective that is especially important since 75 percent of the 92,000 residents who live in the East Austin urban area are medically uninsured. Many of those same residents are at an increased risk

for diabetes, heart disease, arthritis, asthma, and HIV/AIDS.

The University’s current athletic facility was built in 1952 and cannot support any of the planned initiatives with its small basketball court, outdated weight room and over-conditioned playing field.

The Center will include health screening services which will give the school nurse ample space for cholesterol testing, immunizations, blood pressure testing, urinalysis, and other preventive care for students, staff, faculty, alumni, and East Austinites. University nurse, Dianna

“The goal: to be East Austin’s most inclusive and accessible community-care resource...”

Dean, LVN, said, “Huston-Tillotson University [Health Services Center] is committed to providing quality health care that is accessible, timely, and serviced with dignity. Two town hall meetings open to the community resulted in suggestions ranging from a walking track, mental health services, child care, a physician on staff, and concession facilities. Student

Health Services communicates with the student body in order to remain responsive to the changing student needs. The Health and Wellness Center provides an overview of how community mobilization works and what community members can do to encourage, influence, empower and



educate each other for the purpose of reducing HIV/AIDS and other health disparities and change behaviors that can lead to illness/disease.”

A multi-purpose gymnasium for practice, competition, instruction, and graduation will also be housed in the complex as well as an indoor track for practice and competition, athletic conditioning, and recreation for students, faculty and staff. Nurse Dean said, “Enlisting the support of individual volunteers and the University nurse introduces to our campus and community, ownership. We are the vehicles that can greatly enhance community members understanding” of making their health a top priority.

Construction of the Center should take 12 to 18 months to finish. \*



# Math and Science Success Center to Help Students Succeed in STEM Programs

*By Ramonica R. Jones*

**S**cience, technology, engineering and math (STEM) – also known as challenging, demanding and lucrative fields with less than overwhelming minority interest. That lack of enthusiasm from minority students is the purpose of a new initiative at Huston-Tillotson University: the Math and Science Success Center.

The center, to be housed in the Dickey-Lawless Science Building, will anchor the University's efforts to recruit minorities to STEM fields and improve their performance in related courses. HT's plan to encourage blacks and Hispanics to choose a science, technology, engineering or math career doesn't stop there. The school has also implemented the Minority Science Improvement Program (MSEIP), which involves the integration of mathematical applications and technology into existing biology courses at entry, intermediate and advanced levels. Both of these programs are designed specifically with students in mind, but they are not the only ones taking notice of HT's focus on STEM minority recruitment. In fall 2007, the U.S. Department of Education awarded the University nearly a quarter million dollars to encourage its math and science efforts.

Dr. Joseph Jones, Jr., Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said that this recent award moves the University closer to completing its objectives "necessary for students to achieve the competencies for success in their academic and professional careers."

Soon, the University will initiate a life science program dealing with approaches to problem solving such as genetic engineering, biotechnology and bioinformatics – technology used for the collection and analysis of genomic data. HT has also partnered with other historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) that received a half million dollar National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) award to train the next generation of minority scientists and engineers under a program called Minority University-Space Interdisciplinary Network (MU-SPIN). The University's focus on introducing more black and Hispanic youth to science, technology, engineering and math jobs is only part of a national campaign to meet the same objective. In spring 2008, President George Bush signed off on a multi-billion dollar competitiveness bill to attract more minority students to STEM careers. The America COMPETES Act authorized more than \$33 billion over fiscal years 2008 through 2010 for science and technology research and education programs.

As part of the ambitious plan, U.S. Department of Education Secretary Margaret Spellings – in partnership with HBCU, Hispanic-serving institutions, tribal colleges, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian institutions – will create internship and other learning programs for at-risk students in underserved communities.



The prime targets for the program are minority students in grades K-12 with the goal of encouraging more of them to pursue STEM professions. The bill also would allow summer and after-school programs to attract girls and minorities toward science, technology, engineering, and math careers. In addition, it will help prepare thousands of new math and science teachers for the classroom and strengthen partnerships between industry, universities and high schools to improve science laboratories in high schools across the country. \*

## Huston-Tillotson University Receives \$238,000 Grant for Its Math and Science Initiatives



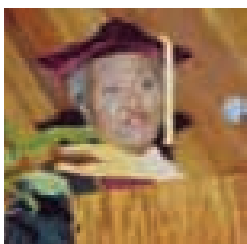
The U.S. Department of Education, with Congressmen Michael McCaul (R-Texas) and Lloyd Doggett (D-Texas)

leading the efforts, awarded a \$238,000 grant to Huston-Tillotson University for its math and science initiatives. Pictured are McCaul (left) and Joseph Jones, Jr., Ph.D., Dean, College of Arts and Sciences.

# Traditions, Founders, and Legacies Lifted During Charter Day

By Linda Y. Jackson

Charter Day is the official celebration of the signing of the Charter of Incorporation by the State of Texas that established Huston-Tillotson College as a result of a merger on Oct. 24, 1952. The Oct. 24, 2008, celebration marked the 133 anniversary of the founding of Samuel Huston, Tillotson College, Huston-Tillotson College and now Huston-Tillotson University.



Alumna Delphia A. York Duckens, inspired students as the 2007 Charter Day speaker.

## 2007 Charter Day

The 2007 Charter Day Symposium featured world-renowned poet, writer, commentator, and activist **Nikki Giovanni** (pictured below center). Those unfamiliar with Giovanni, her nearly 30 books for children and adults, works of poetry, and recordings, including her most recent book "Acolytes" and "Black Feeling Black Talk" her first book of poetry published in 1968 soon wondered why they had not taken the time to learn.



Students immersed themselves in her works as part of their classroom instruction and quickly realized when they discovered works such as "All Eyez on You" about the death of rapper Tupac Shakur, that they could relate to Giovanni who is 70 years old. Intimate conversations and dinner provided settings to learn more.

The students below recited their prose and poetry as a prelude to Giovanni's presentation with Giovanni in the audience on the first row.

**Damien Wooley**  
"Count Your Blessings"

**Lilibeth Jones**  
"Questions Only God Can Answer"

**Charity Richard**  
"Come Back"

**TreeAndrea Grundy**  
"I Am My Own First"

**Thomas St. Julien**  
"We Can Grow"

**Kelli Bray**  
"My Cheeks Hurt"

**Ashley Williams**  
"Vanilla Sky"

**Bonnie Tabibian**  
"Frontin"

**Louis Martin**  
"A Citizen of This Soil"

**Precious Yett**  
"Bound By"



Earvin and Belle S. Wheelan

## 2008 Charter Day

By all indications, **Belle S. Wheelan, Ph.D.**, president, Commission on Colleges, Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), was impressed with Huston-Tillotson University during her recent visit.

The highlights of the celebration were captured during the official convocation that featured Wheelan as the keynote speaker, top ranking seniors, the concert choir, jazz combo, and faculty.

"I'm so glad to see people under 30 who appreciate jazz," said Wheelan after hearing the group perform to Joe Henderson's arrangement of "Inner Urge." In addition, she led the standing ovation after the concert choir, under the direction of Dr. Gloria Quinlan, completed Moses Hogan's "Elijah Rock" in their captivating acappella style.

Wheelan shared memories of growing up in San Antonio, Texas, before moving into a career that led to her becoming the first female and African American to head

SACS. Her HT connection traces back to her mother who attended and was crowned Miss Samuel Huston in 1944. The accrediting body that she heads has the reputation as one of the toughest in the country. President Larry L. Earvin introduced Wheelan by reminding everyone of the existing accreditation process and that SACS is rigorous but now fair to small, private institutions like Huston-Tillotson University under Wheelan's leadership. Wheelan offered a new mantra for SACS—"Students are Central to Success."



The following top ranking seniors were recognized for their academic accomplishments:

#### **BIOLOGY**

**Gail N. Maduro** – *St. Thomas, Virgin Islands*

#### **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Kemba C. Valentine** – *Trinidad and Tobago*

**Kim C. Valentine** – *Trinidad and Tobago*

#### **COMPUTER SCIENCE**

**Jeffery Plummer** – *Gary, Indiana*

#### **ENGLISH**

**Jennifer Kizzee** – *Cedar Hill, Texas*

**Lee A. Ringer** – *Austin, Texas*

#### **INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES**

**Yolanda Fonseca** – *Austin, Texas*

**David Seaborn** – *Austin, Texas*

#### **KINESIOLOGY**

**Bill Rogers** – *Monrovia, Liberia*

#### **POLITICAL SCIENCE**

**Valarie Rice-Smith** – *Austin, Texas*

#### **PSYCHOLOGY**

**Kelli Bray** – *New Haven, Connecticut*

**Arriel Goodman** – *Houston, Texas*

#### **SOCIOLOGY**

**Dawn K. Shannon** – *Louisville, Kentucky*

Pre-Charter Day activities included "Fault Line: A Portrait of East Austin" photography exhibit by John Langmore with student presentations and poetry by The Quiet Poets. A book signing featured Janice Sumler-Edmond, Ph.D., HT's professor of history. Events culminated on Sunday with University Day at Wesley United Methodist Church. The roots of Samuel Huston College, dating back to 1876, included a move from Dallas, Texas, to Austin when the campus was housed in the basement of Wesley UMC. \*



Wheelan's ten lessons garnered from historically black colleges and universities.

1. Believe in a greater power.
2. Work hard to get ahead.
3. Give back.
4. Get involved.
5. Arm yourself with knowledge before speaking.
6. Respect yourself.
7. Everyone is important.
8. Learning is a life-long phenomena.
9. Stand for something.
10. Don't let people stop you.

For more pictures, and Wheelan's full speech, visit the [www.htu.edu](http://www.htu.edu) site.

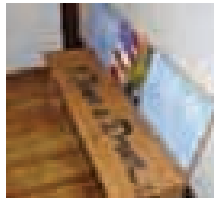
## Thank You Donors



The Western Area Links presented a \$16,500 check to President Larry L. Earvin in support of HT. Wilhelmina Delco and James Hill (right) presented the check.

JPMorgan Chase made a \$10,000 contribution to support the University's Pathways to Academic Socialization and Success (PASS) program. Participants in the program are first generation college students who enroll in a one-week summer pre-collegiate orientation program and living-learning community. PASS offers opportunities to participate in social, academic, cultural, and community service programs throughout the year to enhance learning beyond the classroom.

Hundreds of Central Texas volunteers gathered in the Davage-Durden Student Union on campus during the Martin Luther King, Jr. birthday celebration to participate in United Way's Day of Caring projects. The volunteers enjoyed a brief pep rally type program before heading to locations around the city to make benches for placement in local parks. Representatives from **United Way/Capital Area** donated one of the benches to the University.



HT's School of Business and Technology received a \$5,000 grant from **State Farm** to support the Department of Business Administration's "Student Leadership Program." The program is a series of workshops and conferences designed to develop skills in key leadership areas, including team building, strategic planning, conflict resolution, self analysis, financial management, and career planning.

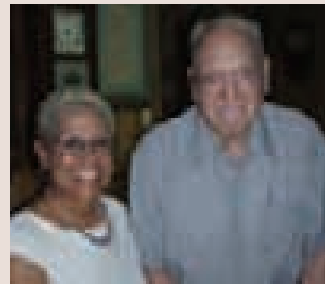
Huston-Tillotson University was awarded a \$25,000 grant from the **Glimmer of Hope Foundation** to launch "Project Success." The program will offer after school academic support to 11th and 12th grade students that are economically disadvantaged and lack the educational resources to successfully pass the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test. Sessions will be held throughout the year on campus on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekly.



**Evelyn Granville** donated \$15,000 to the University in memory of her husband Edward. The office that houses the Vice President for Institutional Advancement is now the Edward Veain Granville suite.

**Applied Materials Manufacturing** continued its support of HT's Austin Pre-Freshman Engineering Program (AusPrEP) with a \$12,000 donation. The nationally recognized program, designed to identify high achieving middle and high school students with the potential and interest in becoming scientists and engineers, began on the Huston-Tillotson campus in 1990. Applied Materials has provided funding for AusPrEP for the past five consecutive years.

### Neighbor Contributes \$10,000 for Scholarships



"All students should have the same opportunity to succeed," said **A.J.**

**Amundson** who donated \$10,000 to Huston-Tillotson recently. He said it took him eight years to finish his college degree, because he did not have the money. "I

milked cows, dug ditches, worked on a farm."

Amundson, who is approaching 100 years old, called the University a few months ago, because he wanted to contribute to the scholarship fund. He has lived a few blocks from the campus most of his adult life and could have directed his generosity to a number of institutions in the area. In fact, he graduated from the University of Texas and enjoyed a 30-year career with the Austin Independent School District.

In his retirement and since the passing of his wife, he enjoys the grandchildren, building clocks, and his woodmaking projects. He built the house in which he currently resides, including the cabinets, bedroom furniture, and many other elements. Some of the original wood fixtures continue to stand strong. Building lives by removing financial barriers is parallel to building dwellings that lasts.



## Huston-Tillotson University's Alumnus Establishes An Endowed Scholarship Fund For Deserving Students

**H**uston-Tillotson University's million dollar donor, Anthony E. Viaer, continued his philanthropy efforts by awarding renewable four-year scholarships to three students, beginning with the Fall 2008 academic year. **Chipo Nziramasanga, Kristyn Renfro, and Faith White** are the first recipients of the competitive Dr. Anthony and Mrs. Louise Viaer Scholarship.

Viaer made his first donation to the University in 2005 and several contributions since. During the 2006 Commencement Convocation, he gave each graduate either \$1,000 for fulfilling their graduation requirements or \$2,000 for fulfilling their graduation requirements with honors with the challenge to "look back, come back, and give back" an amount equal to the rate of

their success. He established the endowed scholarship as a lasting effort in order to help deserving students secure their educational goals and dreams. Huston-Tillotson's tuition and fees average \$11,500 per year.

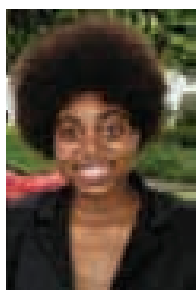
The three recent scholarship recipients are on a four-year plan to complete a degree with a minimum 3.0 grade point average. Nziramasanga enrolls as a business administration (accounting) major from Harare, Zimbabwe. White will major in business administration and play basketball. She is a Hutto High School graduate, Hutto, Texas. Renfro will pursue a degree in English for a broadcast journalism career. She graduated from Evan E. Worthing Senior High School, Houston, Texas.



*From left to right: Chipo Nziramasanga, Faith White, and Kristyn Renfro*

Viaer, originally from New York City, came to Austin in 1953 after receiving a track scholarship to Huston-Tillotson. In addition to running track, he was also a member of the baseball team. In 1958 he graduated summa cum laude with a degree in sociology. \*

## Students Kemi Riley and Quincy Bland Earn Prestigious Scholarships



ness to secure a number of scholarships.

She was selected as a winner of the Educational Testing Service (ETS) Presidential Scholarship for historically black college and university students for

Resourcefulness is a trademark of many college students. Business administration student **Kemi Riley** who displays a wide, contagious smile and caring attitude used her resourcefulness

the 2008-09 academic year. A review committee conducted a thorough evaluation of her academic record, co-curricular activities, essay, recommendation, and other applications materials before making the final decision. A condition of the scholarship includes writing a paper about a problem of her choice in her major field to be presented at an all-expenses paid forum in February 2009 in Princeton, New Jersey. Previously, she was awarded the prestigious Hatton W. Sumners Foundation scholarship and she is a W.E.B. DuBois Honors Scholar.



**Quincy S. Bland** earned a \$5,000 William Randolph Hearst Foundation scholarship as a 2007 United States Senate Youth Program scholar. The scholarship to Bland from Bastrop, Texas, is designed to deepen a student's understanding of government. \*

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# Live Auction During the Fifth Annual President's MASKED Ball Contributes to the \$250,000 Raised

By Linda Y. Jackson

**H**uston-Tillotson University's Fifth Annual President's Mankind Assisting Students Kindle Educational Dreams (MASKED) Ball held in March can be described as an evening of surprises. A video that placed the University in the spotlight and outlined future plans for expansion of undeveloped property west of the campus, a live auction that generated more than \$25,000 on the spot for deserving students, and a rousing rendition of Etta James' "At Last" contributed to the excitement during the evening.

Emcee Danica McKinney, who represented the students in attendance, charmed the nearly 500 guests with her grace and poise. Auctioneer Gayle Stallings, FUNauctions, introduced the concept and facilitated the live auction in support of students like McKinney. The auction quickly turned into a bidding frenzy for the exclusive and unique auction items before nearly every hand was raised during the \$1,000 to \$250 financial commitment for student scholarships when she circled the room in her cap and gown. Starr Entertainment's Rayvon and saxophonist Kyle Turner (*pictured*) started the party with their dazzling band and vocal performances of R&B, jazz, and hip hop.

Established by HT President and Chief Executive Officer Larry L. Earvin to build lasting relationships as well as raise financial support for Austin's oldest institution of higher education,

this fifth year of the MASKED ball propelled the annual fundraiser over the \$1 million mark.

Again, for the second year-in-a-row, Time Warner Cable came onboard as the event underwriter (*pictured*) with General Chair Tony C. Budet bringing University Federal Credit Union (UFCU) as a top level platinum sponsor. Budet is president and chief executive officer of UFCU and worked with Earvin, Minor, and Honorary Chair David A. Talbot, Jr., chair, Huston-Tillotson University Board of Trustees, to ensure the success of the event. Other co-chairs were: Rick Burciaga, chairman, Stonecrest National Bank; Wilhelmina R. Delco, HT board of trustees; Dawnna Dukes, Texas House of Representatives; State of Texas, Kirk Watson, Texas Senate; Donnie Williams, HT board of trustees and chief executive officer, Sovereign Bank, Central Texas; and Will Wynn, City of Austin, mayor.

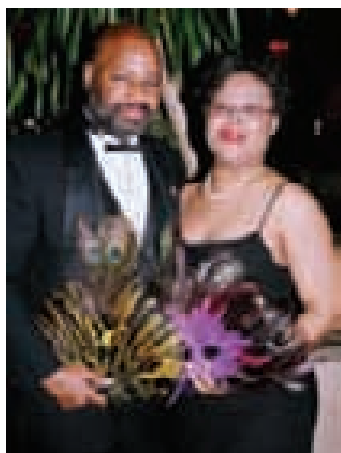
Other corporate sponsors to date were as follows: Platinum sponsors: Frances Holliday Alford and Dell Inc. Alford is an HT board member. Silver Sponsors: Accenture; AT&T; Austin Coca Cola Bottling Company; Greater Texas Federal Credit Union; Henna Chevrolet; Samsung Austin Semiconductor; and Wells Fargo Bank. Bronze sponsors were: Austin Area Urban League, Inc.; Austin Cab Company; Baker Botts LLP; Bank of

America; Centex Beverage; Larry L. Earvin; Derrick Evans; Freescale Semiconductor, Inc.; Frost Bank; Terrance Grant-Malone and St. John's Baptist Church on Dowling (Houston); H-E-B; Heritage Title Company of Austin, Inc.; Humana; Milton B. Lee, II; Lower Colorado River Authority; Macy's; Maxwell Locke & Ritter LLP; Janis and Joe Pinnelli; Alexander T. Salone; Sovereign Bank; St. Andrew's Episcopal School; David A. Talbot, Jr., Esq.; Texas Methodist Foundation; VRW Construction Company, Inc.; and Wormley Mitchell & Associates, Inc.

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Silent Auction sponsors with signature artwork, travel, hotel, spa, restaurant, and jewelry items included: AcupunctureAustin.com, Austin Toros, Ballet Austin, Barker Photography, Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, Brown Distributing, C. Smith Photography, Cap City Comedy Club, Capital Cruises, Elements Laser Spa, Evergreen Studios, Four Seasons Hotel Austin, Grape Vine Market, Michael Hirsch, L. Ron Hubbard Gallery, Jeffrey's Restaurant and Bar, Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center, Lone Star Riverboat, Judith and Sonny Loreda, Omni Austin Hotel Downtown, Round Rock Express, Round Rock Travel & Tours, Russell Korman Fine Jewelry & Watches, The Crossings, Time Warner Cable, Twin Liquors, Venetta Whitaker, and Yoga Yoga. \*

*Pictured are scenes from the event, including the Parade of Masks winners Israel and Janice Matthews.*



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*Co-Chair since the inception  
of the event*



#### MASKED BALL OVERVIEW

	Attendance	Amount
2004	437	\$138,921
2005	603	\$157,000
2006	539	\$237,000
2007	625	\$284,000
2008	574	\$251,290



## Godfrey Awarded \$15,000 Scholarship

The Joint  
Oceanographic

Institutions awarded the Joint Alliance Fellowship for Students of Historically Black Colleges and Universities \$15,000 scholarship to **Daria Godfrey**.

## Students Debate 'The Great Debaters'

Viewing the movie "The Great Debaters," starring Denzel Washington, was a classroom assignment for students in Dr. James Kraft's class. Inspired by a true story, the movie chronicles the journey of Professor Melvin Tolson (Washington). It was a brilliant but volatile debate team coach who used the power of words to shape a group of underdog students from a small African American college in the Deep South into a historically elite debate team. One group in Kraft's class argued that "reason" leads one to religious belief while the other asserted that "reason" does not necessarily lead to religious belief. Reason in the debate was described as a sort of thinking done in the design of cosmological arguments.

## Science Major Accepted into Joint Medical Program

**Rochelle Robinson** was the first student accepted into the HT Joint Admission

Medical Program (JAMP), which included a summer internship at Texas A&M University, College Station. Maintaining a minimum 3.25 grade point average overall in science courses allows students to compete for acceptance into one of eight medical schools in Texas. The partnership includes summer internships and Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) preparation.

## Miss HT Places in National Competition

**Brittany N. Thomas**, the 2007 Miss Huston-Tillotson, was named the second runner up in the Miss National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Black College Queens competition. The 22nd annual Hall of Fame event centered around the theme "HBCU: Protector of Our Heritage and Legacy" was held in Atlanta, Georgia. Thomas received a \$1,000 scholarship.



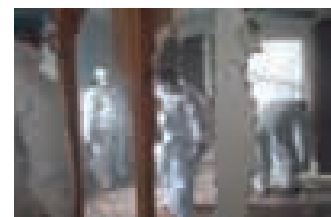
## McKinney Receives Mellon Fellowship

For the second consecutive year, an HT student has received the prestigious United Negro College Fund (UNCF)/Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF). Following the path set by history graduate Matthew Morris, **Danica McKinney** earned the recent honor. Selection for the fellowship is

based upon criteria that focus on a student's academic achievements, and potential as a professor and scholar at the college or university level. She received a \$2,000 stipend and a junior-year research and annual travel stipends. She completed an internship this past summer at Emory University. McKinney's mentor, Julie Hudson, Ph.D., professor of English, also received a \$1,000 honorarium.

## Students Engage in Community Service During Spring Break

University Chaplain, **Donald Brewington**, helped students understand the meaning of "giving back" by engaging them in community service in New Orleans, Louisiana. The group of 19 students worked to repair homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina during their "Spring Break for Christ" mission, but they learned a few lessons while in the middle of their journey. They met Ms. Easter, a native of New Orleans, who lived two doors down from the house in which she was born. Easter, 87, spoke proudly of her grandchild and loved ones. "We were overcome by her resilient spirit and faithfulness," said Brewington. "She repeated the theme that if you are good and honor God, he will keep you." Students completed repairs on her home and raised money for her upon their return to campus.



## Gail N. Maduro and Damian H. Spencer Named Miss and Mr. Huston-Tillotson University

**Gail N. Maduro** and **Damian H. Spencer** were crowned Miss and Mr. HT, respectively, for the 2008-2009 academic year. The



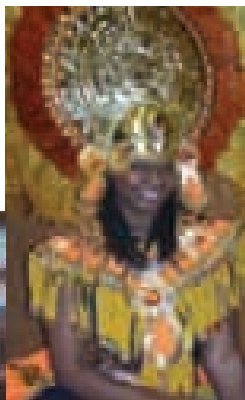
two showed the popularity of international students on campus. Maduro is from St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, and Spencer, was born and raised in Trinidad and Tobago.

Maduro, age 20, is a senior biology major with plans to pursue a career

in clinical laboratory science in graduate school. She is the daughter of Laverne N. and Glen N. Maduro, Sr.

Spencer, a W.E.B. DuBois Honors Scholar, is pursuing a major in business administration with a concentration in accounting. He is president of the International Students Association, and a University Ambassador.

Both were presented to the community during a coronation in November that was sprinkled with Caribbean flavor. \*



*Students Charole Senegal (left), Lakisha Fredericks, and Brittany Kyles (above) brought the Caribbean images to HT.*

## Tarrytown Awards \$10,000 in Scholarships

**Brittany Griffin** and **Jerel Allen** were each awarded \$5,000 scholarships from Tarrytown United Methodist Church for the 2008-09 academic year. Griffin is a psychology major and criminal justice minor. First-year student Allen has a 4.0 grade point average and is a business administration major with a concentration in management. Both are W.E.B. DuBois Honors Scholars.

Tarrytown UMC provides support to Huston-Tillotson as part of their church and society efforts. Huston-Tillotson offers matching scholarships to students who are members of The United Methodist Church. \*

## Kappa Delta Pi and NSTA Chapters Activated

Huston-Tillotson University's Alpha Delta Sigma Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, international education honor society, was activated on April 20, 2008. In addition, a campus chapter of the National Science Teachers Association was also activated this year.

During the Kappa Delta Pi launch, **Judith Loreda** and **Jenefred Davies** were initiated as honorary members along with 46 future teachers and four faculty. The University currently has Alpha Kappa Mu (arts and sciences), Beta Kappa Chi (scientific), Phi Beta Lambda (business), Pi Gamma Mu (social sciences), and Sigma Tau Delta (English) honor societies operating on campus.



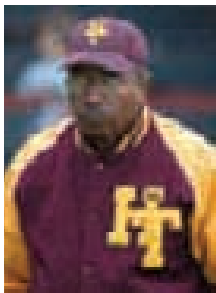
HT's NSTA chapter is the first among historically black colleges and universities in Texas and only the second among HBCU nationwide. Founded in 1944, NSTA is the largest organization in the world committed to promoting excellence and innovation in science teaching and learning for all. \*



## HT Athletic Recognitions Red River Athletic Conference

Congratulations to Champions of Character **Michelle Bolden, Brittney Crowder, De'Shandra Irvin, and Tamica Jones** for earning 2008 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletic (NAIA) Women's Indoor Track and Field All-American honors.

Congratulations **Samantha Mendez** for earning Red River Athletic Conference first team honors and Women's Volleyball Player of the Week and Hitter of the Week several times throughout the season. Mendez and her teammates finished the season by hosting the conference tournament.



**Coach Alvin Moore** celebrated his 27th baseball season as head coach. He has collected more than 550 wins during his career while serving as a mentor to hundreds of athletes.

His athletes have been drafted by the Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Indians, Houston Astros, Kansas City Royals, Los Angeles Dodgers, New York Mets, and Texas Rangers. The team ended the 2008 season on top of the Red River Athletic Conference standings with a 9-3 conference record and 26-20 overall.

Moore, who earned his bachelor's from HT in 1973, is currently serving as Interim Athletic Director. In that capacity he is responsible for men's and women's soccer, track and field, and basketball; women's cross country, golf, and volleyball; and men's baseball.

### 2008 FINAL BASEBALL STANDINGS

NORTH		
Team	Conference	Season
Texas Wesleyan*	14-1	37-12
Bacone*	10-5	40-11
Northwood*	8-7	22-23
SW Assemblies of God	7-8	15-23
Paul Quinn	3-12	8-36
C. of Southwest	3-12	6-35-1

\*Clinched RRAC Tournament Berth.

SOUTH		
Team	Conference	Season
Huston-Tillotson*	9-3	26-20
Wiley*	8-4	19-19
UT-Brownsville*	7-5	22-30
Jarvis Christian	4-8	9-20-1
Texas College	2-10	12-38

### 2008 FINAL MEN'S SOCCER STANDINGS

Team	Conference	Season
UT-Brownsville*	7-0-0	13-4-0
Huston-Tillotson	6-1-0	11-6-1
Texas Wesleyan	4-3-0	7-5-2
Texas College	4-3-0	7-9-2
Northwood	3-4-0	7-8-0
Bacone	2-5-0	5-9-0
U. of Southwest	2-5-0	5-9-0
SW Assemblies of God	0-7-0	2-15-0



### Two Men's Cross Country Runners Qualified for Nationals

**Rosangel Rodriguez and Markus Flores** qualified for the NAIA Cross Country National Championships Kenosha,

Wisconsin, after leading the team to a second place finish for the second year in a row. Teammates Alfrid Manning, Christopher Humphries, Christopher Gonzalez, and Garfield Sinclair earned the honor during the Red River Conference Championship.

### 2008 MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS TEAM RESULTS — MEN'S 8K

School	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	Score
Northwood	1	2	3	4	6	16
Huston-Tillotson	9	10	13	16	17	65
Bacone	5	11	14	20	21	71
Langston	12	15	18	22	24	91



### ATHLETICS ADDS LIVE SPORTS BROADCASTS

Fans can listen to live broadcasts of HT games by clicking on the HT Web site and navigating to athletics and the Stretch Internet Listen Live icon. Students **Lee A. Kinger** (left) and **Andrea Walker** are the voices of the Rams. Check the site for past and upcoming games.





# Celebrities, Ministers, Business Leaders, and Others Discover HT

## Plaintiff of Landmark Case Talked to Students

Michael Hirsch, Ph.D. invited several distinguished guests to class, including **Mary Beth Tinker** of the Supreme Court case for which she was named. Her lecture was entitled "Tinker versus Des Moines: 42 Years Later." Tinker and other Iowa students were suspended for wearing black armbands to school to protest the Vietnam war. A ruling taken to the Supreme Court by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) in 1969 rendered that neither "teachers or students shed their constitutional rights to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate."

Tinker is a registered nurse in Missouri with master's degrees in public health and nursing. She encouraged HT students to get involved.

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## Filmmaker Noland Walker Shared the Secrets of the Trade

The HT Film Society, English and Communications, and the Department of Humanities and Fine Arts presented "A Conversation with **Noland Walker**" in celebration of Black History Month. Walker, co-produced "3rd Ward, Texas" and is the writer and co-producer of the documentary "Jonestown: Life and Death of People's Temple." Walker was the Peabody Award winning producer of "Revolution," an episode in the Africans in America series, and received a regional Emmy Award for the producing and directorial work on "A Day in the Life of

Jeremiah Burke High School" for WGBH television in Boston.

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## 'Honeydripper's' Director John Sayles Stopped by HT

"Honeydrippers" featured blues musician Gary Clark Jr. who happens to be the grandson of HT Registrar Ernestine Strickland. Movie Director **John Sayles** spoke to HT students at the invitation of Katherine Oldmixon, Ph.D. after the local screening of the film, which starred Danny Glover and Patrick Dutton.

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## Louis Gregory Symposium Held



*Richard Thomas (second from right) was joined in a panel discussion by Michael Hirsch, chair, HT's Social and Behavioral Sciences Department; Quita Culpepper, KVUE-TV reporter; Sara Villanueva Dixon, assistant professor of psychology, St. Edward's University; Paula Hui, board chair/president, Austin Asian Chamber of Commerce; and Khotan Shahbazi-Harmon, Bahá'í Faith radio and television host.*

The Second Annual Louis Gregory Symposium on Race Unity featured **Richard W. Thomas** who is a Bahá'í, college professor, and author. His books include "Detroit: Race and Uneven Development," "Racial Unity: An

Imperative for Social Progress," "Understanding Interracial Unity: A Study of U.S. Relations," and "Life for Us Is What We Make It: Building Black Community in Detroit, 1915-1945." He teaches race relations and diversity related courses at Michigan State University.

The symposium, held in King-Seabrook Chapel, included a panel discussion about the Bahá'í Faith and a student essay presentation. It was sponsored by the Bahá'í Faith of Austin, Austin Area Interreligious Ministries, Huston-Tillotson University, and the Student Government Association.

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## Public Speaking Class Enlightened

**Robert Anthony (Tony) Evans** brought his rare, tell-it-like-it-is dose of reality to students in a public speaking class. He is director of Citi Corp's North American Sales and Securities Services, responsible for new client acquisition and new business development for securities businesses. "Your language reflects your background" was one thought among many that he shared with students about the business world. He is author of "Career Workforce," "Reading People," and "Influence Without Authority." Evans has juris doctorate as well as master of fine arts degrees. He has appeared in film, television, off-Broadway, and has completed numerous voiceover spots. ▶

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*Janks Morton completed an interview with KAZI 88.7 FM radio host Kenneth Thompson for the "Dad Show" during his visit to Austin.*

## PASS Students Heard the Facts from Morton

Students had the opportunity to witness what is considered "the most provocative film" since "Roots" when they viewed the documentary "What Black Men Think" and spoke to the writer and director **Janks Morton** in person. The invitation was courtesy of the Pathways to Academic Socialization and Success (PASS) program. Morton enlightened students with facts that debunked myths and stereotypes about African Americans. He outlined that the majority of black men are not in prison but actually in college. However, he stated that the absence of "a strong father" is the root cause of problems in the black community.

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## 2008 Spring Symposium Featured Dr. Cain Hope Felder

*by Ramonica R. Jones*

"Race relations, religion, and discrimination are all topics of discussion at Huston-Tillotson University on any given day, but these often controversial issues were also at the center of the 2008 Spring Symposium held on the campus. The Bishop E.T. Dixon Lecture by **Dr.**

**Cain Hope Felder** featured a group of distinguished community experts, student leaders, and local activists who provided input on the world around us.

The purpose of the day-long symposium: to invite the HT community as well as the Austin community at large to think critically in regards to the Bible and theology. It is to invite such questions as 'what was the role of Africans and African Americans in the Bible?' The desire is to aide persons in viewing the Bible and theology in a more expansive light. University Chaplain, Rev. Donald Brewington, said, "Our goal is to make the Bishop E.T. Dixon Lecture an annual event allowing the HT and greater Austin communities to engage the Bible and Theology in new and enlightening yet relevant ways.

Future topics might include, 'What is the difference between Womanist and Feminist Theology,' 'Why is there a need for liberation theology,' 'Is there relevancy in interpreting scripture from a cultural context?' and much more. "So often, many persons come with a limited view of the Bible, God and the world; through the Bishop E.T. Dixon Lecture we hope to offer ways of seeing anew how God moves and touches lives in an ever expanding and changing world." Felder is a respected theologian, powerful writer, and philosophical biblical expert. He is also the author of several books, including the groundbreaking study, "Troubling Biblical Waters: Race, Class and Family," which was nominated for the Schomburg prize for Excellence in Black History and Culture. It was translated into Braille and made available through audiotapes for the visually

impaired by the Library of Congress. Felder was the inaugural national director of the United Methodist Black Caucus and also founded Washington D.C.'s Biblical Institute for Social Change (BISC), an organization committed to informing, inspiring, affirming and transforming the Christian community through scholarship and research. Currently, Felder is Howard University's professor of New Testament Language and Literature and editor of "The Journal of Religious Thought" at the School of Divinity.

He served as consultant for the premier film "Solomon and Sheba," featured on Showtime Network in which, for the first time, the television and film industries

gave historical realism of the characters by selecting people of color to play the lead roles.



The lecture is named for the first African American Bishop of the Southwest Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Bishop E. T. Dixon was also an HT alumnus and former board member. A member of the class of 1943, Dixon is one of only two graduates to receive "bishop" status.

He matriculated magna cum laude from what was Samuel Huston College before earning a degree from Drew Theological Seminary. He served the church and community in numerous positions while establishing innovative programs before and after becoming president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas. Dixon died in 1996. \*

# Faculty News

## Two HT Faculty Granted Tenure Status

**Debra Murphy, Ph.D.**, professor of psychology, and **D. Rozena McCabe, Ph.D.**, chair, Department of Education and Kinesiology, were granted tenure status by the HT Board of Trustees. The tenure process involves compiling supporting documentation to a committee of peers of progressive academic achievements that enhance student learning, is rooted in research, shows evidence of published works, and promotes the academic area of specialty and the University.

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## History Professor Uncovers a Dramatic Biography

Savannah, Georgia, is the backdrop for

**Janice Sumler-Edmond's** newest book "The Secret Trust of Aspasia Cruvellier Mirault: The Life and Trials of a Free Woman of Color in Antebellum Georgia." The intriguing biography is a story that informs the reader's understanding of the antebellum South as this widowed matriarch navigates social, economic, and political complexities to create a legacy for her family.

Sumler-Edmond, Ph.D., professor of history and director of HT's W.E.B. Dubois Honors Program, researched the Aspasia's family and unveiled the secret trust arrangement between a white man whose help was needed to become a landowner. A dramatic three-party trial that went to the Georgia Supreme Court

in 1878 provides new perspectives on the African American experience and on American history while telling the memorable story of a remarkable woman.



The hardback for \$29.95 was published by the University of Arkansas Press.

## Martin Luther King Boulevard Corridor Captured in Print

Sumler-Edmond also teamed with husband, Steven, who serves as HT's Dean of the School of Business and Technology to complete "Historical Reflections: A Blueprint for the Future." The document was researched and prepared for the Texas Department of Transportation, Austin District, in order to chronicle key historical aspects of the Martin Luther King, Jr. corridor. People, places, and things along the corridor were captured in print as a means of remembering and celebrating past accomplishments, contemplating the present, and preparing for the future.

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## James Kraft Edits Book About Religious Tolerance

While many ground religious tolerance on a sense of unity or enrichment resulting from religious diversity, the acclaimed scholars contributing to this volume place under scrutiny a fascinating alternative proposal for a pathway to religious tolerance. Now

available from Ashgate Publishing, "Religious Tolerance Through Humility Thinking with Philip Quinn" was edited by HT's **James Kraft, Ph.D.** and David Basinger, Roberts Wesleyan College. The book outlines the serious consideration of religious diversity that tends to reveal the weakness of support many have for their religious commitments and that the humility produced tends to result in religious tolerance. The contributors illuminate the debate within philosophy about the way beliefs are supported, and the controversy between internalism and externalism and disagreement about how humility and tolerance are related. Read more sample pages at [www.ashgate.com](http://www.ashgate.com).

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## Debra Murphy Invited to Present at eHealth Conference

**Debra Murphy, Ph.D.** was invited to present at the Seventh Annual eHealth Conference sponsored by the United



Negro College Fund Special Programs Corporation (UNCFSF) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM) in Bethesda, Maryland.

The conference was designed to advance

the use of the Internet for eliminating health disparities that disproportionately affect African Americans. Murphy's topic presented in June was entitled, "Establishing and Strengthening Campus-Community Partnerships for eHealth Literacy: Lessons and Best Practices from Huston-Tillotson University." ▶

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## Faculty News *(continued)*

Huston-Tillotson University received a grant from the entities to help eliminate the racial disparities in health in the Austin Community through the use of information technology. The focus includes empowering the campus and surrounding the East Austin African American community with access to credible health information in the areas of HIV/AIDS, cardiovascular disease, cancer, and diabetes.

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### Huston-Tillotson University's Institute Open to Address Health Care Issues

Huston-Tillotson University's Consumer Health Advocate (CHA) Training and Education Institute is available to teach community members how to access and navigate free, credible, reputable, and current health care information through the Internet pertaining to major health issues. Information about health issues such as heart disease, cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, mental health, chemical dependency, stress, sickle cell, and obesity can be accessed. Trained CHAs empower more informed health consumers and self advocates and help eliminate the racial disparities in health care, including HIV/AIDS.

Huston-Tillotson University will offer state continuing education accreditation through the Consumer Health Advocate Train the Trainer Course. Individuals interested in becoming a certified Consumer Health Advocate or who would like additional information about the program, should call 512.505.6430 or send an e-mail to HT-consumerhealthadvocate@htu.edu.

A stipend is awarded for full participation.

Funded by the National Library of Medicine.

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### New Provost Joins Huston-Tillotson



**D. Jason De Sousa, Ed.D.**, who brings diverse academic and student affairs, enrollment management, assessment, and research-oriented backgrounds, joins Huston-Tillotson University as the

Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs (VPASA). He will serve as the chief academic officer and provide leadership for the University's student support services, residence life, and student activities.

De Sousa earned his doctorate in education, higher education, administration in 1994 from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. His dissertation was entitled, "A Comparison of the Effects of Selected Collegiate Activities on Black Students' Educational and Personal Development Gains at a Historically Black Institution and a Predominantly White Institution." He completed his bachelor's in sports administration from Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland, and his master of arts in college student personnel from Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio.

Most recently De Sousa was an associate professor at Morgan State, where he also coordinated the master of arts program in higher education. During his career he served as president of the National Association of Student Affairs Professionals (NASAP), and enhanced the academic and personal successes of African American males through the "Male Initiative on Leadership and Excellence (MILE) program.

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### Development Director Hired

**Maurice McCloney** has been named Director of Development and Major Gifts.

McCloney brings his vast fundraising, corporate sales and marketing, and new business development background to the University's Institutional Advancement arm, which is responsible

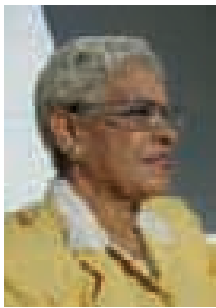


for cultivating donors. He earned his bachelor of applied arts and science degree from Lamar University, played football for the University of Nebraska and the University of Texas, and enjoyed a brief professional football career before settling in Austin with the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau.

McCloney also established a non-profit program designed to promote and teach golf to youth. \*



## Minor Inducted into the Hall of Fame



**Vicki Minor**, Huston-Tillotson's Vice President for Institutional Advancement, was inducted into the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association's

(PVILCA) Hall of Honor/Hall of Fame at an event recently in San Antonio.

Minor, recognized for her swimming accomplishments, joined the hundreds of amateur and professional male and female athletes who mastered and set records in their respective sports while competing at Texas high schools. The PVILCA has maintained the official athletic and academic records of African Americans as documented by the Prairie View Interscholastic League (PVIL), which was established by the University Interscholastic League (UIL) during the period of segregation.

Before graduating from Jack Yates High School (Houston, Texas), Minor was one of a few African American swimmers in the late 1950s. During her aquatic career, she won first place in freestyle and backstroke swimming at the PVIL state meet and was district letterman for two years. She also played volleyball. \*



Michael Hirsch, Ph.D., chair of the Social and Behavioral Science Department, and student Yasmin H. Turk, '08, traveled to Florida to attend the Hatton W. Sumners lecture series VIP reception luncheon with former Florida Governor Jeb Bush (center). The event was sponsored by the National Center for Policy Analysis.

## Faculty and Staff Honored During End-of-Year Reception

Several milestones were acknowledged at the annual HT end-of-year gathering and Employee Appreciation Luncheon. The following employees were honored:

**40 years** **PATRICIA QUARTERMAN**  
*Director of Library Services*

**35 years** **ROSALEE MARTIN**  
*Professor of Sociology*

**25 years** **JENEFRED DAVIS**  
*Associate Professor of Teacher Education*

**15 years** **CLARENCE BRADSHAW**  
*Campus Safety Officer*

**10 years** **GLORIA QUINLAN**  
*Professor of Music*

**5 years** **MARCIA ATILANO**  
*Public Service Librarian*

**NANCY BYERS**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**BRUNETTA DAVIS**  
*Campus Safety Officer*

**MELODY FULLYLOVE**  
*Prospect Research Manager*

**KARL JOHNS**  
*Campus Safety Officer*

**RONALD KAASE**  
*Women's Volleyball Coach*

**PAUL LEVERINGTON**  
*Director of Career and Graduate Development*

**MICHAEL HIRSCH**  
*Chair of Social and Behavioral Science Department*

**ALLEN JOHNSON**  
*Assistant Professor, Computer Science*

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## Judith Loredó Bids Farewell

There were feelings of sadness in the midst of the **Judith Loredó** farewell fiesta held earlier this year. Loredó accepted a position with the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board after 22-years at Huston-Tillotson University.

During her HT career she served in many capacities, including chair of the Division of Education, department head, and dean. She played a pivotal role in HT's teacher preparation program earning an "accredited" rating from the State Board of Educator Certification, the agency's highest accreditation standard. She was named the first Joseph T. McMillan, Jr. Endowed Professor of Teacher Education. The professorship was established in the fall of 1999 to recognize and perpetuate distinguished academic leadership, exceptional teaching, outstanding scholarship/creative contributions, and unique service to the University and public. Loredó twice received the Presidential Award as an outstanding faculty member at HT and earned the Sears-Roebuck Corporation Teaching Excellence Faculty of the Year Award. In addition, she was also appointed to the Undergraduate Education Advisory

Committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The committee serves as a problem solving forum and strives to improve undergraduate education to reflect the goals of Texas' higher education plan, Closing the Gap by 2015.

Loredó completed her undergraduate education at Our Lady of the Lake University. After earning a bachelor's in science in communication disorders, she received a master's degree in both speech pathology and educational administration before earning a doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin. Since completing her education, she has worked as a classroom teacher, an adjunct professor, and school superintendent. She also co-authored several articles and a training manual.

Among her countless other honors are The Distinguished Hispanic Women's Leadership Award of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) and a Southside Independent School District vocational complex named for her in San Antonio. \*

▼ Judith Loredó (center), with her husband, Sonny, son, daughter, and grandchildren during the farewell gathering on the campus.



Dear HT Family:

*I wish that time would permit me to write each of you a personal note describing how much you have impacted my life both personally and professionally. Tuesday afternoon is etched in my mind and heart forever. I am humbled and so thankful that God sent me to HT as part of his plan for my life.*

*On many occasions you heard me say, "You shall walk this way but once and you must make a difference or your passing will have been in vain." From the day I arrived at HT to now, my sole purpose for everything I did was to make HT a better place for those we serve, and that is the students. It was so easy to share my talents, to give countless of hours never expecting a monetary reward, or multitasking to help out where ever needed so we could achieve the mission that HT represents. The reward has always been to be able to stand tall in my academic role and know that I had helped shape the life of a young man or woman who put their hand out and silently said – "I want to be the best that I can be - help me." So you see on Tuesday afternoon, you reaffirmed that my life's mission as planned by God has been partially fulfilled – for my presence and passing through the halls of HT has not been in vain and I did make a difference.*

*Thank you from the bottom of my heart for being my friend and for all you have ever done for me big or small. Keep working hard to make HT what it has the potential of becoming and I too will work from afar. My spirit will always be in your classroom, office, student union, meetings, cafeteria, halls and Chapel, cheering you on as you continue the work of the University.*

*God love and take care of each and everyone of you. Thank you for honoring me and my family for it will never be forgotten.*

*Always  
Judith Loredó*

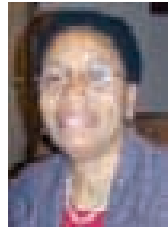
## Five New Trustees Named to the Board

**T**he newest trustees on the Huston-Tillotson University board bring years of experience in a variety of competitive fields. The list includes: Donna D. Carter, Louis M. Henna, Jr., Zan W. Holmes, Jr., Ruth C. Robinson, and John Scroggins.

**Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr., '56**, is pastor emeritus at St. Luke "Community" United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, where he served for 28 years. The accomplished author graduated from Huston-Tillotson in 1956 and has two graduate degrees from Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology.



**John Scroggins** serves as president and board member of Unity National Bank. Scroggins has more than 26 years of banking experience in the Houston market. He earned his bachelor of science degree from Texas Southern University and received a combined master's in business administration from Texas Southern University and the University of Houston with a concentration in banking and finance.



Architect **Donna D. Carter, AIA**, owns Carter Design Associates. The firm's focus includes constructing cultural facilities and historically preserved sites. Carter is a member of the Texas Society of Architects.

**Louis M. Henna, Jr.**, a longtime friend and supporter of Huston-Tillotson, operates family-owned Henna Chevrolet in Austin and is involved with the General Motors President's Dealers' Association, Austin Automobile Dealers' Association, and Texas Automobile Dealers' Association. Henna earned a bachelor of arts degree with honors from the University of Texas at Austin and joined the family company soon after graduation.



**Ruth Robinson, '61**, is a recent retiree from the special education department of the Dallas Independent School District. Robinson earned a bachelor of arts degree from Huston-Tillotson in 1961 and later a master's from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio. She is also a former social worker for The United Methodist Church – Wesley Community Centers in San Antonio.

They will each serve two-year terms. \*

## Board Members Making a Difference in the Community



The School of Excellence in Education, located in San Antonio, Texas, established the **Milton B. Lee Science and Engineering Academy** as a campus with high,

continuous expectations of achievement for underserved students in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

**Tommy Hodinh** strengthened the City of Austin's global city status by hosting a Vietnamese delegation earlier this year. Groups from many countries are invited to Austin to experience and discover the city's potential and resources.



**Wanda Evaige** received the 21st Century Award for Achievement given by the International Biographical Centre in recognition of her outstanding contributions. \*

## Huston-Tillotson Featured on National Show

Huston-Tillotson students, Target employees, and United Negro College Fund (UNCF) representatives planted new trees to enhance the campus landscape. Target employees from Central Texas, including corporate representatives from the Minnesota headquarters, and Miss UNCF from Wiley College provided man and woman power during the tree planting, mowing, and property cleanup.

The day of service was videotaped for rebroadcast during UNCF's 30th anniversary of An Evening of Stars® (AEOS) with a salute to Patti LaBelle. The two-hour tribute honors LaBelle and will be televised nationwide in January 2009.



*Student leaders gathered for a picture with Target, President Community Relations and Target Foundation Laysha Ward (center).*

The Grammy-winning R&B/soul singer will receive UNCF's prestigious Award of Excellence in recognition of her distinguished career as an artist and performer and for her longstanding support of UNCF. Previous AEOS Award of Excellence honorees include Smokey Robinson, Aretha Franklin, Steve Wonder, Quincy Jones, and Lou Rawls. \*

## McCabe Integrates 'Leave No Trace' into Curriculum

D. Rozena McCabe, professor of kinesiology, introduced students to Leave No Trace through the Connect Grant. The program includes educational booklets and teaching materials designed to implement the seven principles of outdoor excursions. Her classroom instruction was moved outdoors to a local park in order to demonstrate the concepts during camping, fishing, swimming, and kayaking activities.

The Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics was designed to serve minority populations. McCabe's students must teach a lesson in the classroom and one at McKinney Falls State Park. \*

## Campus Recognized for its Environmental Efforts

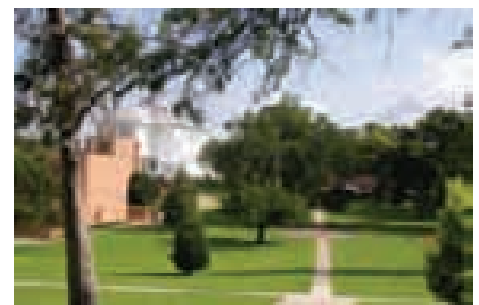
Reducing total municipal waste by more than 80% and other green efforts resulted in recognition for Huston-Tillotson University from the National Wildlife Federation. The University was awarded for its sustainability efforts and commitment to creating a campus community that focuses on recycling, energy conservation, and waste reduction.

The comprehensive survey is the nation's largest study to date to gauge trends and new developments in campus sustainability. More than 1,000 institutions were reviewed and graded in broad performance areas, including energy, water, transportation, landscaping, waste reduction, and environmental literacy. The study in partnership with Princeton

Survey Research Associates International revealed the following:

- The most prevalent environmental initiative is water conservation, versus recycling in 2001;
- Conserving energy is 2008's most popular performance goal, versus the 2001 goal of upping environmental performance in new buildings;
- The biggest green opportunity colleges are missing is adequate education about sustainability for their students; and
- Funding is the biggest obstacle to expanding environmental and sustainability programming, versus the "other priorities" cited in 2001.

The NWF Report Card is considered by some to be the Gold Standard for charting



the sustainability movement in higher education.

Read more about the "Campus Environment 2008: A National Report Card on Sustainability in Higher Education" report at [www.nwf.org](http://www.nwf.org). \*



## Greetings from the Alumni Affairs Director



**F**rom The Honorable Azie Taylor Morton, former United States Secretary of Treasury, to Bertha Sadler Means, the oldest delegate from the State of Texas at the National Democratic Convention, to Joe Leonard, Executive Director of the Congressional Black Caucus, to Rueben Fowler, NFL referee, Huston-Tillotson University alumni continue to leave their imprints upon the nation and the world. These are but a few who have contributed to the HT legacy of success.

In courtrooms and classrooms, hospitals and laboratories, boardrooms and screening rooms, government agencies and major industries, HT alumni have attained enviable levels of individual and collective success.

Our students are not guaranteed success after graduation. However, they are guaranteed an environment that makes success highly probable with dedication to the Huston-Tillotson University tradition of excellence.

HT doesn't just pave the way toward personal success, it propels its students

toward their destiny of making an impact on the world. The University produces well-rounded, public-spirited graduates who not only contribute to the world as mentors and leaders, but who are also active, lifetime learners and contribute to the well-being in the communities in which they reside.

Obtaining a degree from Huston-Tillotson University is more than a status our students hope to achieve. HT has graduated thousands of alumni who have been a significant source of job leads, employment opportunities, marketplace information, tips on corporate survival skills, and support for the University's programs and vast initiatives.

More than just a strategic network orchestrated through the HT International Alumni Association and the Office of Alumni Affairs, alumni are the heart and soul of the HT family. The Alumni and Friends webpage has been redesigned and provides a setting for a continuous display of our alumni successes. Please share with us how the legacy lives in your life.

### **LA JUANA R. NAPIER**

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*Class of 2007*

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# Presenting the Class of 1958

It is with great pleasure that we present the Class of 1958. Members of the class, as listed below, joined the processional during Commencement Convocation and were recognized and honored for their accomplishments.

## BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE

Stella Mae Baker  
 Evelyn Claudine Brown  
 George V. Clark  
 Alma G. Crawford+  
 Dorothy Jean Creeks  
 Jimmy Leon Cummings  
 Mary J. O'Neal Henderson  
 Ella Mae Hendricks  
 Loretta W. Hendricks  
 La Fray L. Ivory +++  
 Bennie L. McCormick\*  
 Charles Leslie Medaris  
 Bernice Miller  
 Kenneth Carl McNeil  
 Hilton Oscar Overton, Jr.+  
 James Shackles, Jr.\*  
 Nancy Armstead Scott  
 Joyce Jenet Smith  
 William Chester Thompson+  
 James Leon Turner  
 Anthony Viaer+\*  
 Loretta Ann Walker

## MUSIC

Billie Fai Adams +++  
 Jean Rae Higgins  
 Jimmie L. Jones  
 Betty Louise Malone  
 Hilliard B. Sorrells  
 Ava Jo Thomas+  
 James Louis Wright

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE DEGREE

Business Administration  
 Herbert G. Gaton  
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 Joe Ann Groce  
 Bettye Joyce Moore  
 Rosie Collins Sorrells  
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Mary Magdalene Brown++  
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 Edna Mae McNeil\*  
 Rosie Woodard  
 Verdene Laruth Woodard

## ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Percy Bass, Jr.+\*  
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 Otis Fisher, Jr.  
 Vernese Nichols Foster+  
 Bertha Louise Greene\*  
 Betty Jean McClure Greenwood  
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 Sarah Elizabeth Harrison  
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 Joyce Thorne Montgomery  
 Arlene M. Robinson+++\*  
 James G. Robinson  
 Lois Hall Smith  
 Bettie Tanksley  
 Ora Lee Toland\*  
 Sophia Artelia Williams

## NATURAL SCIENCES

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 Berna Dean Booker  
 Melvin J. Chambers+\*  
 Davis Dwight Cole+

Robert Edward Dickerson  
 Franklin Delano Roosevelt Gee+  
 Willie James Hill+  
 Frank Louis Joe, Jr.++  
 Charles McCaskill  
 Charles L. Medearis  
 Alvin L. Stevenson+

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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 Joe C. Baker\*  
 Matthew V.B. Cook\*  
 Dorothy Mae Dixon  
 Howard W. Godfrey  
 Glenda Mae Horne  
 Alvin Johnson\*  
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 Clifton Daniel Mitchell+  
 Mary Louise Moore  
 Clarence James Piper, Jr.  
 Donald Spence\*  
 Harold Tinsley  
 Percell Edward Warren  
 Maggie J. Williams\*

+ *Cum laude*

++ *Magna cum laude*

+++ *Summa cum laude*

\* *Summer 1958*

# Annual Blues and Jazz Concert Gets a New Home

*By Ramonica R. Jones*

For the first time in its history, Huston-Tillotson University was the site of the 18th Annual Blues and Jazz Concert (formerly festival) in February. What was initially a temporary change of venue turned out to be a blessing in disguise for the Austin chapter of the HT Alumni Association. The group needed a different location for the 2008 event because of repairs being made to the Doris Miller Auditorium, the long-time host of the fundraiser. But with an unexpectedly high-turnout, overwhelmingly positive response, and diverse crowd, HT's Mary E. Branch Gymnasium is now the new venue for the concert.

"Everyone really enjoyed it and we had a grand time," said Marvin Douglas, founder of the blues and jazz concert. "This is a cultural event and part of our heritage."

Douglas has spearheaded the Blues and Jazz concert committee for the past 18 years and has proudly watched the event grow – financially and musically – since the first festival back in 1990. He said, "we want to keep the people informed about jazz and blues and we don't want to lose sight of this music. We're going to keep it growing."

Money raised during the event goes back to the alumni association to help organize activities, programs, and other functions for Huston-Tillotson University graduates living in the Austin area.

Pam Hart, James Polk, the Austin Community College (ACC) Jazz Ensemble, and the HT Jazz Ensemble were just a few of the well-known blues and jazz acts that performed at HT in front of a crowd of several hundred longtime loyal festival fans, and newcomers.

Aside from a new location, also different this year was the addition of a keepsake program. The 2008 booklet gave a detailed background on the early days of the concert and highlighted some of the most memorable moments of the fundraiser. The souvenir program also showcased many of the notable performers and organizers who helped make the event a success.

The 2009 Annual Blues and Jazz Concert is set for 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15, 2009, in the Mary E. Branch Gymnasium on the historic Huston-Tillotson University campus. \*

## Second Oldest Building on Campus Receives Award

The Anthony and Louise E. Viera-Alumni Hall received the Heritage Society of Austin's 2007 Preservation Merit Award during the 47th Annual Preservation Awards Celebration held earlier this year. The building was constructed between 1913 and 1914 with the outside concrete blocks made by Tillotson College students as part of the industrial arts program. Vacant from 1969 to 2004, Viera-Alumni Hall is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and designated with a Texas Historical Marker as a Texas Historical Site. The President's Office, Institutional Research and Assessment, and Institutional Advancement are housed in the building. \*

## Online Certificate Program Approved for Education

Huston-Tillotson University was approved by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to offer the online EC-12 General Special Education certificate program. The University has offered the Alternative Teacher Certification Program (ATCP) for the EC-12 Generic Special Education certificate in the traditional method of delivery for the past 13 years. The online certificate program offers another option for those seeking teacher certification training. \*

# Obituaries

## **Dorothy Jean Thomas Ahart, '44**

*Austin, Texas.* She was the 1953 Edwards High School (Gonzales) valedictorian and graduated at the age of 16. She graduated cum laude from HT with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. Her 12 years in teaching were at Edward's High School, the People's Business College, Anderson High School, and Kealing Junior School, Austin. Her entrepreneurial endeavor included the Twice Around Thrift Shop. Before that she worked for the Internal Revenue Service, was actively involved in the Parent Teacher Association (PTA), and was president of the LBJ Neighborhood Association. She was also a volunteer for many community organizations.

## **Annie Berthenia Buckley, '44**

*Beckley, West Virginia.* Buckley was born on April 6, 1925, in Liberty Hill, Texas. She was member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Links, and St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church.

## **Mamie Elder, '56**

*Austin, Texas.* Elder passed two days before her 105th birthday.



## **Paul Wesley Franks**

*Austin, Texas.* A student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Franks was an ordained minister. He earned his undergraduate degree in physical education and health and his graduate degree in education. He was a 30-year union carpenter and completed an army military career.



## **Barbara J. Gomez, '52**

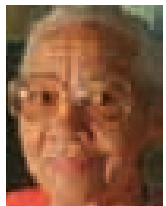
*Dallas, Texas.* She returned to Dallas after pursuing a degree from Samuel Huston College. She worked within the Dallas Independent School District as an educator and administrator. Gomez was a member of Delta Theta Sigma Sorority, Inc.

## **Edward V. Granville, '50**

*Corsicana, Texas.* Granville's studies were interrupted during his draft into World War II and the Korean War. He completed his degree in education and mathematics in 1950. He and his brother established Granville and Granville Real Estate Company, Quality Escrow Company, Granville Steak House, a clothing shop, and cleaners. He was a member of St. Andrew's United Methodist Church. At the age of 90, he was a dedicated member of the HT Corsicana alumni chapter.

## **Crezetta L. Joost, '52**

*Austin, Texas.* Joost was a Samuel Huston graduate. She was a retired elementary school teacher.



## **Cleo Hortense Lawson, '35**

*Austin, Texas.* Lawson died of natural causes in July. As a long-time resident of East Austin, she was actively involved in the community with education as a focus. Her passion for growing vegetables transitioned to the Austin community garden and ultimately the Sustainable Food Center. She volunteered during Travis county elections for more than 50 years. She was the first layperson to receive an honorary

doctorate from the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest. In 1978, she retired from the Texas School for the Deaf.



## **Mae Harris Marion, '44**

*Austin, Texas.* Marion was a special friend to Huston-Tillotson University. In fact, one of her last calls before passing in August was to the University. She was always active in politics and referred to local and state elected officials by first name. She travelled the world and was a witness to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. "I Have A Dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial. Honors from a nomination to the Texas Women's Hall of Fame in 1984 to "Mae Harris Marion Day" in 1994 filled her life. She was the first African American female to run for mayor of Austin. She was also actively involved at David Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

## **James H. Means, Sr.**

*Austin, Texas.* A gathering of family and friends filled King-Seabrook Chapel for the Means pre-celebration service. The two-hour program featured a slide presentation of his life, a service fitting for a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., and remarks from the HT president and alumni. Means taught mathematics and physics at Tillotson College and was chairman of the physical science division. He earned his doctorate in mathematics from Oklahoma State University. He co-authored a textbook with Dr. John Q. Taylor King, Sr. and was published in the American Mathematical Monthly. He coached football, basketball, and track.



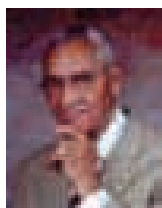
Means was elected president of the Gulf States Athletic Conference and vice president of the Big States Athletic Conference. He was inducted into the HT Athletics Hall of Fame in 1991. He was 98 and was married to the former Bertha Sadler for 67 years. Together they founded the St. James' Episcopal Church where he served in leadership positions. His community initiatives also included serving as the first African American precinct chairman in Travis County. He was chairman of the board of the Austin Cab Company. He received HT's Outstanding Achievement in Mathematics honor in 1998.

**Charles Medearis, Sr., '58**

*Austin, Texas.* Alumnus Medearis fought a brave cancer fight before passing in July. He was the uncle of HT faculty Dr. Debra L. Murphy.

**Arthur Lee Mosley, '54**

*Austin, Texas.* Mosley served in World War II before settling into teaching positions in Freestone and Travis counties. He was also principal of Fayetteville School, Fayetteville, Texas, for ten years. He was a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Austin Retired Teachers Association, a member of Mt. Bonnell Lodge #2 PHS, and Mount Olive Baptist Church. He completed his graduate studies at Prairie View A&M University.



**Herman "Tex" Moten, '41**

*Austin, Texas.* A tribute on campus included music from the HT concert choir, words from the president, expressions from

members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,

Inc., the Methodist men of Wesley United Methodist Church, and the Huston-Tillotson University International Alumni Chapter. He departed this life on April 6, 2008.



**Warneta Hill Overton**

*Austin, Texas.* At age 84 she passed in August. She was a home economics major and made home her first priority after meeting

and marrying Volma Robert Overton. He preceded her in death. She worked in food serves at the University of Texas and later for the base exchange at Bergstrom Air Force Base. She was a manager for the Four Seasons store on the base until her retirement in 1985.



**Beulah M. Thompson, '54**

*Austin, Texas.* We apologize for omitting Thompson from our last Ram Magazine listing.

Thompson was loved by many. She showed her love of HT with her presence at as many events as she could attend and with financial support. She was a summa cum laude graduate.

## Friends of HT

**Gladys M. Burt**

*Kosciusko, Mississippi.* Jan Smith's mother and Terry S. Smith's mother-in-law

**John Darwin**

*Texarkana, Texas.* Darwin was the father of Georgene Wilson, 59 and the father-in-law of James Wilson, '57.

**Lucille Phyllis Martin**

*New York, New York.* Rosalee Martin's mother passed this summer.

**Sophie Thompson**, the oldest daughter of alumna Irene Thompson, passed.

*Portland, Oregon.* **Robert Strickland** lost his battle with cancer. He was the father of Sheila Hancock and the husband of Ernestine Strickland. \*

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## HT to Launch New Alumni Web Site

Look in the coming weeks for the new Alumni and Friends section of the Huston-Tillotson University Web site. The newly designed section features and highlights alumni, news, upcoming events, and more. You can register on the secure site in order to find and keep up with your classmates. Finally, giving clubs and options are available for you to personalize your next financial contribution to the University. Plan to log on soon. \*

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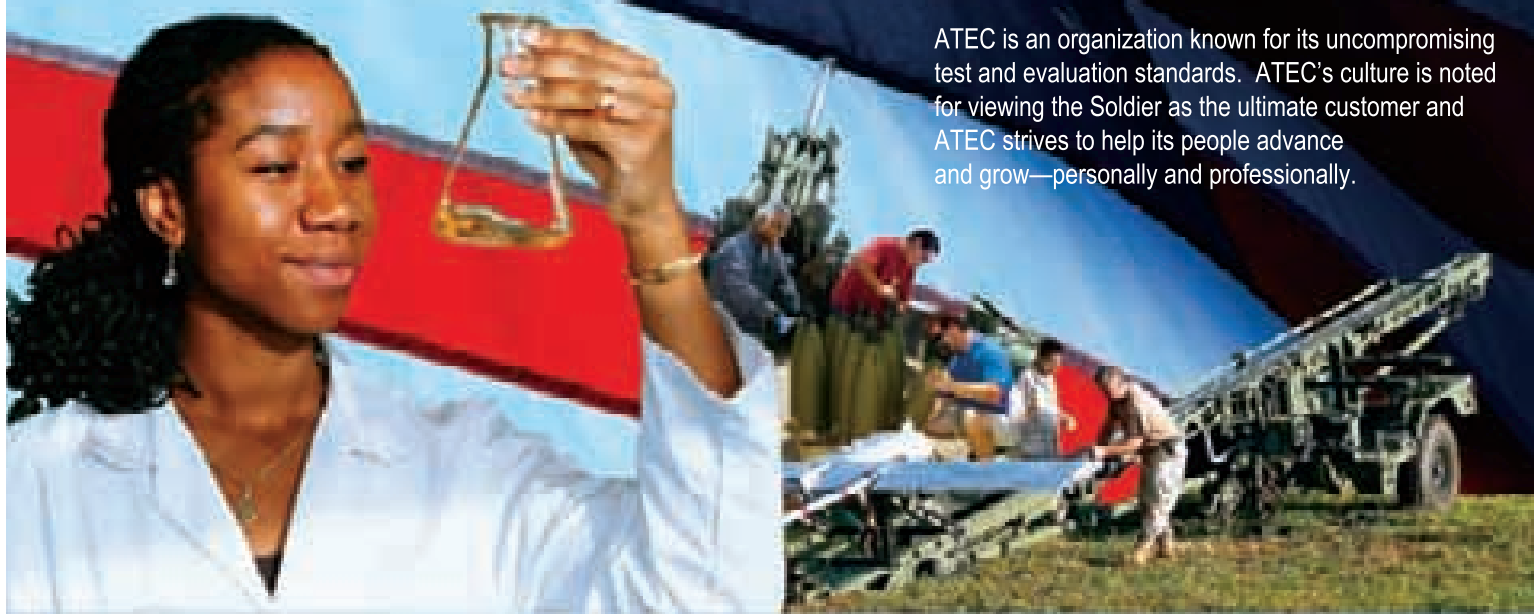
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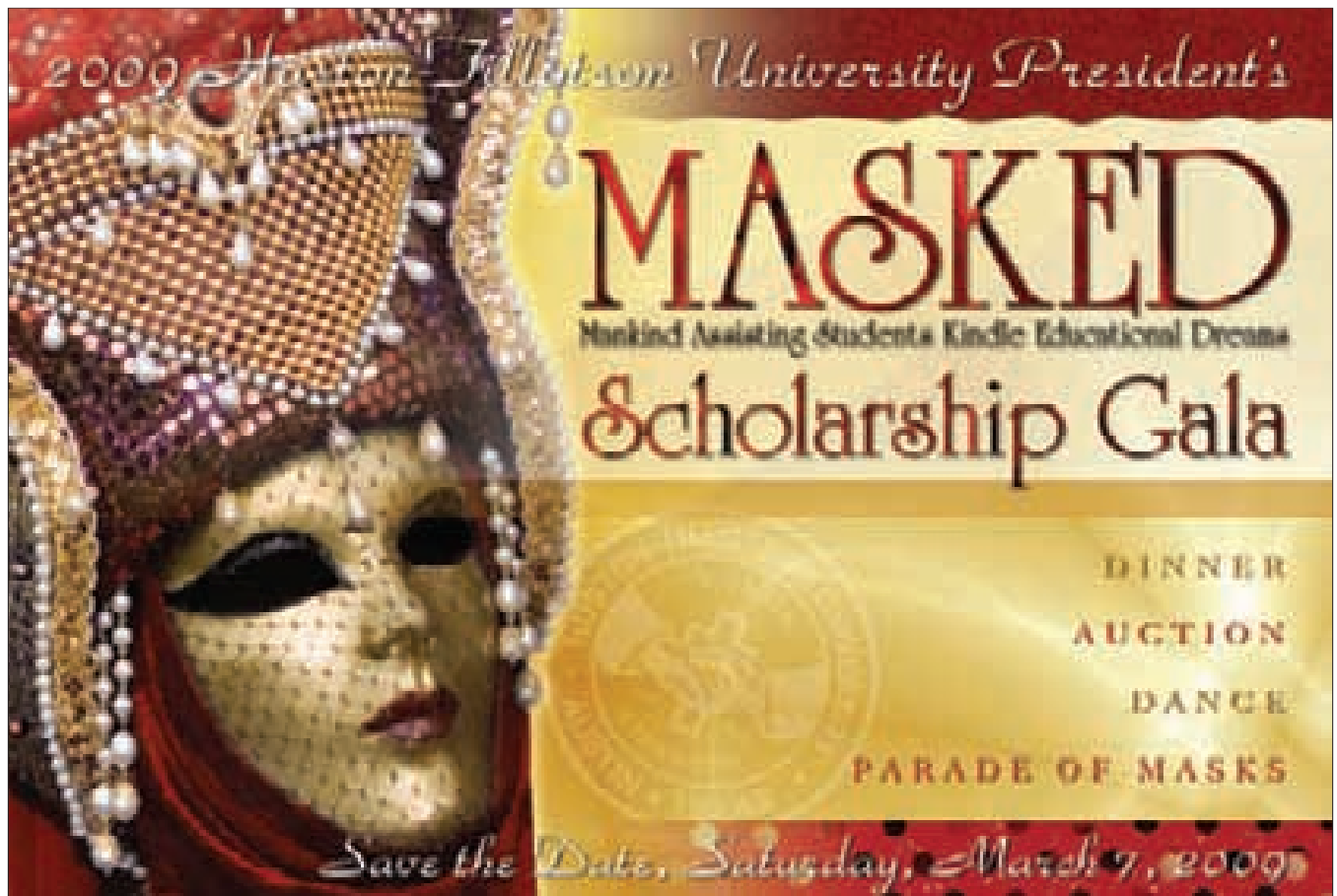
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