Students from Huston-Tillotson University’s Concert Choir Performing in Duke Ellington’s ‘Queenie Pie’ presented by the Butler School of Music at the University of Texas at Austin.
As another decade comes to a close, I reflect on the University’s performance over the last several years and anticipate 2010 and beyond. The University has experienced tremendous growth in programs, record-setting enrollments and enhanced prominence among its peer institutions. With the support of alumni and friends, the diligence of a well-credentialed faculty, and the commitment of growing numbers of students, the University is poised to prosper and face the challenges of the future.

This issue of the Ram chronicles the advances during 2008-09 by profiling the achievements of students, faculty, and alumni that portend the continued rise of the University. The feature articles reaffirm the University’s historical commitment to a comprehensive set of experiences that is essential for the success of graduates. Perhaps most important is the leadership of students in helping define these requisite experiences for students in the 21st century.

I hope you will be as encourage as I by the achievements of the HT family. Whether it’s the student-lead initiative to host ReEnergize Texas to engage college students from around Texas in matters of social justice and environmental conservation or the partnership with students from the University of Texas in the production of Duke Ellington’s “Queenie Pie” as illustrated on the cover, these collaborations have given a contemporary interpretation to the University’s historic “In Union, Strength” motto.

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President and CEO

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I was beyond excitement in anticipation of meeting Carmen Bradford after speaking to her for several weeks by telephone and e-mails. Her return to Austin, Texas, was without fanfare until her picture appeared in the local newspaper. She was in town to play the lead role in Duke Ellington’s “Queenie Pie” in a musical collaboration between the Butler School of Music at the University of Texas and Huston-Tillotson University. The production, full of dreams, love, and style, moves from New York to a magical island where Queenie, played by Bradford (pictured below), truly is queen. Bradford’s calm demeanor revealed a passion for the arts that started long before arriving as a student at Huston-Tillotson in the late 70s.

Bradford was born in Austin but raised in Dallas, Texas. Both of her parents graduated from HT and UT and established successful lives filled with music and the glamour of performing. Her father, Bobby, was a legendary trumpeter and composer. Her mother, Melba Joyce, was a renowned vocalist and composer who performed with the Count Basie Orchestra. While watching and listening to her parents, Bradford knew what she wanted to do and she had a plan. “I was going to sing backup for Stevie Wonder.” She tells the story of how her parents decided on a Sunday afternoon that on Monday she would be headed to college. The new car in the driveway was a convincing incentive to pursue a bachelor’s degree. Bradford’s parting words were, “see ya.” But, her parents had a firm directive and she was forbidden to sing with jazz groups.

Bradford assimilated into college life and said, “no,” when her classmates Lisa Alexander and Judy Arnold mentioned their Friday and Saturday night plans for going nightclubbing. Besides, 18 was the legal age for drinking and Bradford wasn’t of legal age. She gave it her best shot but the allure of Sixth Street and a few other vices were too much to control. She recalls the story of a Sixth Street night club owner offering her the opportunity to sing with one of the headliners. “That $40 (a week) was the best money I ever made,” laughed Bradford.

It didn’t take long for word to get around about Bradford’s blues and jazz performances. She also didn’t realize that her parent’s had spies in Austin. Her parents knew that she would be overloaded, performing late nights while trying to maintain classes and grades. “I said, I’m grown,” when she was questioned by her parents about her extra-curricula activities. She had steady work and was one of the only artists at the time performing at the Driskill Hotel. Warren Dickson helped launch her career from Sixth Street to the vibes of Bourbon Street in New Orleans but Dr. Beulah Agnes Curry Jones, HT’s music professor at the time, helped develop her voice. “She (Jones) gave me so much space.” Bradford noted. “She’s also part of the reason my sound developed the way it is today.”

After three years at HT, she set her sights on the Count Basie Orchestra. Following an initial inquiry and enduring a long wait, she got that call. “Is this the little girl that wants to work with me?” said Johnny Otis. “Is this Otis?” Bradford questioned. “I’m waiting on Count Basie.” “Don’t play with me.” Otis assured Bradford that he was representing Count Basie. “I went to school for an opportunity just like that,” Bradford remembered. Otis was
inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1994.

Bradford’s career includes performances on four Grammy-Award winning albums, sold out concerts in more than 40 countries, and 16 albums with her latest release of “Sherrie Maricle and the DIVA Jazz Orchestra.” Her return to Austin in “Queenie Pie” meant the opportunity to connect with old friends and showcase Ellington’s only opera, an unfinished piece before his 1974 death. The opera, or musical as some call it, models one of the first African American millionaires – Madam C.J. Walker. Walker, a beautician and beauty contest winner, known for hair care straightening products.

BRADFORD AND JOYCE TO PERFORM ON CAMPUS

In celebration of the University’s 135th anniversary, Bradford and her mother will return to campus for a special performance in King-Seabrook Chapel after the Oct. 22, 2010, Charter Day observance. Visit www.htu.edu for details.

Huston-Tillotson University students in “Queenie Pie”

Russell Bouyer
Rodney Childers
Tanisha Coppage
Odyessey Francis
Jessie Jackson
Breion King
Dallas Smith
Quintin B. Smith
Christal Thomas
Artrai Tatum (pictured center page)
Andre Taylor
James Andrew Ward
Shannon White
Genevieve Williams

HT Jazz Combo In Demand

Pictured left to right are Jazz Combo performers: Makalani O. Jones, Willis Noel, Phillip Adair, TreeAndrea Grundy, Brian Miller, Daniel Watson, Quintin B. Smith, and Willie Noel.
Dr. Gloria Quinlan came to Huston-Tillotson University in 1998 and has been making musical moves since. Over the last ten years, the gifted singer and her students have toured the country performing in front of dignitaries, celebrities, and national leaders in various venues at a variety of events.

Her musical accomplishments include helping to organize a momentous memorial service. The veteran professor and concert choir conductor played a pivotal part in Lady Bird Johnson’s funeral. The 94-year-old former first lady died July 11, 2007. At the time of her death, very few students were on the HT campus and thousands of performers were attending one of the country’s largest brass festivals in California.

As expected, a few obstacles didn’t hinder Quinlan’s efforts. She managed to put together a spectacular brass ensemble and concert choir for the event, which attracted more than 1,800 mourners to Riverbend Church in Austin. Among the attendees were former presidents Bill Clinton and Jimmy Carter, and former First Ladies Hillary Clinton and Laura Bush.

Her perseverance and love for making music are evident both inside and outside the choir room.

“I love singing and I love to be able to help young musicians develop their talents,” Quinlan said. “I also want to give back since so much was given to me by my voice teacher, Ruth C. Stewart, at Texas Southern University (TSU) in Houston.”

The Houston native said interacting with her students is what she enjoys most about teaching. Another reward she regularly receives as an instructor is “Observing them come in as scared freshmen in the first voice lesson and watching them mature into confident polished performers.”

Of course, like any profession, teaching also has its challenges; one being a lack of effort and determination on the students’ part.

Quinlan said the most disheartening thing she sees as a music instructor is “students with talent who you know could have wonderful, successful careers but refuse to show the initiative and discipline it takes to be successful”.

But those who are ready to spread their wings have left Quinlan’s classroom to perform live on stage in concerts, in operas, in church extravaganzas, and at community-wide functions. The training they have received under her leadership stays with them throughout their entire lives.

Under the conductorship of Quinlan, the Huston-Tillotson University Concert Choir has toured the West coast, upper East coast, the majority of the State of Texas, and internationally. The East coast tour resulted in the choir receiving an invitation to perform in the New York production of “Colors of Christmas,” on tour in Austin during the late 1990s.

Quinlan earned a bachelor’s degree in music education from TSU and a master’s in music from Colorado State University. She later received a doctorate in music administration from the University of Texas at Austin. Quinlan was recently promoted to chair of Huston-Tillotson University’s Department of Humanities and Fine Arts in which the music major is housed. *
Huston-Tillotson University students Odyessey Francis, James Andrew Ward, and Shannon White were among the 105 voices that comprised the 2009 Historically Black College and University Concert Choir. Twelve HBCU conductors, including HT’s Dr. Gloria Quinlan, assisted in the preparation and training of the national choir performance with Take 6. The program, held at John F. Kennedy Concert Hall, was hosted by national radio personality Tom Joyner.

Choir at New York City’s Times Square

Choir members with Congressman Lloyd Doggett while in Washington D.C.
Holliday and Johnson Fulfilled Dreams and Brought Magic to HT’s Sixth Annual President’s Masked Scholarship Gala

Two larger than life personalities left their marks on Huston-Tillotson University’s Sixth Annual President’s Mankind Assisting Students Kindle Educational Dreams (MASKED) Scholarship Gala on Saturday, March 7, 2009, at the Sheraton Austin Hotel. Jennifer Holliday and Earvin “Magic” Johnson surprised the more than 500 guests with two unique performances.

Johnson, who admitted that he doesn’t normally participate in live auctions, made an offer that three people in the room could not refuse. His efforts resulted in a $25,000 matching donation on the spot to HT President Larry L. Earvin before the live auction began. The offer of seven premium court side tickets next to actress Dyan Cannon, behind the Los Angeles Lakers bench near player Kobe Bryant, and at center court in addition to a signed Johnson jersey and basketball was secured by three silent auction bidders.

Holliday was touched by the show of support and appreciation for her career. She signaled Starr Entertainment’s Rayvon to the stage to perform an encore performance of Etta James’ “At Last” while couples on the dance floor were captured by the moment. Later she sang Stevie Wonder’s “Signed, Sealed and Delivered” with band members Cashmere. “I was so moved by the students,” Holliday said. “I’m in my 17th year, and I’m touched that the younger generation appreciates my music.”

Johnson mentioned that the photograph with a group of HT students was the highlight of his evening. Students attended the gala at the invitation of corporate sponsors who request social setting networking opportunities. Johnson imparted business advice during his brief appearance in Austin between a Saturday corporate retreat and his daughter’s Sunday recital. As an entrepreneur and business owner of Starbucks, TGI Friday’s, and other companies, community leader, and former professional basketball great, Johnson had a special message for students. He challenged them to complete their degrees, give back to the community, and “step up their game.” “You can’t just deliver, you have to over deliver,” he said.

The fundraiser for HT was supported by long time sponsors Time Warner Cable, University Federal Credit Union (UFCU), and the following event volunteer leaders: R. James and Cheryl George as Honorary Chairs, along with David A. Talbot, Jr., chair, Huston-Tillotson University Board of Trustees; Tony C. Budet, president and chief executive officer, University Federal Credit Union; Donnie Williams, president, Sovereign Bank and a member of the Huston-Tillotson University Board of Trustees; Rick Burciaga, past board chair of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Huston-Tillotson University Board of Trustees; The Honorable Wilhelmina Delco former chair, Huston-Tillotson University Board of Trustees; Larry L. Earvin, president and chief executive officer, Huston-Tillotson University; The Honorable Dawwna Dukes, House of Representatives, State of Texas; the Honorable Kirk Watson, Texas State Senator, former City of Austin Mayor; the Honorable Will Wynn, former City of Austin Mayor; and ex-officio Vicki Minor, Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Huston-Tillotson University.

Other corporate sponsors included: Texas Monthly, A Glimmer of Hope Foundation, and Shipley & Associates, Inc. Silver Sponsors are AT&T, Accenture, Austin Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Melanie and Ben Barnes, Greater Texas Federal

Another highlight of the evening was the silent auction with its signature artwork, travel, hotel, spa, restaurant, and jewelry items. Silent Auction sponsors included: AcupunctureAustin.com., Courtyard by Marriott Austin Downtown, Capitol Partners, Inc., Dave & Buster’s, Donald Brewington, Elements Laser Spa, Evergreen Studios, Gold’s Gym, Michael Hirsch, Jeffrey’s Restaurant and Bar, Magic Johnson Enterprises, Long Center for the Performing Arts, Judith Loredo, Round Rock Express, Round Rock Travel & Tours, Russell Korman Fine Watches & Jewelry, Sheraton Austin Hotel, South Terminal Austin, Time Warner Cable, and Yoga Yoga.
Neurosurgeon Brings Health and Wellness to the Forefront During Charter Day Celebration

Huston-Tillotson University celebrated Charter Day and announced plans for a new health and wellness center.

Huston-Tillotson University’s Charter Day observance celebrated the past but focused on the future during a recent convocation before a capacity audience in King-Seabrook Chapel. President Larry L. Earvin, Ph.D., introduced the keynote speaker, Timothy George, M.D., and announced the University’s plans to break ground on a new health and wellness center during the 2010 Charter Day observance.

The new center will provide a community wellness component through a primary care facility in partnership with the Austin/Travis County Community Health Centers, also known as CommUnityCare, a regulation gymnasium and event venue, weight room, classrooms, and offices. “This initiative will not only prepare our students for careers in kinesiology and the health care industry, but the services provided will help break down some of the obstacles to health care that disproportionately affect the East Austin African American and Hispanic communities,” said Earvin.

George, chief of pediatric neurosurgery/neuroscience at Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas, reiterated his concerns and provided a prospective on health care disparities. He added that although Austin ranks in the top ten for its health and wellness efforts, the statistics don’t apply to the entire city. “Is health care a right or a privilege?” he asked. George explained that the distrust of the health care system among African Americans is based upon historical experiments that attribute to the current suspicion of the system and lack of care.

“You (HT) can have a tremendous impact in this endeavor, because barriers to (health care) access are real,” said George.

George acknowledged HT’s top ranking seniors, many of whom have matriculated with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, while addressing the audience. “I didn’t go to HT, but I got here as soon as I could.”

Charter Day is the commemoration of the merger of two higher education institutions—Tillotson College, founded around 1875 by what is now the United Church of Christ, and Samuel Huston College, founded by The United Methodist Church. Charter Day represents the official designated celebration of the trustee signing of the Charter of Incorporation by the State of Texas.

Symposium panelists left to right: Ron Campbell, outreach minister, Tarrytown United Methodist Church; Anne V. Cirella-Urrutia, French instructor; Alaine Hutson, associate professor of history; Sani Adamou, University of Texas doctoral candidate; Chipo Nziramusanga, student; and Jean-Marie Ngendahayo, visiting scholar.
Texas that established Huston-Tillotson College (now known as Huston-Tillotson University).

The 1952 merger created one of the largest black Protestant church-related colleges in the country. Today the University is experiencing its highest enrollment since the 1952 merger with 882 students matriculating. The increase represents nine years of growth under Earvin who became president in July 2000.

The celebration began with the fall symposium, featuring Jean-Marie Ngendahayo, addressing “Recommendations For a New Policy Toward Africa: Realities and Hard Choices.” Ngendahayo, from the east-central African country of Burundi, previously served as a member of the Burundi Parliament. He was a consultant in the peace building process in rural areas and was known for his widespread democratic views against anti-democratic ideals. He ultimately obtained political asylum in the United States and is now a visiting scholar at Texas Lutheran University.

The symposium concluded with a call to action in order to support NothingbutNets to eliminate the spread of malaria and African Renewal Ministries, an orphan adoption program.*

Charter Day Convocation 2009 Top Ranking Seniors

Business Administration, Kemi Riley and Damian H. Spencer; chemistry, Krystle T. Clarke; computer science, Mathew Bet and Maurice B. Miles; criminal justice, Katriena L. Gentle and Lisa M. Houston; English, Jennifer Kizze; history, Scott Campbell; interdisciplinary studies, Antionette T. Sharpe; kinesiology, Alfred Carter and Deanira Monday; and psychology, Brittany W. Griffin and Rochelle D. Robinson.

In addition to Ralph, other Hollywood celebrities in attendance included Judge Mablean Ephriam to watch her nephew, Terrence Brooks, receive his bachelor's degree in business administration. Ephriam was featured on the popular “Divorce Court” as the “family law crusader” of justice during the half hour daily television show that held the number one daytime show rating in 1999. After rendering her first college keynote address during HT’s 2004 commencement, she introduced several of her relatives to the institution who are now enrolled.

Among the 2009 graduates (pictured) were ten W.E.B. DuBois Honor Scholars and the first graduate of the Pathways to Academic Socialization and Success (PASS) Program. The PASS Program is designed for motivated, first generation college students who seek to strengthen their transition from high school to college.

The convocation featured inspirational performances from the concert choir, conducted by Dr. Gloria H. Quinlan, and the traditional “Hallelujah Chorus.” The University also paid tribute to the Class of 1959 in honor of their 50-year reunion from Huston-Tillotson College.

The graduating class included students from the Bahamas, Jamaica, Liberia, Republic of South Africa, and Trinidad and Tobago. Business Administration recorded the largest number of graduates with 30, which represents a 30% increase. Sociology majors experienced an almost 200% increase in the number of graduates with 11 candidates, compared with four last year.*
Man, you’re gonna go to every school in America,” Margarita Gamez recalls of her friends’ and family’s reaction to her attending four different colleges for undergraduate school.

Gamez admits she “shopped around” before enrolling in Huston-Tillotson University in Fall 2008. Her parents relocated to the Houston area from California for better job opportunities, but Gamez went back to California and enrolled in Merced College after being recruited on a basketball scholarship. She left MC after getting seriously hurt in a car wreck, which left her with a shattered arm, broken ankle, and fractured toe – and transferred to her second school – Jarvis Christian College in Hawkins, Texas. She had actually signed a letter of intent with Jarvis while still in high school. She’s also impressed with the dedication of her professors. “A lot of the faculty have been here for a lot of years and that says a lot.”

The California native has learned several lessons from the numerous transitions and changes she endured throughout her college career. Her advice to other students who aren’t sure if they’re in the right place: do your research.

“After everything that I have been through just to earn a bachelor’s degree, I had no choice but to go to Chapel and thank God for all of my continuous blessings,” she said. “I am the first female in my family to reach the age of 22 with no babies, and I will be the first to earn a college degree (my dad only made it to sixth grade).”
STUDENT PROFILES

Students Recap Their Journey to HT in Their Own Words

CHIPO NZIRAMASANGA

Life, to me, has always been a soccer match. I have certain goals that I have to reach and each goal I reach is an achievement. Education is my top priority with the ambition of earning a doctorate in whatever discipline I choose. It is my wish to return to my home country after I have obtained my doctorate and help rebuild its damaged economy.

Zimbabwe is my home country. I was born during the fall (spring in the Northwestern Hemisphere) in the capital city, Harare, and grew up in a suburb called Vainona. My parents named me Chipo, after my grandmother, which means gift. My family consists of my father, a lecturer; my mother, a scientist; and my two older brothers.

Alongside my debate awards, I managed to maintain good grades and won an award for the best science project in 2007 and a full scholarship to Huston-Tillotson University as one of the first Anthony and Louise Viaer Scholarship recipients.

In 2004 I was the first student at my school to represent the country in a debate competition. After the experience, I won debate awards, including a national award in 2005.

SHANIKA WOOD

I was born and raised in Austin, Texas, where I attended the neighborhood public schools. In 1999, I graduated from William B. Travis High School and was accepted into the University of Houston and Sam Houston State University, but college was delayed a few years due to my lack of readiness.

In 2002, I enrolled at Austin Business College (ABC) to pursue an associate’s degree in Medical Office Management. This experience left me feeling empowered and wanting more, so I decided to matriculate at Huston-Tillotson University.

I chose HT simply because I needed to be surrounded and empowered by other African Americans. At ABC I took an interest in accounting mainly because it came naturally for me, so it was only logical that once at HT I would pursue an accounting degree.

Recently I became a mother for the first time. It is the most rewarding job one can ever have. My daughter, Trinity Carter, is 19 months old, is a fiery ball of energy, and has an enormous personality. Trinity is one of the reasons I’m dedicated and determined to be a productive, successful, and responsible individual. I intend to execute these objectives by volunteering, mentoring, and being an all around good human being. Furthermore, as graduation approaches, I have plans to enter corporate America to pursue tax accounting.

I chose Huston-Tillotson University because I wanted to attend a school where the people looked like, spoke like, and sometimes even acted like me. The one thing about being among those like you is the fact that you are understood without words. Aside from feeling comfortable, I wanted to tap into the energy of being young, black and empowered.
I would describe myself as shy, quiet, and smart. I’m not like most college students who enjoy drinking and partying, I’m more conservative.

My dad, Don, is an assistant pastor and my mom, Tina, is a second grade school teacher. I have three older brothers and one older sister. I enjoy fishing, playing basketball, listening to music, and running track. I am a very strong believer in Christ and like going to church.

I was born in Palestine, Texas, on February 5, 1989. I grew up and attended elementary through high school in Fairfield, Texas. I never heard of Huston-Tillotson University or ever thought about attending a small college in Austin while I was in high school. I ran track and advanced to the state track meet where I met Coach Howard Ware (HT’s track and field coach), and he told me about the school. I wasn’t quite sure if this was the place for me, but I came for a campus tour. I decided that this was the place for me after visiting Huston-Tillotson and being offered a track scholarship. I come from a small country town and getting adjusted to the fast pace of the city was going to take some time.

I chose Huston-Tillotson because it is a small college that makes me feel comfortable. I can have one-on-one time, and I can even stop my professor in the middle of a lecture and ask a question, because of the small class sizes. I also chose Huston-Tillotson because it is easier to make friends here than it is at a bigger university. I see the same people everyday, which helps me get to know them.

I see myself as a businessman, dressed in a suit, and carrying a brief case. After the first two years, I have had many accomplishments in academics and in athletics. I have managed to obtain a 3.7 grade point average. I have the highest grade point average of the entire men’s track and field team. In 2008 I was the most valuable player and the male winner of the Champions of Character award. I am a two-time indoor and outdoor national qualifier.

I am currently a junior, and I plan to become the businessman I have often dreamed of becoming after running track professionally for a couple of years.

For the first eight years of my life, I lived in Los Angeles, California. In 1997, my dad secured a position with Lockheed Martin and we relocated to Pearland Texas. My mom is an agent specialist at AIG American General, and my sister is a full-time student at Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas.

I am fortunate to have been accepted into Huston-Tillotson University’s W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program. I successfully completed my second year with a 3.6 grade point average and maintained my scholarship. My mission is to continue exploring and pursuing opportunities in ways that will maximize my academic, spiritual, cultural awareness, and personal growth. The honors program not only expects, but requires me to emerge as a university student leader. I know that I have been able to exhibit leadership skills among my fellow DuBois scholars, as I have had to encourage others not only by my words, but also actions. Leading by example is very rare in our society, which is why shaping my attitude is important.
My future goals are to take part in many people’s lives, and become a living symbol of hope for those who aspire to be successful.

I previously had no knowledge of Huston-Tillotson’s existence until Dr. (Steven) Edmond (Dean of the School of Business and Technology) found me through friends of my family. Huston-Tillotson University has really been a wonderful experience so far. I chose it because it’s a historically black institution, has a small campus, and has a great business program. I was informed that I would be part of an honors program that was well known among the students on campus. I was sold right then and there, especially since I found out that the majority of my tuition was covered through the scholarship. Months later I toured the campus and really felt comfortable with the atmosphere. It seemed a little different at first, but I knew that I would adapt pretty quickly. Dr. Edmond made me feel very comfortable in my decision making process. There was no pressure whatsoever. Once I had finalized my decision, I was confident in my success, and I still remain that way to this day. My mind is stimulated everyday with new information, which I plan to use on my quest for success.

ANGELA BROWN

Being raised in a small town, one is not introduced to many businessmen, mostly just hardworking men. In fact, I grew up with a strict work ethic that I learned from home. My mother is a hard-working woman who encourages me to follow all my goals in life. My dad is a recently retired electrician from Dow Chemical Plant who returned to the workforce.

I am a junior accounting major at Huston-Tillotson University. I was born in Cedar Lake, Texas, a small country town near Bay City, Texas. I have a 22-year old brother who is a business administration major at the University of Houston. I also have two 17-year old sisters, who are seniors in high school who are also interested in pursuing a college education. I hope to show my little sisters that obtaining a college education is important and possible.

I plan to pursue my master’s degree, so I can work toward becoming a Certified Public Accountant. After receiving my certification I would like to work for a lucrative company to help build up my credentials and later work toward opening my own accounting firm.

Sports have taught me a lot of lifelong values. I was introduced to sports at a very young age. I started playing basketball in the third grade and volleyball and track in the seventh grade. Through sports, I have learned the importance of responsibility, sportsmanship, leadership, teamwork, determination, drive, and persistence. I feel that these are great values that I can take with me into the business field. Determination, drive, and persistence are three tools that can be useful in the corporate business world to allow me to work toward accomplishing all my goals. Responsibility, leadership, and teamwork will permit me to work well with many other business professionals and work toward completing all my tasks to the best of my ability.

During the summer of my senior year, I was planning to attend a local community college, then transfer to Sam Houston State University. In the beginning of September, I received a letter about HT’s track team that stated I could receive a scholarship, if I participated on the team. After filling out the admission papers and getting accepted into the school, I received a call from the Dean of Business. He informed me that because of my SAT score and a good high school grade point average, I was eligible for an academic scholarship. So I decided that instead of accepting the track scholarship, I would rather take the academic scholarship, because that would make me focus more on my grades. Starting my freshman year, I was a member of the Huston-Tillotson University track team and the W.E.B. Dubois Honors Program. Both taught me the importance of leadership, how to build character, sustain pride, and how to maintain a great attitude. I think that there are many things that I have learned in my past that will serve as rewarding tools for my future.
Russell L. Bouyer likes to spread his singing gift. He is a member of both the Huston-Tillotson University concert and gospel choirs. In addition, he was a standout in the local production of the musical, “Queenie Pie.” Bouyer’s list of campus activities is extensive. He is a W.E.B. DuBois Honors Scholar, a resident hall assistant, University Ambassador, and president of the campus Toastmaster’s International Chapter.

From a very young age, Bouyer has been an active participant in many different extra-curricular activities. He was a scout, during grade school, where he achieved the coveted “Arrow of Light Award,” the highest honor that can be attained by Cub Scouts. His leadership abilities continued throughout middle and high school. He was selected to participate in the People to People Student Ambassador Program. The program was started by former President Dwight D. Eisenhower as a way for young Americans to be exposed to the world. Bouyer travelled France, Italy, Austria, and Switzerland. During his senior year in high school, he was nominated by several different faculty members to be a Senior Leader, which involved mentoring freshmen and creating programs that promoted excellence and success in high school.

Danica Robin McKinney Named Miss HT and Miss UNCF

For the first time in the University’s history, the crowns of Miss Huston-Tillotson University and the institution’s Miss United Negro College Fund were captured by one person – Danica Robin McKinney, age 21. McKinney acquired the most campus votes, was the judges favorite, and raised the most money during the UNCF fund-raising pageant to earn the sweep. She represented the University at the national UNCF pageant in Greensboro, North Carolina.

McKinney, is a senior English major with a minor in sociology. She is an Hatton Sumners Scholarship recipient and was awarded the prestigious United Negro College Fund/Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship (MMUF). McKinney is also a W.E.B. DuBois Honors Scholar, a member of God’s Anointed Angels of Praise (G.A.A.P.), president of the Pre-Alumni Council, vice president of the Upsilon Alpha chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., and served as a University Ambassador.

McKinney, born and raised in Seguin, Texas, is the daughter of Ola McKinney and the late Donald Ray McKinney. She is the granddaughter of Theodore and Sarah Cunningham.

McKinney is an aspiring actress and writer. After undergraduate school, she plans to pursue her master’s and doctorate.
A world that was unfamiliar to Quintin B. Smith was opened when he made his first $400 for two hours work as an organist. “I love being a music major,” smiled Smith. “There are so many opportunities.”

Smith was raised in small town Somerville, Texas, which is located southwest of Bryan/College Station and has a population of 1,704. He was the Somerville High School football quarterback and baseball pitcher idol. His childhood also included classical piano and percussion lessons. Like many star high school standouts, the dream of becoming a professional baseball player as the road to fortune was on his radar.

In fact, it was a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball scout who introduced Smith and his cousin Demetrius Colvin to Huston-Tillotson. Smith enrolled at HT and played baseball for a few years. He loved the game but music began to take over. Baseball Coach Alvin Moore agreed that music was calling Smith and it was greater than the baseball call. “Rather than me making the choice, it (music) took over,” said Smith.

Locally, Smith utilizes his baritone vocals as a member of the HT concert choir, plays piano/organ for two churches, plays the vibraphone or the more popular named vibes and other percussion instruments for the HT Jazz Combo, and is the music director for HT’s band during weekly chapel hour.

“I never will forget my piano teacher,” Smith recalled. “Sister Kline was a stickler about keeping fingers correct and the proper techniques.” As a student of piano since age seven, Smith was comfortable and advanced when he entered junior high school. Even today, he has his high school band teacher, Carl Idlebird, just a touch away in his cell telephone. He admits he was a good musician with skills in high school but wasn’t focused.

Entering his senior year at HT with a Dec. 2011 graduation target, Smith is more focused than ever. He is connected to local musicians and even stepped out once more to take on a new role. He played the prominent role of Holt Fay in the local production of “Queenie Pie” (pictured). He didn’t find his first acting role that demanding and is looking forward to more theater work. “I’m a gentleman and that’s what they wanted me to play,” he added.

Smith’s hard work throughout the years, persistence, and talent have enabled him to lift a few financial burdens from his parents. He also has a sister in graduate school. “This is the first time in my life that I can take care of myself financially.” Smith acknowledged. “God has been blessing me.”

Martineau Jeffery-West from Dallas, Texas, shows his HT pride daily through his designer haircut. Jeffery-West trusted his new roommate, Raul Gomez, enough to turn his haircut into a work of art. The business administration major from A. Maceo Smith High School had several college offers but chose HT because of its “down home environment.”

by Linda Y. Jackson
Alvin Moore Named AD

Huston-Tillotson University’s Intercollegiate Athletic Director Coach Alvin Moore guides men’s and women’s soccer, track and field, basketball; women’s cross country, softball, and volleyball; and men’s baseball.

As the baseball coach, he has collected more than 550 wins during his career while serving as a mentor to hundreds of athletes. In addition, the baseball team has the distinction of earning the highest grade point among all athletic teams with a 3.32 average. Overall, all teams combined report a cumulative GPA of 2.82. Throughout his tenure, baseball players have also been drafted by several minor and major league teams.

Moore earned his bachelor’s from HT in 1973 and recently celebrated a 27-year career as HT’s head baseball coach. Effective July 1, 2009, he was named the athletic director. This summer he was inducted into the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association’s (PVILCA) Hall of Fame for his success on the football field while attending Austin’s old L.C. Anderson High School.

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. The PVIL merged with the UIL in 1967.

2009 Sports Updates

Annually at the James R. Wilson Athletic Banquet athletes are recognized for their sports accomplishments. In addition, this year, Anthony E. Viaer was inducted into the HT Hall of Fame for his track and field achievements. Conference awards represent the Red River Athletic Conference.

For only the second time in HT sports history, Samantha Mendez was named a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) 2009 Daktronics Volleyball Scholar-Athlete. Mendez, a senior from Natalia, Texas, was nominated by Women’s Volleyball Coach Ronnie Kaase.

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**

» First-Year Letter Award
  Derek Clark
  Richard Drew
  Darrell Glover
  D’Mond Grismore
  Robert Hartfield
  Terrence Jackson
  Joel Jones
  Josh McPherson
  Jamal McKinney
  Jordan Pratt
  Dashawn Robinson
  Andre Williams*

» Second-Year Letter Award
  James Black
  Gabriele Haskins
  Rex Kyles

» Most Valuable Player
  Gabriele Haskins

» Most Improved Player
  James Black

» Highest Grade Point Average
  Andre Williams

» Coaches Award
  Rex Kyles

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

» First-Year Letter Award
  Ashley Bell
  Iesha Everline
  Margarita Gamez
  Felicia Gaines
  Brittany Hilliard
  Shaneka Mason
  Candis Smith*
  Keira Watson
  Kevetta Williams*

» Second-Year Letter Award
  Brittney Jones
  Deania Monday*

» Most Improved Player
  Kevetta Williams

» Most Valuable Player
  Ashley Bell

» Highest Grade Point Average
  Deania Monday

» Coaches Award
  Deania Monday

**Volleyball**

» First-Year Letter Award
  Delisha Johnson*
  Samantha Mendez*

» Second-Year Letter Award
  Mallori Oliver
  Yessenia Pena*

» Most Improved Player
  Stephanie Castro

» Third-Year Letter Award
  TreeAndrea Grundy*

» Fourth-Year Letter Award
  Ashley Wright

» Setter of the Week
  Eloisa Nava*

» Hitter of the Week (2)
  Delisha Johnson*

» First Team All Conference
  Delisha Johnson*
  Samantha Mendez*

» Second Team All Conference
  Eloisa Nava*
  Kimberly Rogerio
  Ashley Wright

» All Conference Honorable Mention
  Stephanie Castro

» Libero of the Week (2)
  Stephanie Castro

» Most Improved Player
  Eloisa Nava*

» Most Valuable Player
  Ashley Wright

» Highest Grade Point Average
  Ashley Wright

» Champions of Character
  Ashley Wright
  Yessenia Pena

» Coaches Award
  Yessenia Pena

**Baseball**

» First-Year Letter Award
  Benjamin Alaniz*
  Russell Booth*
  Deaton Enoch
  Chris Garcia
  Evan Horner
  David House
  Michael Mesa*
  Mike McClendon
  Theodore Montgomery*
  Jesus Oliva

» All Conference Honorable Mention
### Men's Soccer

#### First-Year Letter Award
- Matt Abadie
- Walter Madrid*
- Leke Ojeshina
- Oscar Ortiz
- Josh Reyes
- Aldo Rodriguez
- Giovanni Sanchez
- Akeem Young
- Christ Yuen*

#### Second-Year Letter Award
- Collin Whiting

#### Third-Year Letter Award
- Abraham Bernal*
- Gabe Gibbons
- Varney Saidu
- Aaron Yancy

#### All Conference
- Walter Madrid

#### Co-Freshman of the Year
- Oscar Ortiz

#### Second-Year Letter Award
- Fernando Hernandez
- Marco Gutierrez
- Oscar Lewis
- Erwin Madrid*
- Victor Rodriguez
- Thabo Ramogagne
- Collin Whiting

#### First Team All Conference
- Abraham Bernal
- Thabo Ramogagne
- Varney Saidu

#### Second Team All Conference
- Oscar Ortiz
- Victor Rodriguez

#### Most Improved Player
- Fernando Hernandez

#### Most Valuable Player
- Abraham Bernal

#### Highest Grade Point Average
- Stefan Spears

#### Champions of Character
- Quincy Bland

#### Coaches Award
- Erwin Madrid

### Women's Soccer

#### First-Year Letter Award
- Claudia Alday
- Brittnay Broadway
- Rashandra Carrier
- Yuliana Jaramillo

#### Second-Year Letter Award
- Isela Guzman
- Evelyn Guzman
- Giselle Martinez
- Amber Williams

#### Most Improved Player
- Amber Williams

#### Most Valuable Player
- Evelyn Guzman

#### Highest Grade Point Average
- Yuliana Jaramillo

#### Champions of Character
- Quincy Bland
- Afraid Manning

#### Coaches Award
- Roy Burns

### Men's Track & Field

#### First-Year Letter Award
- Jose Cabrera*
- Markus Flores*
- Christopher Gonzalez
- Jimmy Harper
- Pinya Issa
- Terry Jefferson
- Ross Kelley
- Kevin McKenzie
- Aldo Rodriguez
- Spivey Vasquez*

#### Second-Year Letter Award
- Myron Aplon
- Quincy Bland*
- Roy Burns
- Keenan Curry
- Chris Humphries
- Afraid Manning*
- Garfield Sinclair

#### Third-Year Letter Award
- Rosangel Rodriguez

#### Most Improved Player
- Garfield Sinclair

#### Most Valuable Player
- Afraid Manning

#### Highest Grade Point Average
- Afraid Manning

#### Champions of Character
- Naomi Onyebuchi

#### Coaches Award
- Isela Guzman

### Women's Track & Field

#### First-Year Letter Award
- Andie Dominquez*
- Jamie Hopkins
- Akilah James*
- Yuliana Jaramillo
- Naomi Onyebuchi*
- Porsche Sanders*
- Jasmine Stone
- Whitney Young

#### Second-Year Letter Award
- Collin Whiting

#### Third-Year Letter Award
- Tamica Jones

#### Most Improved Player
- Jasmine Stone

#### Most Valuable Player
- Naomi Onyebuchi

#### Highest Grade Point Average
- Naomi Onyebuchi

#### Champions of Character
- Naomi Onyebuchi

#### Coaches Award
- Tamica Jones

### Cheerleaders

#### First-Year Letter Award
- Akilah James
- Sama’J Nelson
- Jelisa Reed

#### Third-Year Letter Award
- Latonya Jackson
- Latavia Pennic

#### Academic All Conference
- Andie Dominquez

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The following athletes have been a part of the intercollegiate program for the past two years, are matriculating toward a degree, and promote HT sports in the community:

**Coaches Award – Men**
- Roy Burns, Track and Field
- Rex Kyles, Basketball
- Erwin Madrid, Soccer
- Charles Morton, Baseball

**Coaches Award – Women**
- Isela Guzman, Soccer
- Tamica Jones, Track and Field
- Deanira Monday, Basketball
- Yessenia Pené, Volleyball

**Director’s Award – Men**
- Charles Morton, Baseball

**Director’s Award – Women**
- Yessenia Pené, Volleyball
Dr. Alaine Hutson, associate professor of history, has been selected by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) to participate in the seminar, "Teaching About Islam and Middle Eastern Culture at the American Center of Oriental Research (ACOR) in Amman, Jordan. Hutson is one of 12 full-time faculty selected in a national competition for the January 3-19, 2010, seminar. The selection was made by a panel from CIC and ACOR.

Dr. Katherine Durham Oldmixon, associate professor English, and Mr. Bryce North have been accepted as participants for the New York University Faculty Resource Network Winter 2010 seminar in Puerto Rico. The seminar entitled, “Literature and the Environment” will be held January 11-15, 2010.

Dr. James Kraft, assistant professor of philosophy and religion, and Dr. Rosalee Martin, professor of sociology, have won the Sam Taylor Fellowship for 2009-2010, which comes with a $2,000 prize for each. The fellowships are awarded to faculty from the Division of Higher Education of The United Methodist Church for Texas.

Spanish Professor Dr. Horacio Peña received the Seminary of the Southwest’s Durstan R. McDonald Teaching Award for his lifelong work and appreciation of the Spanish and Latino cultures. His promotion of the cultures and observances in addition to his teaching and poetic efforts also earned him the prestigious Ruben Dario International Prize for Poetry. He has written and published poems, essays, and Spanish Language booklets.

The current issue of “Borderlands: Texas Poetry Review” was edited by Oldmixon. The book is a special issue dedicated to ekphrastic poetry (poems written about the visual arts). Also featured are a wide variety of poems by diverse poets across the country and a full-color insert with reproductions of paintings from the Blanton Museum of Art, located in Austin.
Database and Information Retrieval, Introduction to Information Security, Programming Foundations, and Software Engineering – all complicated subjects for anyone who is not a fan of computer science or an expert in math, but for Dr. Carolyn Golden, these courses are just a small part of her everyday curriculum at Huston-Tillotson University. But then again, the latest HT faculty member to complete the terminal degree is used to challenges and even embraces them.

“There are a lot of challenges when it comes to teaching,” said Golden. “The first of many is to make sure that students are prepared. This generation of students does not like to read. Therefore, it is very hard to prepare for open discussions, classroom chats, etc. Another challenge is trying to make the subject matter more interesting.”

The Norfolk, Virginia, native earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from Norfolk State University and a Master of Science degree in computer science and applications from Virginia Tech. Golden came to Huston-Tillotson in 2000 as an adjunct professor and became a full-time employee a year later. She just received her doctorate in applied management and decision sciences-information systems management from Walden University in April while teaching at HT full time.

Golden said, “Math and computer science are all around us; everywhere we look we can see the effects of these two subjects. Being a math major in undergraduate school, I have a passion for it, so I have a problem with people who do not try and master the elementary concepts.”

Golden believes students don’t try to excel in math because they are told it is hard from the time they start school.

“My goal in teaching is not just to promote learning of the subject matter, but also to help students think logically, learn problem-solving techniques, and learn technologies necessary to make them successful,” said Golden. “It’s important to cover the material in a course, but it’s more important to teach students the skills necessary for success. Students learn best through an interactive teaching style that demands their participation and challenges their abilities.”

Her passion for learning and teaching is evident among her peers and students. Countless organizations have awarded and recognized her for her excellence both in and outside the classroom. Golden is a recipient of the Austin Independent School District’s (AISD) Volunteer Award and the Favorite Teacher Award from the Austin Pre-Freshman Engineering (AusPrEP) first year students. She’s also received a FIC Insurance Superior Achievement Award, and several other certificates and acknowledgements. *
Dr. Ralph Inspired Graduates to Dream

Actress Sheryl Lee Ralph burst into song when she stepped to the podium at Huston-Tillotson University’s Commencement Convocation before a crowd of 2,000. Her powerful voice and words of inspiration assured the graduates that even during the daily deluge of bad economic news, opportunities and wealth will surface.

Ralph encouraged the graduates to give back to the community, avoid negative influences, and be spiritually and mentally healthy in life. She was especially proud of her new “Dr. Sheryl Lee Ralph” title after President Larry L. Earvin awarded her an honorary Doctorate in Humane letters for her humanitarian efforts and work in theater and the arts. The University also recognized Carol L. McDonald (pictured right), the second president for the Independent Colleges and Universities of Texas, Inc. (ICUT) and ICUT Foundation in Austin, Texas.

She received the honorary Doctor of Laws for her advocacy, commitment, and support of higher education. Ralph, an acclaimed veteran of film, television, and the Broadway stage, received a Tony Award for her creation and portrayal of Deena Jones in the original “Dreamgirls.” Her extensive film credits include “Sister Act II” with Whoopi Goldberg, “The Flintstones” with Rosie O’Donnell, “The Mighty Quinn” with Denzel Washington, “Mistress” with Robert De Niro, and Eddie Murphy’s “Distinguished Gentleman.” Her performance with Danny Glover in “To Sleep with Anger” won her the Independent Spirit Award for Best Supporting Actress.

As a producer, Ralph created the critically acclaimed “Divas Simply Singing!” The production features an evening of song and entertainment that has become one of the most highly anticipated AIDS benefits in Hollywood. Ralph, making her second appearance on the HT campus, performed her one woman show “Sometimes I Cry” in 2006. “Sometimes I Cry,” written and directed by Ralph, is a complex and thought-provoking play, that illustrates the heart-breaking yet inspiring real life stories of culturally diverse women whose lives unravel as they cope with their HIV/AIDS reality. She is also the founding creator of The Jamaican Film and Music Festival, which in five years has given birth to five Showtime filmmaker finalists.

President Larry L. Earvin with actress and humanitarian Sheryl Lee Ralph.
Huston-Tillotson University saluted its highest achieving students at the annual Honors Convocation held in King-Seabrook Chapel on Friday, May 8, 2009. Top ranking juniors and seniors in each major were recognized for their hard work during the 2008-2009 academic year. Students on the Dean’s List, Cumulative Honor Roll, Who’s Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, and in Honor Societies were also recognized. The theme for the 2009 convocation was “Yes We Can.”

The 2009 Honors Convocation guest speaker was ACRESH Chief Executive Officer Barry Eugene Avery Johnson. ACRESH is a development partner and co-owner of Hoffman-Streuver LLC, a master development entity created to complete the $1+ billion mixed-use Southwest Waterfront redevelopment project on the Anacostia River in the District of Columbia. Johnson told the Chapel full of alumni, faculty, staff, students, and trustees to lift up others who were not as focused, educated, or accomplished. He revealed his own emotional “riches to rags” story and encouraged the young honorees to look beyond their negative experiences in life to turn their tribulations into triumphs.

Johnson has held a number of executive management positions with global media companies, including The Walt Disney Company, Sony Music, and MSBET, a web-based joint venture between Black Entertainment Television (BET) Holdings and Microsoft. He is a graduate of Yale and Harvard universities, respectively, and a resident of Washington, D.C. and Birmingham, Alabama.

Top Ranking Students Recognized During Honors Convocation

- Jennifer M. Kizzee (left) and Rochelle D. Robinson, representing Alpha Kappa Mu (general).
- Damian H. Spencer (left) and Quincy S. Bland, representing Phi Beta Lambda (business).
- Jennifer M. Kizzee (left) and Marnique D. Wesley, representing Sigma Tau Delta (English).
- Kelli M. Bray, Janell M. Gibson, Arriel Goodman, Sharmeka Thompson-Nwoko, Maurice B. Miles, Gail N. Maduro, Jeffery D. Plummer, and Mathew Bet, representing Beta Kappa Chi (scientific).
- Yolanda Fonseca, Joseph Melvin, Oscar L. Lewis, Ismael Rosales, and Dorothy J. Milburn, representing Kappa Delta Pi (education).
HT Research Prepares Students for Graduate School

Molecular energies of lactam isomers, forensic laboratories and their standards, and competitive germination were a few of the topics presented during HT’s Fourth Annual Research Day Symposium.

Latoya Glover and Rochelle Robinson, presenting “Life Stress Survey Results Among Students at Huston-Tillotson University” showed that racial disparities in physical and mental health are found at dispaging levels among African Americans. The flight or fight response and allostasis caused by stress result in hypertension, obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, substance abuse, depression, and other disorders. Fifty HT students participated in an adapted Stressful Life Events Scale in order to measure positive/negative past and expected stressful life events. The majority of the students tested experienced high stress levels with poor coping skills. An outgrowth of the findings resulted in the creation of the HT Student Stress/Suicide Peer Educator Program. Dr. Debra Murphy, professor of psychology, served as the faculty advisor.

Krystle Clarke also presented “WebMO Calculations of Molecular Energies in Lactam Isomer.” Her work utilized computational chemistry, which focuses on a better understanding of atomic behavior in molecules and quantitative relationships to analyze experimental data.

Students also presented their work at conferences. Norfolk State and Hampton universities hosted a four-day conference for 300 men and women from 20 historically black colleges and universities (HBCU). The participants toured both campuses and participated in technical and professional development workshops at NSU. They also took part in oral and poster presentations.

Chemistry major Clarke took home first prize in the Undergraduate Chemistry Oral Presentations at the 66th Joint Meeting of Beta Kappa Chi. Clarke leads the group as president for the 2009-2010 academic year.

She received a full scholarship to Texas Southern University in order to pursue a doctorate in pharmaceutical research. Clarke’s accomplishment moved her directly from undergraduate to the doctoral program. She is originally from Trinidad.

Other Presenters and Their Topics are Listed Below:

Dr. Debra Murphy, Advisor
LaToya Glover and Rochelle Robinson (pictured above)
Life Stress Survey Results Among Students at Huston-Tillotson University

Dr. Joseph Jones, Jr., Advisor
Latavia Pennick
The Effect of Environment vs. Commercial Cleaning Products on the Growth Rate of Peas

Whitney Young
The Treatments and Techniques of Radiotherapy

Julia Wright
Forensic Laboratories and Their Standards

Poster Presenters Were:
Dr. Muchere Russ, Advisor
Ugo Anokwuru
Comprehensive Model Explanation of the Sweet Taste

Carlos Collins
Controlling Chemical Reactions

Dr. Carolyn Golden, Advisor
Mathew Bet and Saidu Varney
Mainframes vs. Servers

Dr. Rozena McCabe, Advisor
Brittney Jones
Analysis of Sport Exposure to Genders

Shaneka Mason
Anger Control During Time of Competition

Dr. Kathy Schwab, Advisor
Antoinette Sharpe and Julia Wright
Competitive Germination
Faculty News, Milestones, and New Hires

Employees with employment milestones were honored during a special faculty/staff recognition as follows:

35 YEARS
Mrs. Earnestine Strickland
Registrar

25 YEARS
Ms. Dora Dubra
Administrative Assistant
Alternative Teacher Certification Program

20 YEARS
Dr. Horacio Peña
Professor of Spanish

15 YEARS
Ms. Lutgarda Byers
Central Services Officer

10 YEARS
Dr. Stephen Burnaman
Associate Professor of Music

Ms. Virgie Morton Floyd
Administrative Assistant to the President

Mrs. Linda Y. Jackson
Director of Communications and Marketing

Mrs. Janice Smith
Coordinator of Instructional Technology and Distance Learning

5 YEARS
Dr. Chester Baker
Associate Professor of Business Administration

Mr. Herbert Greenwood
Campus Safety Officer

Ms. Vicki Minor
Vice President for Institutional Advancement

Mr. Lonnie Wormley
Webmaster/System Support Technician

Dr. Janice Sumler Edmond, history professor, and Ms. Elvarina Hatcher, administrative assistant for Institutional Research and Assistant, received faculty of the year and staff of the year honors, respectively. The selections were made through a nominating and voting process among faculty, staff, and students.

RETIREES
Dr. Allen Johnson
Assistant Professor of Computer Science

Mrs. Deloris C. Harris, media specialist/library services, announced her retirement after 27 years of service. Family and friends joined the HT family during a special farewell reception in the Downs-Jones Library. Many stories of her children (pictured) growing up and sharing after school moments as well as her husband’s standing appearance as the keyboard player during Poetry on the Patio were shared during the retirement reception.

Pictured are from left Patricia Quarterman, director of library services; the Harris family; Deloris C. Harris (third from right); Larry L. Earvin, HT president; and Al Harris.

FACULTY AND STAFF NEW HIRES, PROMOTIONS, AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dr. Ronette Ballard moved from director of the Counseling and Consultation Center to full-time faculty member.

Dawn Cassanova joined the Business Office staff as a fiscal analyst. Cassanova recently completed her Master’s in Accountancy from Alabama State University. She graduated summa cum laude from HT in 2007 with a degree in business administration.

LaShonda G. Gurley
Coordinator of First Year Experience
Gurley comes to HT after relocating to Austin a few years ago and working in the banking industry. She was an academic advisor/instructor at James A. Rhodes State College in Lima, Ohio, and coordinator of multicultural affairs and financial aid processor at the University of Northwestern Ohio, also in Lima. Gurley earned her Master of Science in Education from Capella University, Minneapolis, Minnesota. She completed an integrative project entitled, “Operation SUCCESS: A First Year Experience Advising Program for Minority Students.” She completed her undergraduate work in organizational communication and psychology from Ohio University, Athens, Ohio.

Dr. Michael Hirsch,
professor of sociology, has been elected president

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Mr. Curtis Williams, restaurant manager and chef from Colorado, was hired as Sodexo Food Manager. Previous Manager Fred Warren, resigned from Sodexo to open his own Austin restaurant—Southern Hospitality.

Of the Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS). He has been a member of the AACS for several years and his writings were recently accepted for publication in its Journal of Applied Social Science. Hirsch joined the HT faculty in August 2003. He also serves as chair of the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences.

Mr. Ivan Rodriguez
Men’s Residence Hall Director
Rodriguez earned his Bachelor of Arts in Mexican American studies from the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. He has experience with college orientation programs, after school programs, summer camps, and as a resident hall assistant.

Mrs. Erika Jones
Coordinator of Academic Advising and Supplemental Instruction
Jones was an English instructor at Our Lady of the Lake University, San Antonio, Texas, before arriving at HT. She earned her Master of Arts in English from Our Lady of the Lake and her bachelor’s in health professions from Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas. She also has advising, testing, and recruiting experience through Wayne County Community College District and Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Joy King
Director of Human Resources
King was previously the assistant director of human resources for the Omni Hotels, Austin, Texas, where she was responsible for recruitment and employment activities, performance appraisal systems, conflict management, and government regulations. She earned her Bachelor of Science in management and Spanish from Purdue University and has a Professional Human Resources (PHR) certification. She taught elementary, middle, and high school Spanish in the Central Texas area. King was named Manager of the Year in 2006 and is a member of the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM).

Miss Ashley Smith joined HT as the Events Coordinator responsible for managing the facility reservation system and processing internal and external requests. She is a 2008 HT graduate with a concentration in marketing.

2009 graduate Mr. Thomas St. Julien joined the Registrar’s Office as the records coordinator. St. Julien earned his bachelor’s in business administration.

Mr. James Tyson
Coordinator of Disability Services
Tyson completed his undergraduate degree from Austin’s St. Edward’s University and his graduate degree from the University of California, San Diego. Previously, he was the academic case manager and special service coordinator for students facing obstacles to academic success with Clovis Community College, Clovis, New Mexico. He also served in the Peace Corps in Mgangedawida, Kenya, where he taught English and mathematics.

Mrs. Carol L. Adams-Means, Paula Battistelli, and Laura Kendall Smith joined the HT faculty with a focus on the English and Communications/Journalism major.

Carol L. Adams-Means earned her master’s and doctorate in journalism from the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. She has taught various television, communications, and media courses at universities from Prairie View A&M, Prairie View, Texas, to the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.

She has received numerous awards and commendations and participated in a variety of performances and exhibits. Adams-Means is an author as well as a producer. She is a member of the Association for Education in Journalism and Mass Communication, and National Communication Association.

Battistelli is a Washington State University, Pullman, Washington, graduate with a doctorate in composition and rhetoric. She earned her master’s  

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More than 75 students challenged themselves by mastering math and science applications at Huston-Tillotson University’s summer Austin Pre-Freshman Engineering Program (AusPrEP). In addition, to classroom concepts, the students toured the Houston Museum of Natural Science, Johnson Space Center, the Natural Bridge Wildlife Ranch, and the Natural Bridge Caverns before taking in SeaWorld.

The nationally recognized program, located on college and university campuses in Texas, was founded in 1979 at the University of Texas at San Antonio to identify high achieving middle and high school students with the potential and interest in becoming scientists and engineers.

Primary courses include Logic, to stimulate the intellect and force young minds to evolve to a higher level of reasoning; Physics to explore and analyze ideas; and Statistics, to understand and interpret numerical significance. The HT AusPrEP faculty provide projects to stimulate new concepts for introducing robotics and building structures.

The following students received award recognitions at the closing ceremony: Top Students by Course: Logic, Monica Farirayi; Statistics, Kanor Ebeheakey; Engineering, Amber Doyle and Edgardo Cabrera; Physics, Calvin Jones; and Algebraic Structures, Jamal Sawyer. Most Improved Students: Pre-Algebra, Marquel Johnson; Year 1, Jayson Clark and Monica Farirayi; Year 2, Brandon Harris; and Year 3, Dennis Cartey. Top Students by Year: Pre-Algebra, Sarah Eberhardt; Year 1, Amber Doyle and Brice Dudley; Year 2, Calvin Jones; and Year 3, Kanor Ebeheakey. Program Assistant Awards: Pre-Algebra, Sarah Eberhardt; Year 1, Na’Imah Muhammad and Brice Dudley; Year 2, Cameron Jones; and Year 3, Derek Cartey.

Students from minority groups are encouraged to apply for next year’s program by contacting the AusPrEP Director, Andrew B. Lofters, 512.505.3163,ablofters@htu.edu, or by visiting the AusPrEP Web site at http://ausprep.htu.edu.

WHAT DO I NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE ACADEMY?
The ACADEMY stands for Achievement in College Algebra During the Matriculation Year. The ACADEMY encourages mathematics faculty members to engage in varied instructional methods which require observable learning in the classroom. Through an innovative curriculum design, some students will have the opportunity to accelerate their learning in a course which will combine five weeks of Introduction to Algebra content review followed by nine weeks of College Algebra content. This design provides intensive, five-days per week instruction. Additionally, students will receive support outside of the classroom with increased tutoring services, seminars on study skills, and improved learning spaces. Huston-Tillotson University and its Quality Enhancement Plan, The ACADEMY, received an extensive assessment and review by a team of education professionals, representing the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). The site visit was part of the University’s 10-year accreditation reaffirmation process. The process culminates in June 2010.

THE ACADEMY GOAL
The goal of The ACADEMY is to equip students with the conceptual understanding and computational proficiency for success in the foundational mathematics courses, specifically MTH133 Introduction to Algebra and MTH143 College Algebra. The ACADEMY is committed to active learning strategies, enhanced student support services, and innovation in curriculum design.

WANT TO LEARN MORE?
Contact HT’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Director, D. Rozena McCabe, at 512.505.3047 or drmccabe@htu.edu.
Greetings from the Alumni Affairs Director

The time is almost here – Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2010! We hope that alumni from all over will return to campus and partake in a weekend of exciting homecoming events. The 2008 and 2009 years proved to be some of the most highly attended homecomings in many years. Emotions were lively and the memories heartwarming. Let’s keep that energy alive. Of course, you will want to plan on being here for the highlight of the weekend – the basketball game on Saturday, February 28. Invite your classmates to meet you.

During commencement weekend, the Class of 1960 will celebrate the Golden Anniversary of their graduation from Huston-Tillotson College. We are eager to see you and look forward to your participation in a full range of activities that are being planned. There will be an opportunity for you to reunite with classmates and friends, visit with faculty, staff and students, tour our beautiful campus, and discover some of the exciting changes that are planned for the near future. You can attend alumni luncheons and banquets, participate in golf tournaments, register for prizes, and tell tall stories about your days as a student at HT.

The University is also excited to welcome those who are also celebrating other milestone years. Thirty-two Class Agents have been identified and are working diligently to bring together their classmates and friends to encourage their participation in Reunion Weekend.

On another note, you will be pleased to know that we have a large group of first-year students for the 2009-2010 academic year. This pool of new students is an impressive group with the tough mindedness to tackle the rigors of a demanding educational program. The caliber of our students and the rich diversity of experiences they bring with them helps shape a strong environment for teaching and learning. They also benefit from our alumni’s presence.

In the meantime, visit the Alumni and Friends website at htalumni.htu.edu. Current news and events are posted to keep you up to date. I invite you to register and create your profile. By doing so, you will have access to the new alumni directory, job postings, the alumni photo gallery, and more.

As always, I want to take a moment to thank our alumni, wherever you may be and whatever your contributions may be to our country and the world, for your loyal support and for your continued efforts to strengthen the work that we do at Huston-Tillotson University.

Sincerely,

LA JUANA R. NAPIER
Director of Alumni Affairs
Class of 2007
512.505.3074  p
512.505.3196  f
lnapier@htu.edu
I am honored to be president of Huston-Tillotson International Alumni Association. Along with the executive board, we pledge to ensure the continued mission of your association in support of HT, its students, faculty, staff, administration, and alumni.

The goals for this administration include:
• To continue to strengthen the ties with HT, the executive board, chapters, and our alumni constituency;
• To increase alumni membership and giving;
• To revitalize inactive chapters;
• To complete a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to further define our role of commitment; and
• To update the HTIAA by-laws and constitution.

The alumni association is an active group of caring alumni, devoted to the promotion and enhancement of the successful future of our membership and HT. We can do this with continuous efforts of providing programs and services, which build relationships, foster personal and professional growth, encourage financial and other contributions to HT, and support excellence in educational opportunities.

We have a lot of work to do to ensure the future of our alma mater. We need everyone to step up to the plate to help get the job done. Whether you are part of a chapter, a financial member or not, you can still help. Our theme for 2009-2011 is ‘Together, Making a Difference.’ President Obama has challenged Americans to give back. As we prepare to celebrate 135 years of educating students, I want to challenge each of you to give back to HT by recruiting students, mentoring, fundraising, or doing anything you deem positive and effective. I know you are grateful for the outstanding education you received at HT. Each of us is a spokesperson for the institution as we proudly continue to walk in the footsteps of those exceptional students who proceeded us.

We appreciate your support of HT and the alumni association. Please visit our website at htu.edu (Alumni and Friends link) for up-to-date information on activities, and other important information regarding the alumni association.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you. I look forward to seeing you and sharing our concerted efforts for the “the greater good.”

With total dedication,

MARY E. KEARSE ASHFORD
President, HTIAA
**Class Notes**

**1930s**
Petrenella Johnson McConico, ’34, observed her 75th graduation anniversary during commencement. She is a 1934 graduate of Tillotson College, and her husband, Garfield, graduated from Samuel Huston in 1938. Her daughter the late Helen McConico was president of the International Alumni Association and served as an HT trustee.

Robert G. Stanton, ’63, was appointed by Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar as deputy assistant secretary for policy, budget, and management within the Office of the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior. Stanton served as regional director of the National Park Service’s Capital Region from 1988-1997 and director from 1997 to 2001. He was responsible for sites from Yellowstone to the White House. He is also executive director in the Texas A&M University Department of Recreation, Park, and Tourism Sciences of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

**1950s**
Wanda Jo Evaige, ’55, was recently inducted into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. Her service and advocacy include a 26-year period as councilmember, vice mayor, and mayor of her hometown of Frederick. She also has appointments to numerous committees of the Oklahoma Municipal League and a six-year term on the Oklahoma Judicial Nominating Committee from 1993 until 1999. Her community recognized her in 1990 as “Frederick’s Most Useful Female Citizen” and again in 2004 as the Frederick Chamber of Commerce Volunteer of the Year. Evaige has served as president of the HT International Alumni Association.

**1960s**
Alvin Harris, ’63, and Alice, ’62, will be acknowledged at the 2010 National Alumni Conference as Outstanding Alumni of the Year, and they will be inducted in the United Negro College Fund’s Hall of Honor in New York and recognized as the Outstanding Alumnus of the Year in a ceremony in New Orleans.

**1990s**
Christine Fanuel, ’98, performed with the Chorale Cheteu’ Choir at the Lincoln Center in New York during President Barack Obama’s inauguration. The 60-members of the choir were selected for the event that was nationally televised.

**2000s**
Paul A. Marshall, ’01, owner of P.A. Marshall Trucking, will be acknowledged at the 2010 National Alumni Conference as Outstanding Young Alumni of the Year. Marshall operates and manages the RamShack social Web site.

Alexandra Aponté, ’07, is completing her degree in dentistry at the University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston, Texas.

Dawn Cassanova, ’07, joined the Business Office staff as a fiscal analyst. See staff news.

Kia Lafell, ’07, completed her Master of Accountancy degree from Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama.

Lavita Y. Gill, ’07, employed at Pharmaceutical Product Development (PPD) in Austin, Texas, was promoted from billing analyst to cost accountant.

Hanson Inyang, ’07, received his Master’s in Business Administration from Clark Atlanta University in Atlanta, Georgia.
Sue Zhang, ’07, successfully completed her Master of Accountancy degree from Alabama State University in Montgomery, Alabama.

W. Twelvis Matthews, ’07, is completing his studies at the University of Houston’s School of Optometry. After graduating cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in biology and mathematics, he was employed at HT as an assistant in the College of Arts and Sciences. Matthews was among the first group of W.E.B. DuBois Honors graduates.

Matthew L. Morris, ’08, is completing his Master of Arts at Teacher’s College, Columbia University. He will specialize in sociology and education within the Department of Human Development. Morris is one step closer to complete his goal of starting a school for African American males that would target men in the juvenile justice system, foster care, or low performing schools.

Terrence Brooks, ’09, is completing his Master of Theology degree from the Dallas Theological Seminary, Dallas, Texas.

Llereva Mortimer, ’09, was awarded a scholarship by Clark Atlanta University to enroll in Master’s of Business Administration program. She attended HT as a W.E.B. DuBois Honors Scholar and graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor’s in business administration.

Latavia Pennick, ’09, is enrolled at the Parker College of Chiropractic Medicine, Dallas, Texas, to obtain a doctorate of chiropractic medicine.

Porché Sanders, ’09, completed HT’s Alternative Teacher Certificate Program and is employed as a teacher with American Youth Works.

Dawn Shannon, ’09, is completing her master’s in social work at the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio.

W.E.B. DuBois Honors Scholars and 2009 graduates Kemba Valentine, ’09, and Kim Valentine, ’09, were accepted into Bentley College’s and the University of Texas’ Master’s of Accountancy program. They enrolled at the University of Texas.

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in the same subject from Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi, Texas. During her undergraduate studies, she completed a major in English and minor in Spanish from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Oklahoma. She has taught at each of her alma maters and has presented at various conferences.

Kendall Smith has a particular interest in television news and how it affects the American society. She completed her journalism doctorate in philosophy from the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, and her Master of Arts in Mass Communication and Bachelor of Science in telecommunication from the University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida. She has received academic and scholarly honors and teaching awards.

OTHER NEW HIRES ARE AS FOLLOWS:
Dr. Rita Mitchell, Associate Professor of Teacher Education
Marie Bunch, Administrative Assistant, Counseling Center
Rebecca Devine, Head Women’s Soccer Coach
Norma Garcia-Lane, Administrative Assistant, Title III
Samantha Gonzalez, Head Women’s Softball Coach
Eboney Hamilton, Campus Safety Officer
Millie Jones, Annual Fund Manager
Taykoia Jackson, Recruiter/Admission Counselor
Charles Kingsbery, Campus Safety Officer
Sylvia Martinez, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Student Affairs
David McCullough, Campus Safety Officer
Nancy Nilson, Administrative Assistant, Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)
Sharonda Russell, Administrative Assistant to Academic Support

Presenting the Class of 1959

Annually during Reunion Weekend members of the 50-year class assemble for a host of special programs and activities prior to their grand entrance during Commencement Convocation. Above and pictured are the members of the Class of 1959.

Leroy Adams
Levi Adams, Jr.
Alvin Arnold
Shirley J. Birdsong
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Howard Bowser
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Thelma L. James
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Caudell Madison
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John Mattox
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Fred Simon
Barbara Snead
Julian C. Spence
Ada L. Swisher
Pascel Townsend
Robbie Wade
Donald Williams
Julia Yarborough

+Cum Laude
++Magna Cum Laude
+++Summa Cum Laude
*Summer 1959
Obituaries

Faye Crawford Bremond, ’53
Los Angeles, California. Family and friends mourn the passing of Bremond, a biology major, high school teacher, and college professor. She established her legacy with a gift from her estate of more than $500,000 to the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) to be used to support HT scholarships. Bremond earned her master’s in zoology from Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas, and a master’s in biology from the University of California, Berkeley, California.

Jamesanna E. Kirven, ’39
Austin, Texas. Kirven departed this life on Aug. 18, 2009. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English with a minor in comparative philosophy from Samuel Huston College. She completed her doctorate in education psychology from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. Kirven was a pioneer in her field as the first certified counselor in Texas and a charter member of seven divisions of the Texas Counseling Association.

Fannie Mae Murphy Lawless ’37
St. Louis, Missouri. Lawless passed away on Christmas Eve. She earned her bachelor’s from Samuel Huston College before joining the staff as HT’s director of student affairs. She was a founding member of the W.H. Passon Historical Society and was recognized for her work to capture and preserve the Austin African American history now housed at the Austin History Center and the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center. She was an active and faithful member of the alumni association.

Anthony E. Viaer, ’58

Viaer was an entrepreneur and a self-made millionaire who made his fortune in real estate. He used his professional successes to give back to his community and alma mater. In 2005, Viaer donated a million dollars to HT. That same year, the Old Administration Building was renovated and renamed the Anthony and Louise Viaer-Alumni Hall in his honor and that of his late wife.

Viaer came to the historically black university in 1953 on a full track scholarship. After graduating summa cum laude, the U.S. Army drafted Viaer where he served for two years in the U.S. Infantry Communication School, Special Service, and on the United States track team in Europe before being honorably discharged.

Earlier this year, Viaer became the newest inductee into Huston-Tillotson University’s Athletic Hall of Fame. He received the prestigious honor during the annual James R. Wilson Athletic Award Banquet held in April at the Renaissance hotel in Austin.

Melanie Wilkinson, ’95
Austin, Texas. Wilkinson was killed suddenly in a tragic early morning car accident in February when a driver crossed the center line and hit her vehicle. She was a beloved musician with what some referred to as the voice of an angel.

Friends of HT

The father of Lutgarda Byers, Central Services Officer, who lived in the Republic of the Philippines, passed in August 2009.

Dora Dubra’s grandfather, Johnnie Lee Thames, lovingly known as “Big Daddy,” passed on Sunday, May 17, 2009, in Mississippi. Dubra is the administrative assistant in the Alternative Teacher Certification Program.

Virginia Herring, mother of Ruth Kane, passed away in November 2008. Kane manages HT’s Alternative Teacher Certification Program.

Teacher and administrator Margaret Elizabeth Taylor McCracken died in December. She completed a 63-year career at HT as an educator in English and Early Childhood Development before serving at dean of students and vice president of student affairs. She was awarded the doctor of humane letters in 1989.

The mother of Jimmie Mitchell, a dedicated and long-time member of the International Alumni Association and the Austin Chapter, departed this life earlier this year.

Former HT employee Mary Lee Wash, 79, died in April.

Life’s journey for the mother of Technician Services Librarian Patricia Wilkins ended. The funeral service for Ruth Goosby Pottillo, Baltimore, Maryland, was held in August 2009. *
REUNION WEEKEND 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

On-site registration begins Thursday, May 6, 2010 at the Sheraton Austin Hotel from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
http://htalumni.htu.edu/ | www.htreunion2010.ezregister.com | htaa@yahooGroups.com

Attendee Type (Please Check One):  ☐ Chapter Member  ☐ Non-Chapter Member  ☐ University Friend

First Name: __________________________ Last Name: __________________________
(As it will appear on name badge)
Address: __________________________ City: __________________________ State: __________ Zip code: __________
Email: __________________________ Telephone: (____________)________________________

All Alumni activities will be held at the Sheraton unless otherwise noted. Sheraton Austin Hotel at the Capitol, 701 East 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701

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Make checks payable to HT International Alumni Association and mail to Mary Frazier, Treasurer, P.O. Box 1775, Kyle, TX 78640. For more information, call Donica Arnold at 1.832.439.8123. Registration confirmations will be sent to the e-mail address provided. All tickets will be held for pick up during on-site registration.

TOTAL $

ADDITIONAL WEEKEND ACTIVITIES
Thursday, May 6, 2010
• Alumni Breakfast – HT Cafeteria 9 a.m.
  Payment for this event will be received separately on campus
• Campus Tour/City Tours (Transportation provided) 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.
Friday, May 7, 2010
• International Alumni Association General Membership Meeting 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. Sheraton Austin Hotel
Saturday, May 8, 2010
• Commencement – HT Athletic Field 8:30 a.m.

☑ I would like to reserve a table of ten for the Awards Banquet on Saturday, 5.7.10. My table guests are:
Must be filled out completely, if reserving a table

GROUP NAME: ________________________________________________
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• Please list any special meal requests:
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• Please NOTE: Registration will end on Friday. NO TICKETS for the banquet will be sold at the door.

• Lodging accommodations must be made by calling the Sheraton Austin Hotel at 1.512.475.1111 or online at http://www.starwoodmeeting.com/Book/HTAlumni.

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President, Mary K. Ashford
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• Note: Luncheon and banquet tickets must be presented to the catering staff in order to receive meals.

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- ☐ In memory of _________________________________________________________________
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- ☐ General college operating budget

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