

# DISCOVER HT



Huston-Tillotson University  
2011-2012 Report





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## DISCOVER HT

Huston-Tillotson University, with a history dating back to 1875,  
is Austin's first institution of higher education.

## UNIVERSITY'S MISSION AND VISION

### MISSION

As an historically black institution, Huston-Tillotson University's mission is to provide opportunities to a diverse population for academic achievement with an emphasis on academic excellence, spiritual and ethical development, civic engagement, and leadership in a nurturing environment.

### VISION

Huston-Tillotson University will be a leader in the education of diverse populations. We will empower students for success in a global society as critical thinkers, lifelong learners, and ethical citizens.

## ACCREDITATION

Huston-Tillotson University is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges 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.





HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY

IN UNION

1875

1876

STRENGTH  
AUSTIN ★ TEXAS

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## ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

Located in the dynamic city of Austin, Texas, students can explore the excellent academic programs and vibrant student life opportunities at Huston-Tillotson University. Founded as a black college in the Christian tradition, students of all races are now welcome to promote diversity and spiritual awareness.

## DISCOVER AUSTIN'S HIDDEN TREASURE



For 137 years, Huston-Tillotson University has been a treasure for its students, alumni, faculty, staff, and visitors. We love HT, and our experiences, though unique and personal, remain with us no matter where we find ourselves in life.

Though we share a connection with and a commitment to HT, to some our institution still remains a mystery. They may have heard our name in conversation, most likely have driven by and admired our campus numerous times, and may have interacted with one of our students or alumni. These people, though impacted by some aspect of our community, do not truly know what it means to be a member of the HT family. To them, Huston-Tillotson University is hidden.

In recent years the University has embarked on many projects that have exposed our institution to a greater audience. Most recently, we have renovated key buildings to help modernize our educational facilities without compromising the natural beauty of the 29-acre campus.

Complete renovations to our library and communication department are in process, while the construction of our Community Health and Wellness Center is in the final planning stage.

The University has embraced diversity. We consistently welcome students and faculty of diverse backgrounds, interests, and talents. As we prepare to reach 1,000 students and beyond, we are increasing our ability to serve them with our Center for Academic Excellence, enhanced learning and study spaces, and innovative peer-based learning services.

With a curriculum that emphasizes academic programs in health, science, and technology, as well as our increased dedication to the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of our community, Huston-Tillotson University is poised to have a greater impact on Austin, and surrounding communities in Central Texas, and the nation and global community.

The pages that follow report the University's growth in more detail. As you will see, Austin's oldest institution for higher education will continue to be one of Austin's greatest treasures.

Larry L. Earvin, Ph.D.  
President and CEO



# UNIVERSITY HIGHLIGHTS



## ANNUALLY, COMMENCEMENT CONVOCATION CULMINATES THE JOURNEY

### HT Graduates Its Largest Class

Graduation rates reached record numbers for two consecutive years. The 120 degrees conferred in 2011 was quickly surpassed with the conferring of 130 degrees during Commencement Convocation held Saturday, May 5, 2012, for the largest graduating class under President Larry L. Earvin's administration. Both events featured noted speakers who inspired and challenged graduates.

Tom Joyner (pictured above), acclaimed by many as one of the most influential and inspirational personalities in the country, rendered the keynote address during the 2011 convocation. He also received HT's honorary Doctor of

Humane Letters degree. Social entrepreneur and investor Philip Berber delivered the 2012 address. ■



### A DAY IN THE LIFE

President Larry L. Earvin provides guidance to the student group of University Ambassadors and listens to their concerns and suggestions.





## An Overview of the Conferring of Degrees

**M**ore than 2,500 family members and friends patiently endured the sun's rays in the early morning outdoor ceremony full of pomp and circumstance for the 130 members of the Class of 2012 that also included two honorary degree recipients. Terry S. Smith and James R. Wilson both received the honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

Alumni from around the country converged on Austin for four days of activities around Reunion Weekend 2012. A golf tournament, formal affair, business meetings, worship service, and campus picnic awaited the hundreds who returned to their alma mater. Alumnus David Godsey rendered the keynote address during Honors Convocation held on Friday.

Godsey centered his comments on the "Moving Fast in Times of Excellence" theme. He shared that while everyone has 24-hours in each day, it's what one does with the time that makes a

difference. Godsey recounted his academic failures before sharing how he grew his law firm into the largest African American owned personal injury law practice.

Godsey also stressed the importance of modeling ethical behavior as well as incorporating a healthy lifestyle into each day. He conveyed his pride in the honor students; a sentiment that continued Saturday during the commencement address by Philip Berber.

Berber founded a series of start-ups during a 20-year entrepreneurial journey that led to the establishment of his current venture. He sold his Internet brokerage company CyBerCorp to Charles Schwab in 2000 to form, along with his wife Donna, A Glimmer of Hope Foundation. The social vendor and non-governmental organization (NGO) helps lift women and children out of extreme poverty in Ethiopia. To date, A Glimmer of Hope has helped to impact more than 2.5 million lives in rural Ethiopia by constructing more than 4,000 water projects, 335 school buildings and 170 health facilities; and

distributing more than 17,000 micro-finance loans.

Berber's "Future Favors the Bold" message included three key points of encouragement: "Life is full of challenges and set backs...but it's how you respond to them that will make all of the difference; do what you love and love what you do; and in serving others, you serve yourself." He compared his challenges and lessons learned to those of graduates Jacquetta Thayer, Rodney Childers, and Tyrus Smith who found their passions after years of grappling with their decisions and the decisions of others. "Keep believing in yourself. Never give up on yourself, and never, never, ever give up on your dreams," he stated.

Berber also recalled the words of the late Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple Inc., who encouraged graduates to love what they do. "Being engaged in a purposeful, meaningful way will fill your heart and sometimes, more than you know, will touch, or inspire, or help someone along their path," Berber said. ■



## Alumni Experience the University's Goodwill

**M**arvin Douglas, who for the past 66 years has been a leading supporter of Huston-Tillotson University, was awarded the University's Presidential Award by Dr. Larry L. Earvin during HT's May 2011 Reunion Weekend Alumni Banquet.

Douglas, who attended Tillotson College in 1943, has been a member of the HT International Alumni Association for more than 50 years and has served during the majority of that time in various leadership positions as part of the HT Austin alumni chapter. He served as chair of the Ways and Means and Economic Development committees. In addition, Douglas is the sponsor and coordinator of an annual golf tournament fundraiser that has



generated more than \$130,000 throughout its history. Douglas also provides leadership for the Austin chapter's annual Blues and Jazz Concert that attracts a stellar lineup of musicians during the concert held at Doris Miller Auditorium in support of HT.

His matriculation as a college student under under Tillotson President Dr. Mary E. Branch included involvement in numerous student organizations. Douglas was also an accomplished athlete in several sports. During the period of segregation, Douglas was a trailblazer on several fronts as the first African American officer hired in Austin's fire prevention unit and later state fire unit that ultimately opened doors for other minorities in the field. He provided 32 years of distinguished service in the fire fighting unit. Douglas is married to the former Morene Turner and has two daughters, Brenda and Marva. He received the Villager newspaper's Austin Living Legends award in 1999 and the City of Austin Community Service Award in 2010. ■

## BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAMMING HIGHLIGHTED THE W.E.B. DUBOIS HONORS LECTURE

Noted historian and author, Dr. Charles Robinson, was the featured speaker at the Ninth Annual W.E.B. DuBois Lecture, scheduled in February. He spoke on the topic, *"The Dreaming of Dreams by Untwisted Souls": DuBois and the Transformative Power of Education.*

Robinson currently serves as Vice Provost for Diversity and previously served as Director of African and African-American Studies at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. He holds the UA academic rank of professor of history and has taught a

wide range of courses, including Southern History, Race Relations, African American Studies, Gender Studies, Sex and Sexuality in History, United States in the Late 19th



Century, and Civil Rights and National Policy. Robinson completed his undergraduate and graduate work at the University of Houston. He earned the doctorate in 1997 after earning a master's degree in 1990 from Rice University.

The HT DuBois Honors Program offers gifted students unique opportunities to enrich their education at Huston-Tillotson University through specialized curricula, internships, workshops, and cultural events. ■



## CONCERT CHOIR TRAVELS AROUND THE WORLD AS HT AMBASSADORS

The Huston-Tillotson University Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Gloria Quinlan, recently released a recording of popular selections performed throughout the years as well as the first known recording of the *alma mater*. The University's *alma mater* was written by the late Fred Waring. Waring, a composer, musician, and band leader from the family that invented the electrical Waring Blender, was responsible for selling millions of records. He won the Congressional Gold Medal before his passing in 1984.

HT alumnus Louie Carrington, a 1971 graduate and musician who has delighted worldwide audiences with classics by Ramsey Lewis, Yolanda Adams, Duke Ellington, and other artists, produced the recording. The CD collection includes Negro spirituals such as "We Shall Walk Through the Valley," "Hold On," and "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel" mixed with classics like



"With You I'm Born Again" and "Green Dolphin Street." The selections are accompanied by the HT Jazz Combo, under the direction of Mr. Javier Stuppard; and University pianist, organist, and music professor Dr. Stephen Burnaman.

The concert choir last released its works of classical sacred music, Negro spirituals, and contemporary gospel songs in 1997 when Mr. Henry Milton Washington, Jr. was the choir director. The choir has toured nationally and internationally and has rendered music at memorial services for high-ranking

government officials and their family members and performed at annual Christmas musicals and holiday events as well as performances at the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO) events. Quinlan, who joined the faculty in 1998, has guided HT choir members through national auditions and selections for the Historically Black College and University National Concert Choir and other voice competitions.

The legacy of HT's great concert choir directors and accompanists are memorialized through the Marcet Hines King Endowed Professorship. Mrs. King served as a member of the HT music faculty for 18 years. She preceded in death her late husband Dr. John Q. Taylor King, Sr. who served as president of Huston-Tillotson from 1965 to 1988. ■

## Roland Carter and Allen Todd Traveled to Austin to Perform with the Concert Choir During a Black History Month Celebration

The maestro of the world's most popular arrangement of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," Roland Carter, performed during the Black History Month celebration that featured three concert choirs and guest singer Allen F. Todd, II. The Huston-Tillotson University Concert Choir, under the direction of Gloria Quinlan, the Prairie View A&M University Concert Chorale, led by A. Jan Taylor, and the Butler School of Music Concert Chorale at the University of Texas, conducted by Suzanne Pence, performed collectively during a February concert at Bates Recital Hall on the University of Texas at Austin campus.



**Roland Carter**



**Allen Todd**

Carter, noted as an authority on the performance and preservation of African American music, is a distinguished composer, conductor, educator, and pianist with his works performed by orchestras and choirs

throughout the world. "Lift Every Voice and Sing," written by James Weldon Johnson as a poem and set to music by John Johnson is considered the Negro National Anthem for its expression of pride, patriotism, and promise for the future.

Todd is an accomplished composer who has written numerous gospel, worship, and praise selections. Todd serves as the Music Area Coordinator, Assistant Professor of Music, and Director of the Lemoyne-Owen College Concert Choir. ■

## New Policies and Appointments Place the University on a New Path

College and university administrators have long sought to implement institutional policies that foster student success in a way that is both cost effective and consistent with the latest research findings. To assist institutional policy makers with this task, Huston-Tillotson University will participate in a new study titled Linking Institutional Policies to Student Success (LIPSS).

Huston-Tillotson University will receive national visibility and recognition as a foundational participant in the LIPSS

project. In addition, HT will receive a campus report that compares policies at HT to those at other institutions and will be able to participate in a free web-based presentation of the project's results – including a discussion of implications for institutional policies, programs, and practices.

Over the past 30 years, hundreds of specific initiatives have been designed to facilitate student engagement during their first year of college – a time when four-year colleges and universities lose



an average of 26% of their beginning students. Although these efforts have improved outcomes at countless institutions, such initiatives are often costly and typically serve only a small group of students who participate directly in a given program.

Therefore, the LIPSS project seeks to identify specific institution-wide policies that can be leveraged to increase college student engagement – a key predictor of student grades and persistence that is especially beneficial to underrepresented and academically under-prepared students. In collaboration with the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and the Center for Higher Education Research, Teaching, and Innovation (CHERTI) at Florida State University, the LIPSS project will survey Chief Academic Officers and Chief Student Affairs Officers at 57 bachelor's degree granting colleges and universities in five states including California, Florida, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and Texas. The survey will address institutional policies and practices related to issues such as assessment, faculty/staff hiring practices, curricular offerings, and student services. Data collection began in spring of 2012. ■

### Earvin Elected Vice Chair of the SACSCOC Board of Trustees

Larry L. Earvin, Ph.D., entering his thirteenth year as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Huston-Tillotson University, was elected Vice Chair of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Board of Trustees.

Colleges and universities in the Southern states and abroad—Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Latin America, and other international sites—make up the SACSCOC regional body for accreditation. The Commission's mission is the enhancement of educational quality throughout the region and it strives to improve the effectiveness of institutions by ensuring that institutions meet standards established by the higher education community that address the needs of society and students. The seven accrediting bodies are: Middle States, Association of

Colleges and Schools; New England Association of Schools and Colleges; North Central Association of Colleges and Schools; Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities; Southern Association of Colleges and Schools; Western Association of Schools and Colleges; and Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges.

Earvin previously served on the Executive Council of the Commission of Colleges (COC) of SACS, responsible for the interpretation of Commission policies and procedures. Earvin guided HT through successful 2002 and 2009 reaffirmation of accreditation visits. He also currently serves on several other national and state boards. He was named Huston-Tillotson University's president in 2000 and last year his services were extended by the Huston-Tillotson University Board of Trustees until June 30, 2015. ■



## A Night to Remember Creates a Lasting Impression for Supporters



**K**enny Lattimore with his smooth vocals and alluring style was the highlight of Huston-Tillotson University's Ninth Annual President's Mankind Assisting Students Kindle Educational Dreams (MASKED) Gala held in March. The rhythm and blues singer, master of soul, winner of the NAACP Image Award for Best New Artist, Grammy, Soul Train, and Stellar Award nominee performed not only his select repertoire of audience

favorites but also shared the message of mankind's call to help others and the importance of supporting historically black colleges and universities. Lattimore also announced his new release, "Find A Way" as the crowd reminisced to favorites such as Donny Hathaway's ("I Love You More Than You'll Ever Know"), George Harrison's ("While My Guitar Gently Weeps"), "Never Too Busy," and "For You."

University officials also presented the inaugural Tower of Light Award to A Glimmer of Hope Foundation. Executive Director of A Glimmer of Hope Foundation, David Porter, accepted the award on behalf of the founders, Philip and Donna Berber. ■



*Pictured are left to right Honorary Chair The Honorable Lee Cooke, entertainer Lattimore, and HT President Larry L. Earvin.*

## INAUGURAL TOWER OF LIGHT AWARD PRESENTED AT THE GALA

The Tower of Light Award, a custom designed glass structure in the shape of the campus bell tower, was established as a means to recognize individuals and corporations that provide support to the University and young people pursuing the dream of a college degree. A Glimmer of Hope Foundation received the inaugural award for its community service, civic engagement, financial support, leadership efforts, mentoring initiatives, and career contributions.

The MASKED gala has generated more than one million dollars thanks to the

support of contributors and sponsors. Corporate sponsors included: **Underwriter**, Vista Equity Partners; **Platinum Sponsors**, Hilton Austin Hotel and Time Warner Cable of Austin; **Gold Sponsors**, Ala Carte Menu Services, Incorporated; Carter Design Associates; and The University of Texas at Austin/Office of the President and Office of the Vice President for Diversity and Engagement; **Silver Sponsors**, Austin Coca-Cola Bottling Company; Philip and Donna Berber; The Honorable Lee Cooke; George Brothers Kincaid and Hortou, L.L.P.;

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## Educational Testing Service Regional Conference Held on Campus

The Educational Testing Service (ETS) 2011 regional conference was held on campus. The theme for the conference was “Improving Student Achievement and Teaching Quality.” Leading experts from their respective fields responded to the theme and addressed other educational issues of importance to the local community and the nation.

Speakers included Raymund A. Paredes, Commissioner of Higher

Education, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (pictured below); Meria Carstarphen, Superintendent, Austin Independent School District; and Robert P. Moses, President and Founder, The Algebra Project, Cambridge, Massachusetts, all of whom shared their perspectives with attendees. ETS advances quality and equity in education for people worldwide by creating assessments based on rigorous research. ETS

also develops, administers, and scores more than 50 million tests annually – including the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)® and Test of English for International Communication (TOEIC)® tests, the Graduate Record Examination (GRE)® General and Subject Tests and The Praxis Series™ assessments – in more than 180 countries, at more than 9,000 locations worldwide. ■





## The Faith Experience at HT is Supported by Lectures and Noted Speakers

The Fifth Annual Bishop E.T. Dixon Lecture, featuring Dr. Herbert R. Marbury, Assistant Professor of Hebrew Bible at Vanderbilt University, held the last week of January traditionally launches the University's Black History Month celebration.

Marbury addressed the decline in membership and usefulness of the black church through the message "*What's Going On*" *The Joshua Generation: The Hope of the Church*." As in the words of The late R&B singer, Marvin Gaye, "What's Going On?", if the black church is to reclaim its place as a powerful center in the community, then the next generation must ask the right questions. This lecture examined Gaye's question at the intersection of civic and spiritual engagement between the black church and a black community still in crisis and raises questions for the legacy of the Bible's Joshua generation.

Marbury holds a doctorate degree in Religion from Vanderbilt University and the Master of Divinity degree from Gammon Theological Seminary at the Interdenominational Theological Center. He spent his undergraduate years at Emory University studying English and African American Studies. His research interests included History of the Second Temple Period, Biblical Rhetoric, and African American Biblical Interpretation.

Marbury, a fifth generation Methodist minister, has taught Hebrew and Biblical Interpretation at American Baptist College and Vanderbilt University Divinity School. He has served as a mentor in the Doctor of Ministry Program at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, for the program group "The Black Church and Social and Civic Empowerment."

Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Class of 1943, for which the lecture is named, is one of two HT graduates to receive "bishop" status. He graduated *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. Bishop Dixon also served nine years on the HT Board of Trustees where was elected Chair in 1987. He retired in 1992 and died in 1996. Huston-Tillotson is affiliated with The United Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ, and offers a minor in religious studies. ■



## NATIONAL OFFICIALS AND AGENCIES DISCOVER HT

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Regional Director Marjorie Petty Speaks During Campus Health Fair

The Regional Director for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Marjorie Petty, addressed provisions of the Affordable Care Act and the basics of Medicare and Medicaid during Huston-Tillotson University's Health Fair.

The healthy wholeness fair included HIV testing, a community blood drive, health care providers, nutrition experts,



recruiters in health career-related fields, community organizations related to student volunteer opportunities, and organizations and agencies specializing in disability awareness and employment.

The event was planned in conjunction with HT's 2011 Charter Day celebration that included a focus on the University's planned Community Health and Wellness Center. ■



## Student Receives Merit Award from The United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church Bishop James E. Dorff awarded Tyrus Smith the Board of Education and Campus Ministry, Southwest Texas and Rio Grande Conference Merit Scholarship at a gathering in San Antonio, Texas. Smith, a kinesiology major, graduated in May 2012 with plans to enter graduate school. He served as Huston-Tillotson's Religious Life and Campus Ministry intern and was active in religious life in various capacities since his first year. He managed the University's weekly chapel service under the guidance of University Chaplain Donald Brewington. He has served as a United Methodist Black College Fund Ambassador, which, along with a range of duties, included making presentations before thousands at annual conferences. ■



## Library Undergoes 21st Century Renovation

Guests to campus who enter on Chicon Street are greeted by signs and fences that restrict access to a construction site. The Downs-Jones Library is undergoing a \$1.8 million renovation that includes an all new interior with open spaces and study areas. The new facility will house HT's RAM café with coffee and snack selections in addition to the books, publications, videos, and artwork. The central circulation desk will be surrounded by a central master staircase with glass handrails and innovative interior architectural walls. Downs-Jones Library, built in 1960, was named for Dr. Karl Everett Downs, President of Samuel Huston College from 1943-1948; and Dr. William H. Jones, President of Tillotson College from 1944-1952. A grand opening is scheduled for Spring 2013. ■



## NEW PROGRAMS ARE LAUNCHED

Students will be offered every opportunity to develop their skills in media for this highly competitive field.

**HT** administrators announced the reintroduction of the Bachelor of Arts in Communication at the start of the Fall 2011 semester. The updated communication major integrates contemporary applications across multiple platforms for the next generation of media professionals. Also included in the reintroduction is a new communication center that will be housed on the third floor of the Agard-Lovinggood Building. Funds from the Student Financial Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA) are being used to develop the communication degree program and campus location.

The major, under the University's College of Arts and Sciences within the Department of Humanities and Fine Arts, is a 30 credit hour program of courses devoted to telecommunications technology, media, information, and program content that extends beyond what society has understood as media while preparing graduates with the ethical responsibility and the knowledge to discern their role in the future of media. An advisory panel of academic, broadcast, and industry professionals



crafted the components of the new curriculum. "Students interested in studying communication at Huston-Tillotson University will be offered every opportunity to develop their skills in media in order to meet the challenges of contemporary media and remain competitive in a highly competitive field," said Dr. Carol Adams Means, Huston-Tillotson Associate Professor of Communication Arts. 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 several universities. She served as president of the Texas Association of Broadcast Educators (TABE)—an organization that promotes the recognition, welfare, and progress of education in broadcasting and electronic communication.

The new Communication degree not

only strengthens the University's course offerings with a comprehensive multimedia degree path for students specifically interested in the subject but also seeks to attract and place more minorities into the field.

HT also offers Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees in English, communication, history, music, criminal justice, political science, psychology, sociology, education, kinesiology, biology, chemistry, mathematics, business administration, computer science, and computer information systems. A minor can be earned in most of the disciplines, including religious studies and African and African American Studies. Business administration, education, kinesiology, criminal justice, and English are the five most popular majors. Criminal justice was added as a major in fall 2003. ■

## Students Chart Their Future by Expanding Their Networks

**H**onor societies with their stellar national reputations are the hallmark of academic success for students who seek the prestigious affiliation.

Huston-Tillotson has Honor Society campus chapters for Alpha Kappa Mu (general), Beta Kappa Chi (scientific), Golden Key International (general), Kappa Delta Pi (Education), Phi Beta Lambda (business), Pi Gamma Mu (social sciences), and Sigma Tau Delta (English).

Approximately 25 students, representing the top 15% of their class, were selected as charter members of HT's first Golden Key International Honour Society during an April 2011 ceremony. Golden Key, with chapters worldwide, is the world's premier honor society with more than two million members in

countries—Australia, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, Bahamas, and the United States—representing 390 chapters. It is designed to enable members to realize their potential through the advancement of academics, leadership, and service.

Huston-Tillotson Golden Key charter members are as follows: Ekitu Agbomah; Paul E. Alexander, Jr.; Jerel A. Allen; Fredba M. Anya; Jamenequa W. Ben; Alkeisha Black; Quincy S. Bland; Dumotein Digbani; Dikibujiri Diri; Brittany Gay; Kwanna M. Green-Smith; Maagan D. Griggs; Vincent M. Job; LaTrice R. Levels; Bailey McEachern; Shereen K. McKenzie; Angela Morales; Darren J. Moses; Veronica Numesubo; Marion Sanchez; Deborah Sawyer; Kelley Stewart; Ernest P. Valdez, Jr.; Demarco Wingwood; and Joseph C. Wright.

Members gain entry to valuable graduate school, job, and internship opportunities and have access to study abroad and scholarship opportunities. Annually, Golden Key societies participate in Global Youth Service Day and Make a Difference Day.

HT's honorary members include: President Larry L. Earvin, Ph.D.; Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Vicki Lott, Ph.D.; Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Roderick L. Smothers, Ph.D.; Department Chair Social and Behavioral Sciences, Michael Hirsch, Ph.D.; and Dean of the School of Business and Technology, Steven Edmond, D.B.A.

Students are inducted into their respective honor societies annually during the spring term. ■



## Top HT Students Prepared for Nation's Only Academic Competition Among Historically Black Colleges and Universities

Across the nation, 250 students from Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) competed for grants and glory at the nation's only HBCU academic competition – the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) ([www.hcasc.com](http://www.hcasc.com)). The two-day competition, scheduled April 1-2, 2012, in Torrance, California, tested students' knowledge of history, science, literature, religion, the arts, social science, and popular culture. The competition gave students the opportunity to win a share of the more than \$300,000 in institutional grants awarded annually by Honda, as well as



battle for bragging rights as the nation's top academic HBCU.

The team (pictured above) of Aisha Z. Henderson, junior, computer science; Erica N. Jackson, senior, political science; Nimi Kemuel, junior, political

science; and Jonathan Wayne, sophomore, music; represented Huston-Tillotson University. The students voluntarily enrolled in the Honda All-Star Challenge Preparation semester-long course taught by history Professor Alaine Hutson and participated in mock competitions with other historically black universities in the state. HT students have earned more than \$43,000 in the competition since entering the challenge in 1990.

HCASC is one of Honda's largest and longest running philanthropic initiatives in the United States. ■



## HT Spaces Transformed to Reading Spaces to Create Ram Revolution

Complimentary copies of the New York Times newspaper are available to students as part of the Ram Revolution that is transforming the campus. The reading priority also means that unused space has been converted to areas that promote reading, dialogue, and engagement among students. ■



## Black Corporate Executives Visit Students

Professionals from the Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) visit the campus annually to share with students who are interested in corporate careers.

BEEP is a voluntary partnership between the National Urban League (NUL), corporate America, government, non-profits, and other institutions to loan African-American executives to participating colleges as "visiting professors." For students at historically black colleges and universities, the program provides exposure to working professionals in their fields, prepares students for the corporate environment, and provides opportunities for professionals to give back. ■

## PHUNGWAYO TAKES FIRST PLACE IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

The reputation of HT was enhanced during a conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, where Sikhongi Solomon Phungwayo captured first place in the chemistry category during the 68th Annual Joint Meeting of Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society and the National Science Institute competition. The society encourages the advancement of scientific education through original investigations; the dissemination of scientific knowledge; and the stimulation of high scholarship in the pure and applied sciences.

Phungwayo, originally from Soweto, South Africa, graduated *summa cum laude* from HT in May 2012 with a degree in Biology. He completed extensive research in neutron activation analysis while working as an intern at the J.J. Pickle Research Campus Nuclear Engineering Laboratory. He was one of two undergraduate research assistants in Austin working under the auspices of the

Office of Naval Research (ONR) Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) grant administered through the University of Texas at Austin in partnership with Huston-Tillotson University.



Among the 16 institutions competing, HT's Sammy Mudede received second place in the "Computer Science, Engineering, Physics, Mathematics and Earth Science" poster competition for his poster entitled, "Design & Control of A Quad- Rotor System." Akilah James and Stefan Spears received second place in the "Computer Science, Engineering, Physics, Mathematics and Earth Science" oral competition for their presentation entitled, "Cryptography Evolution." Finally, Aaron Sampson, a first-year computer science major, was elected vice-president for the Southwest Region.

Dr. Carolyn Golden, HT's associate professor of computer science, serves as the Beta Kappa Chi advisor. ■



## Students Broaden Their Horizons In Leadership Seminar



Huston-Tillotson University's Pre-Alumni Council won the UNCF 2011 National Pre-Alumni Barbara Marshall Council of the Year award during the 65th National Alumni Council/53rd National Pre-Alumni Council Leadership

Conference held in Birmingham, Alabama.

The NAC is a sponsored organization of UNCF—United Negro College Fund—founded in 1946 to foster, influence, strengthen, and safeguard the existence of historically black colleges and universities (HBCU). Huston-Tillotson University is a charter member of UNCF. To date, there are more than 350,000 graduates of UNCF institutions with the NPAC representing more than 60,000 students enrolled in UNCF member schools.

The more than 40 members in HT's Pre-Alumni Council foster school pride and loyalty while managing fund-raising campaigns that promote life-long giving in support of their alma mater. ■

## The Classroom Moves Beyond the Campus for Students Seeking Executive Positions

Elected officials, national, local and state managers, corporate and non-profit executives, and judges provided insight and networked with students enrolled in the semester-long Leadership Seminar. Gail Nutt, retired Senior Vice President Community Affairs and Diversity at Macy's, shared the world of the retail giant that the public never experiences.

Alumnus Robert Stanton who serves as Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar led the discussion about the environment that also

included a field trip to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. Stanton began his career in government with the National Park Service immediately upon graduating from HT.

The sky was the limit for students to address questions to City of Austin Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole, Fire Chief Rhoda Kerr, and Travis County Civil Court Judge Eric Shepperd. Excursions to the State Capitol, Blanton Museum, and city hall opened new worlds to students. ■





# University Leads Others in Reducing Carbon Footprints

“We are the first institution of higher education in Central Texas to go tobacco-free, and the first Historically Black College or University in Texas to go tobacco-free as well.” – Dr. Larry L. Earvin

Huston-Tillotson University was officially designated a tobacco-free campus on April 1, 2011. “We are the first institution of higher education in Central Texas to go tobacco-free, and the first Historically Black College or University in Texas to go tobacco-free as well,” President Larry Earvin said.

Students from the Environmental Health and Safety Committee surveyed the HT community to find out more about tobacco use on campus as well as attitudes about tobacco-free policies and cessation services. The survey found that almost 80% of students, staff, and faculty were in favor of a tobacco-free Huston-Tillotson campus.

“We are determined to create a safe environment free of secondhand smoke and to provide our students, faculty, and the entire university community with the support and resources they need to quit smoking or using tobacco,” said Earvin. Tobacco use is one of the leading causes of preventable deaths and diseases in the United States with African Americans suffering disproportionately in mortality rates and the severity of illnesses due to its use.

“We seek to provide a campus environment that is conducive to teaching and learning while preserving the sustainability of the planet,” Earvin concluded.

Earvin made the announcement in collaboration with the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department’s (HHSD) Live Tobacco-Free Austin campaign to raise awareness about the toll tobacco use takes on community health and the local resources available to help people quit using tobacco. The campaign is supported by Communities Putting Prevention to Work, a federally-funded grant focused on reducing the burden of chronic disease. ■



# THE HT STUDENT EXPERIENCE



## THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME

### OTIS ZULU GARLO

**Psychology and Criminal Justice**  
*Liberia, West Africa*

Otis Zulu Garlo, age 30, made his way to HT by way of Liberia, Ghana, Nigeria, the Ivory Coast, New York, and Philadelphia. He was an orphan before reuniting with his mother after an 11 year journey. Huston-Tillotson is his new home and extended family.

Tears among silence are prevalent when Garlo tells his story. Some of his life circumstances he can talk about openly while other memories are too painful to verbalize. "God is good all the time and He is good to me," he shared. The horrors of boarding a sinking ship bound for Nigeria where everyone literally had to move to one side of the vessel to keep it afloat are memories that are not easily forgotten.

Garlo is not part of the African Zulu tribe as his name would suggest. He was born in the Republic of Liberia, the West African region that was colonized in the 1800s by freed slaves from America. Until age eight, his life was typical for a young man from the region—family, school, and a little soccer. However, his life would change forever when the government was overthrown in 1989. When the fighting reached the city in 1996, more than 200,000 people had been killed and his displacement began. His mother who imparted some survival advice that he lives by today, was relocated to America without him. After the transition, he refused to live with his father who was in a risky government position. "My mother is the one person that I would give my life for," he stated. "I love her so much."

While trapped on that sinking ship to escape the rebels, choices were limited, conditions in the rain and sun were poor, and food was scarce. It was Garlo's pride that would not allow him to be treated



### DISCOVER OUR ROOTS

Huston-Tillotson University's campus is located at the site of the former Tillotson College noted as Austin's second highest hill on land affectionally known to local residents as Bluebonnet Hill. The campus is located in East Austin, between 7th and 11th streets near I-35 and downtown Austin.



like an animal when presented with the choice of eating bread thrown on the floor. His faith was evident in his demeanor. "Although I was raised Catholic, I worship in any church that believes in Jesus," he stated with confidence. Garlo bounced from home to home. His inability to understand the language caused trouble for those looking for laughs in a country with strict Muslim laws. He was in situations where he managed all of the foster family chores while keeping good grades in school. But, even that couldn't earn him sleeping quarters better than a dirt floor with his shirt as a pillow.

Pride, independence, charm, and family connections sustained Garlo as he bounced from school to school and family to family. He eventually graduated from high school but knew that he had choices to make. He ultimately boarded a plane for refugees that was bound for New York. He landed at John F. Kennedy (JFK) Airport in the winter with only the clothes on his back. "I had no coat, a short sleeve shirt, and jeans." Representatives from various agencies helped Garlo get clothing, shelter, and a job. As luck or his faith would have it, Garlo ran into a friend from Liberia who had graduated from Huston-Tillotson

University. His friend's words of attending HT were prophecy, but Garlo wasn't in the mood to hear it. At age 24, he had reunited with his mother and had a job working with youth that enabled him to provide family financial support. He had taken the college placement test, so college was on his mind. When his mother discovered that he was deferring college, she was not happy. "Pack your bags and leave my house," were the words that his mother spoke. Garlo completed the admission process and made his way to Austin, Texas. "I fell in love" with HT. College has had its challenges and setbacks, but, again, Garlo has endured the obstacles. He secured a spot on the soccer team that captured their first ever Red River Athletic Conference (RRAC) regular season championship. The accomplishment was unacceptable in his eyesight. The next year the team earned their first trip to the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) soccer tournament.

Garlo, an honor student with a 3.12 GPA, has HT faculty and staff who ensure his success and he knows that he will walk across that stage to receive his diploma in May 2014 just like his hometown friend said. ■

## Learning Beyond the Classroom Transforms Students



Dr. Rosalee Martin, Professor of Sociology, traditionally accompanies students to a New York City mission trip as part of HT's long-standing commitment to community service both locally and nationally. The lives of students are changed as they develop sustained opportunities to service that last beyond their years at the University.

## DEANNA C. PENN

*Houston, Texas*

Rarely does a student know exactly what she wants to do. DeAnna Penn is the exception. She is interested in a ministry with creative avenues that reach people's hearts.

"It all came from my first journal," Penn recalled. Penn received her first journal from her parents when she was in elementary school and she has been writing daily since then as a way to express herself. She received added inspiration from her idol—best-selling author, speaker, and television personality Michelle McKinney Hammond. "I would

like to encourage people out of the darkness into the light and into the calling they want to follow," Penn envisioned.

Her HT campus involvement includes participation in Women of Excellence Bible study group, Pre-Alumni Council, Poetry Club (Quiet Storm) and the Precious Jewels praise dance group. Penn plans to obtain her teaching certificate before launching her mentoring, public speaking, and motivational speaking career modeled after Hammond.

As an English Literature Arts major, she is well on her way as a published author of "A Love Sweet." ■



## JARRETT LINDSEY

*Houston, Texas*

Like most college students, Jarrett Lindsey began his college matriculation using financial aid including loans, and work study. Lindsey was raised by a single parent and he wanted a way to help her pay for his college education. He soon realized that a grade point average above 3.0 would qualify him for scholarships, so he set his sights on that goal. He applied for as many scholarships as he could through the UNCF online site, and, he waited. He received one scholarship acceptance notification, then another, and another. Lindsey is the recipient of the more than \$30,000 in funds, including the Red, Hot and Snazzy Gala, Lockheed Martin, and Jethro Pugh UNCF scholarships. Lindsey is a computer science major with a May 2013 anticipated graduation date. He deliberately chose a



field that is in high demand and provides access to many scholarship opportunities. "I didn't think it was true that people didn't take advantage of scholarship opportunities," Lindsey said. Lindsey ensured that he understood the process that included references, a résumé, and an essay. He keeps an essay ready for such occasions. He made his way to HT based on the recommendation of his Sterling High School (Houston, Texas) counselor who suggested that he attend University Day. He later qualified for the W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program. Lindsey is involved in the Student Government Association (SGA) Pre-Alumni Council, National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Engage Diversity Student Enrichment Program, and is a Peer-Learning Consultant and University Ambassador. "I love the UNCF for what it does; I love HT for being HT," he said. ■



## YOHANNIS JOB

### *Trinidad and Tobago*

Yohannis Job is described as a “rising star.” He is so polished and focused that at times it seems as if he has been in his marketing career for years. In fact, he anticipates completing his degree requirements in July 2013. Internships with the Educational & Institutional Insurance Administrators, Inc. (EIIA); Circuit of the Americas, home of Formula One United States Grand Prix; and HahnTexas, a public relations and communications firm; explain his confidence.

Job keeps his iPad at his disposal for quick references, and he has learned how to network effectively. Each internship was the result of talking to classmates about their work experiences and seeking advice from his professors. During his EIIA assignment in Chicago, Illinois, he worked for the risk management, property and casualty, student

insurance, and the employee benefits departments. When he made his final work experience presentation before the board of trustees that included HT President Larry L. Earvin, his preparation and presentation captivated the members. The Chicago experience was new, which was no different from most of his journeys since he left his Trinidad and Tobago home. He makes an easy adjustment to new places. A walk down a campus sidewalk is usually interrupted by a student seeking his counsel. It is a role that fits him comfortably as the Student Government Association (SGA) president with aspirations of advancing to graduate and law schools to earn the master's and jurisprudence degrees.

He is proud of his accomplishments as a W.E.B. DuBois Honors Scholar; past president of Toastmasters; vice president and treasurer of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity,



Inc., Delta Chapter; vice president and recruiter for the student American Marketing Association chapter; and a University Ambassador.

Job knows that he has a knowledge and understanding of the corporate culture, and relationships. His HT environment has also given him insight into the “black culture” and a greater understanding of Hispanic and international populations. He affectionally describes HT as a melting pot. ■

## MAAGAN GRIGGS

### *Dallas, Texas*

Maagan Griggs is completing her senior year. HT was not on her radar, but others familiar with the University knew it was right for her. “I thought the campus was so big,” she recalled during her first visit. “But it felt like home.” She remembers the “look to your left, look to your right” speech when she arrived in 2009 and the number of students who entered with her who are no longer at HT for a variety of reasons. She had many reasons herself to prolong her college matriculation, but decided to stay the course to complete her bachelor's degree in English Education. Griggs had that network of family members and friends around her who ensured her pathway to college, although she is a first-generation college student.

Her mother is her “number one support system” and her dad shows his pride in Griggs' accomplishments, always offering career, financial, and practical advice. Her



parents have been married for 30 years and raised her cousins in Dallas, Texas, in addition to their own children on minimum wage jobs while dealing with health issues. Her dad or “Big T” as everyone calls him has had four strokes and is now unable to work. Griggs said that her dad became “smaller and smaller and weaker and weaker.” He now maintains a healthier lifestyle, which she is also trying to follow. “Every other generation (in my family) has had diabetes.” The pressure of

family issues causes Griggs to remain focused on her goal of graduating. She admits that she works better when she can focus on one thing at a time.

She came to HT with the anticipation of studying theater but opted for English instead while working with local theater groups and campus pageants and productions. She has been involved in HT/ HIV Peer Education, Golden Key International Honour Society, and Women Advancing in Leadership and Knowledge (WALK). She is a Hatton W. Sumners Scholar and currently holds the title of Miss Elite Lady of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

Griggs believes in remaining true to herself because everything in life happens for a reason. Charting her course in life included marriage at age 19, which coincidentally was the same age that her parents married. She's preparing to join her husband in San Antonio to complete graduate school after earning her bachelor's degree from HT. ■

# THE HT FACULTY



## REAL WORLD LEARNING

The competition among faculty within the College of Arts and Sciences, and the School of Business and Technology produces an environment that embraces excellence. Faculty research from Asia to Alaska, from Geiger-Muller counter training in the Dickey-Lawless nuclear science laboratory, to launching an online literary magazine complements the environment where students are eager to learn. Faculty who embrace and guide students are skilled at helping them reach their potential.

Huston-Tillotson's reputation as a teaching university, as an institution with a stellar faculty, as a place where students can achieve their goals, is based upon evidence.

Within the ranks of the 50 faculty, nearly 80% have the terminal degree in their teaching fields. Among faculty are authors and other recognized scholars from prestigious programs such as Fulbright Scholarship Programs, Henry C. McBay Research Fellows Program, Piper Professors, and Sam Taylor Fellowship Programs. Faculty spend their summers completing research in their field, studying at the New York University Faculty Institute, attending the UNCF/Mellon Faculty Seminar, engaging in international travel, and other initiatives that further define their specialized areas. In fact, students have completed complex research that has resulted in two Huston-Tillotson University Research Journals. ■



## NAVIGATING THE PATH

Assistant Professor of Communication, Laura K. Smith, is an example of the nurturing family environment to guide students toward success.





## JANICE SUMLER-EDMOND, PH.D.

PROFESSOR, HISTORY  
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PH.D., GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY

Author and professor, Sumler-Edmond, who also has a jurisprudence degree, brings the afrocentric theology into the historically black college experience with her exploration of history. She teaches United States History, African American History, and Constitutional History and Law. Sumler-Edmond also serves as the director of HT's W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program. Named for the African American sociologist, historian, writer, civil rights advocate, and intellectual of the twentieth century, the DuBois program attracts academically gifted students whose high school accomplishments indicate their intellectual ability, level of motivation, and leadership potential. Sumler-Edmond guides gifted students through their HT matriculation that also extends beyond the classroom. She helps students discover their heritage and gifts with her insight and research. Her most recent book is *The Secret Trust of Aspasia Cruvellier Mirault: the Life and Trials of a Free Women of Color in Antebellum Georgia* (University of Arkansas Press, 2008). She is also the co-editor of two books: *Black Women's History at the Intersection of Knowledge and Power* (Tapestry Press, 2000) with Rosalyn Terborg-Penn and *Freedom's Odyssey, African American History Essays from Phylon* (Clark Atlanta University Press, 1999) with Alexa Benson Henderson.

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## HORACIO G. PEÑA, PH.D.

PROFESSOR, SPANISH  
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PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF MANAGUA  
PH.D., UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN

The foreign language requirement for students usually leads them to Peña's Spanish class. A member of the HT faculty since 1989, Peña not only teaches Spanish, but he takes his students to various South American countries through his lectures and writings. Peña's poems appear in many publications and are translated into various languages. He is also widely published and honored as an author of prose and a translator from Italian, French, and English. Last year, four translated poems appeared in *Beacons*, a literary publication of the American Translators Association. His "The Immigrant/El inmigrante" appeared in *The Essence of Knowledge*, and "El Jubilado" was in *Imponiendo Presencias*. In 1999, the *Journal of Hispanic/Latino Theology* published his monumental essay, "The Thousand Faces of God in Central American Poetry," which had previously been published twice in Spanish. Students will confirm that Peña's class is a must for those seeking to understand and speak Spanish.



## AMANDA M. MASINO, PH.D.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, BIOLOGY  
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SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER

Masino joined the HT biology faculty in 2011. Students enrolled in her Introduction to Biology, Environmental Biology, and Human Anatomy classes are recipients of her vast knowledge and experience. With prior teaching positions at large and small institutions, Masino knows how to engage students in scientific subject matter that piques their interests. Her dissertation "Transcriptional Profiling of Early Cardiac Development" is a thorough comprehension of the molecular interactions that direct cardiac development in order to improve one's ability to understand and treat cardiovascular diseases. Passionate and dedicated are words that describe her. Students, who choose the biology major or have aspirations of progressing to medical school, find themselves in Masino's Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) preparation course. Masino's graduate research assistant experience at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center helps her provide HT students a pathway to achieve their goals.



MIKE MCLENNAN

## JAMES R. KRAFT, PH.D.

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Students in Kraft's Comparative Religion and Philosophy or Ethics and Philosophy classes might find themselves in profound dialogue with their classmates and peers about religious beliefs and practices. The exploration of new religions is eye opening for some and serves as a confirmation of deeply rooted beliefs for other students. Kraft has studied the ideas and views of HT students during the past 12 years for his newly-released book, *The Epistemology of Religious Disagreement* published by Palgrave/MacMillan. The book is a study of what happens to the confidence level of people in their religious beliefs when in a disagreement with someone equivalently knowledgeable about the details of an issue and equivalently capable of evaluating those details. Kraft has taught abroad as an exchange professor and is a Sam Taylor Fellowship recipient. Finally, he is the co-editor of *Religious Tolerance Through Humility*.



SCOTT VAN OSDOL





## DEBRA L. MURPHY, PH.D.

PROFESSOR, PSYCHOLOGY  
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M.S., PH.D., TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Huston-Tillotson's designation as a tobacco-free campus or peer-to-peer conversations about HIV/AIDS and the impact on the African American community are direct results of the work of Murphy and her students. She is the project director and principal investigator for the HT Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department's Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Putting Prevention to Work Subrecipient Grant Award. In addition, she has served as the principal investigator for numerous federal grants that have focused on research, prevention/intervention, health promotion and education, advocacy, mentoring and targeting the eradication of racial health and mental health disparities (HIV/AIDS, substance use, tobacco use, violence prevention, eHealth, stress, youth, women's health, and other areas). Her HT grant projects (eHealth; student peer HIV/AIDS educators; and the *tobacco free initiative*) are being considered as models for emulation. She presented *Establishing and Strengthening Campus-Community Partnerships for eHealth Literacy: Lessons Learned and Best Practices from Huston-Tillotson University* at the National Library of Medicine eHealth Conference in Bethesda, Maryland. Her research has been presented at scholarly venues throughout Europe, Canada, and the United States. Murphy has authored or coauthored chapters and articles with publishing houses and journals, including: John Wiley and Sons, Sage Press, Salem Press, *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, *Journal of the National Medical Association (JNMA)*, *Advances in Alcohol and Substance Abuse (AASA)*, the *National Institute on Drug Abuse Research Monograph*, and others. She built the foundation for the University's psychology degree upon her arrival in 1997 and launched the bachelor's degree program shortly after.



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**In Memory of Mrs. Lois Fai Henderson-White**

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Henderson

HT Alumni Association, Bay Area Chapter

**In Memory of Mrs. Sarah Simmons Jackson**

Mr. Robert L. Jackson

**In Memory of Ms. Vivian B. Jamison**

Ms. Theresa B. Robinson

**In Memory of Mrs. Marcet H. King**

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. James D. Phillips

**In Memory of Vivian Marie Kirk**

Dr. W. Astor Kirk\*

**In Memory of Reuben S. Lovinggood and Clarissa L. Matthews**

Mr. Charles H. Matthews, Jr.

**In Memory of Mrs. Annie Mays**

HT Alumni Association,  
Dallas Chapter

**In Memory of James H. Means, Jr.**

Women's Competitive Tennis Club

**In Memory of Mrs. Evelyn Meeks**

Mrs. Bettye P. Bell  
Ms. Barbara Dunlavy  
Dr. Nancy P. C. Jones  
Ms. Jules G. Kollar  
Mr. Ancelmo E. Lopes  
Ms. Theresa B. Robinson

**In Memory of Mr. James H. Means, Jr.**

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**In Memory of Lela Morris**

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**In Memory of George and Bernice Neely**

Ms. Cheryl Brown

**In Memory of Mrs. Elmer Porter**

Ms. Darlene P. Holloway

**In Memory of Mr. Troy Sparks**

Ms. Paula R. Baker

**In Memory of Lesley and Susie Ward**

Ms. Linda S. Ward

In Memory of Mr. Reginald D. Williams

HT International Alumni Association

*\*Deceased*



## STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2012 and 2011

	2012	2011
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,208,624	\$ 1,180,643
Accounts Receivable		
Students, net of Allowance for Doubtful		
Accounts: \$829,838 and \$750,445, respectively	331,879	330,069
Other, net of Allowance for Doubtful		
Accounts of \$0 and \$0, respectively	2,308,739	3,591,092
Due from Federal Government	371,272	256,231
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	61,764	61,102
Deferred Issuance Costs	345,100	384,448
Debt Service Reserve Fund	430,431	-
Investments	9,416,251	9,134,585
Student Loans Receivable, net of Allowance		
for Doubtful Accounts: \$272,525 and \$272,525, respectively	-	-
Land, Property, Buildings and Equipment, net of \$17,629,554		
and \$16,727,802 Accumulated Depreciation, respectively	12,224,218	11,223,844
Total Assets	<u>\$ 27,698,278</u>	<u>\$ 26,162,014</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
Accounts Payable	\$ 647,126	\$ 665,034
Accrued Liabilities	424,030	381,780
Deposits Held in Custody for Others	250,755	240,758
Deferred Revenue	83,496	91,498
Obligations Under Interest Rate Swap	-	657,442
Capital Lease Obligations	-	15,052
Note Payable	-	359,684
Bonds Payable	8,608,626	5,895,000
Total Liabilities	<u>10,014,033</u>	<u>8,306,248</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Unrestricted		
Undesignated	7,950,711	5,680,302
Net Investment Gain/(Loss) on Restricted Net Assets	(633,217)	1,181,247
	<u>7,317,494</u>	<u>6,861,549</u>
Temporarily Restricted	1,710,264	2,727,847
Permanently Restricted	8,656,487	8,266,370
Total Net Assets	<u>17,684,245</u>	<u>17,855,766</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 27,698,278</u>	<u>\$ 26,162,014</u>

## STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Years Ended June 30, 2012 and 2011

	2012	2011
<b>CHANGES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>		
Revenues and Gains		
Tuition and Fees, net of Tuition Discounts		
of \$1,330,442 and \$1,277,400, respectively	\$ 8,852,029	\$ 8,683,357
Auxiliary Enterprises	2,201,815	2,050,946
Private Gifts and Grants	2,109,893	1,374,325
Net Unrealized and Realized Gains/(Losses) on Investments	(599,604)	1,349,244
Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Interest Rate Swap	-	22,683
Other Revenue and Gains	231,998	500,626
Total Revenues and Gains	12,796,131	13,981,181
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets Released from Restriction	5,569,997	6,071,372
Total Unrestricted Revenues, Gains and Other Support	18,366,128	20,052,553
Expenses		
Instruction	4,297,609	4,292,100
Academic Support	1,229,072	901,327
Student Services	2,159,778	2,091,332
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	3,019,353	2,585,620
Scholarships	1,246,056	1,265,064
Auxiliary Enterprises	1,218,804	1,277,703
Institutional Support	4,656,647	4,610,293
Bad Debt	82,864	499,162
Total Expenses	17,910,183	17,522,601
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	455,945	2,529,952
<b>CHANGES IN TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>		
Grants and Contracts	3,666,075	4,080,538
Private Gifts and Grants	571,454	1,597,375
Investment Income	181,696	64,236
Other	133,189	186,533
Total Revenues and Gains	4,552,414	5,928,682
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	(5,569,997)	(6,071,372)
Change in Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	(1,017,583)	(142,690)
<b>CHANGES IN PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS</b>		
Private Gifts and Grants	354,505	131,652
Investment Income	35,612	92,907
Total Revenues and Gains	390,117	224,559
Change in Permanently Restricted Net Assets	390,117	224,559
<b>CHANGE IN NET ASSETS</b>	(171,521)	2,611,820
<b>NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	17,855,766	15,243,946
<b>NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR</b>	\$ 17,684,245	\$ 17,855,766



## YOU'LL FIND ADVENTURE IN THESE UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT/OBSERVATION	DATE	EVENT/OBSERVATION
December 2	HT Concert Choir Christmas Concert	February 23	Community African American Heritage Festival
Spring 2013	Downs-Jones Library Open House (Renovated Library)	February 23	Los Angeles Key Cities
January 21	Martin Luther King Jr. March and Festival	March 2	Decennial President's MASKED Scholarship Gala
January 31	Bishop E.T. Dixon Lecture	March 28	Community Easter Egg Hunt
February 2	Joint Huston-Tillotson University and University of Texas at Austin Black History Month Concert	April 5	Ram Preview Day (Freshman Yield Day)
February 3-9	Homecoming Week	April 10	Poetry on the Patio
February 9	Homecoming Basketball Game at the Mary E. Branch Gymnasium 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (LSU-Shreveport)	April 18	Miss UNCF Coronation
February 17	HT Austin Alumni Chapter Blues and Jazz Concert	April 28	Intercollegiate Athletic Banquet (6 p.m.)
February 21	Annual W.E.B. DuBois Lecture in Celebration of Black History Month	May 2	President's 50-Year and Class of 2013 Reception (6 p.m. – 9 p.m.)
February 23	University Day (Communitywide Middle/High Schools)	May 2-5	Alumni Reunion Weekend
		May 3	25th Annual HT Select Shot Golf Tournament
		May 3	Honors Convocation
		May 4	Commencement Convocation (8:30 a.m.)
		June 21	Women in Leadership Luncheon







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