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\$3 MILLION GIFT LARGEST IN UNIVERSITY HISTORY

Alumna Ada Anderson's Donation to Help Build the Sandra Joy Anderson Community Health and Wellness Center

Anderson legacy continues with naming of building in daughter's honor

As Huston-Tillotson opens its doors for another school year, it does so upon the news of a historic gift to the University—a \$3 million donation from alumna Ada Cecilia Collins Anderson.

Anderson's gift is the largest single donation to HT in the University's history. The University is naming its new health and wellness center the Sandra Joy Anderson Community Health and Wellness Center, in honor of Anderson's deceased daughter. Groundbreaking for the new facility is slated for spring 2015.

Anderson's gift is the latest good deed in a long history of advocating for and empowering young people and championing art and educational causes. Her career includes many accomplishments in leadership and service, despite having to overcome numerous educational and career injustices along the way. Her determination to succeed resulted in leadership roles and the creation of civic organizations that have emboldened African Americans in general and women, and children in particular.

"As a community leader, trailblazer, and champion of civic causes, Mrs. Anderson exemplifies the spirit of the Community Health and Wellness Center, which is conceptualized to bring together the community and campus offerings to focus on approaches to health," said HT President Larry L. Earvin. "We applaud her efforts to rally the community in support of the components of the HT mission."

Anderson, 92, graduated from Austin's segregated L.C. Anderson High School. She attended Austin's two predominantly black colleges, Samuel Huston and Tillotson, where she received a degree in home economics in 1941. She also received her master's degree in educational psychology in 1965 from The University of Texas at Austin.

While an undergraduate student, she met M. Jack "Andy" Anderson Sr., and they married in 1943. Together, they became leaders in the local African-American community as well as in the Civil Rights Movement. In business, they established the Anderson-Wormley real estate and insurance firms, providing affordable housing that empowered the Central Texas African-American community.

Ada Anderson has many firsts in her career, including serving on the Texas Commission on the Status of Women and as the first African-American professional at the Texas Employment Commission, during Gov. John Connally's administration.



Alumna Ada Cecilia Collins Anderson, '41, stands next to portrait of her recently deceased daughter, Sandra Joy Anderson Baccus.

“ Sandra was an outstanding fundraiser for the causes she championed. ”

-Ada Anderson

In 2004, Anderson was awarded the Leadership in Civil Rights Award by the LBJ Presidential Library and the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs. The award was created to recognize men and women who have helped enhance the rights of all Americans. Anderson has also been a trustee at Austin Community College and a member of the Advisory Council of the UT College of Education Foundation.

In addition, Anderson has served on the board of the local Girl Scouts organization, and the Citizen's Advisory Committee of the Travis County Juvenile Board. She chaired the Board of Directors of the Laguna Gloria Art Museum; is a founding member of the Austin Lyric Opera; and trustee of the Long Center for the Performing Arts. Anderson also founded LEAP (Leadership Enriching Arts Program) to help expose African-American children to the arts. She established the Austin chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., a national leadership and service organization; and she is a charter member of the Alpha Nu Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

She and her husband had two children, both of whom are deceased. M. Jack Anderson Jr. died at age 40, in a swimming accident. Sandra Joy Anderson Baccus died at age 65, near Atlanta, where she lived and worked.

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HT Introduces Its First Master's Degree Offering

IN THE SPIRIT OF ITS FOUNDING, Huston-Tillotson University, established as a “normal school” to train teachers—will offer its first master’s degree in educational leadership with the principal certification. The program housed within the College of Arts and Sciences under the Educator Preparation Department, is now accepting applications now for the January 2015 launch.

“The master’s degree in educational leadership fulfills a community need and upholds the heritage of Huston-Tillotson University,” said HT President and CEO Larry L. Earvin.

“The education foundation established by visionaries who understood the significance of teachers continues with a leadership model to ensure that all children are successful.”

The graduate program received approval from the State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC), as well as the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS/COC), which is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in Southern states.

Huston-Tillotson University’s educator-preparation certification process operates under the auspices of several “accredited” bodies. The Texas Education Agency assigned the “accredited” status to HT’s Accountability System for Educator Preparation.

The undergraduate program prepares candidates

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—**Ruth Kane, Ph.D.**
Chair Department of Educator Preparation

for meaningful careers in the field of education within the framework of a solid liberal arts foundation and a social-justice perspective. Candidates develop knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to become effective and caring teachers in an ever-changing society, and they are prepared to become reflective, lifelong learners.

The graduate program is designed primarily for working teachers seeking advancement to the

administrative level. Students will be taught by experienced award-winning principals, superintendents and administrators, with classes to fit around a working teacher’s schedule. Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree, a teacher certification, teaching experience, letters of intent and references; pass a background check; and meet the minimum grade point average requirement.

Huston-Tillotson University, founded with the 1952 merger of Samuel Huston College and Tillotson College, created one of the largest black Protestant-Church-related colleges in the country at that time. HT, a historically black institution, has the proud distinction of being Austin’s first institution of higher education. It was established 10 years after the Civil War ended to provide educational access and opportunities to freed slaves, and, specifically, to train teachers in order to ensure a lasting legacy of self-empowerment and -advancement. Huston-Tillotson University remains a private, church-affiliated institution that is currently home to nearly 1,000 students of varying ethnic, racial and religious heritage.

“The master’s in education at Huston-Tillotson is the first and only principal-preparation program at a Texas private HBCU,” said Ruth Kane, chair of the Department of Educator Preparation “We are honored to prepare educational leaders who reflect the diversity of students in Texas.”

For more information about the master’s degree program, visit, www.htu.edu/ppp or call 512.505.3091. ♦

Adult Degree Program Attracting More Students

RECOGNIZING that there are many adults who want a college education, but have to work during the day, Huston-Tillotson University launched an Adult Degree Program (ADP) two years ago. A bonus is the program is helping non-traditional students secure a degree. When the ADP began, the University offered only instructional coursework that led to two bachelor degrees: Business Administration and Criminal Justice.

Since that time, HT has added Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, and Bachelor of Arts in Education (with EC-6 Generalist Certification) degrees to the growing list of programs.

To accommodate the work schedules of most ADP students,

classes are held on-site one night per week from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. The first cohort, in January 2013, brought together 21 students eager to achieve their college degrees. Currently, approximately 150 students attend classes at HT on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights, occupying the classrooms and spaces often left silent after traditional classes have ended for the day.

To learn more about the program, visit www.htu.edu or call 512.505.6455 to speak to an ADP admission counselor. ♦

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Standing Tall After 100 Years

University Restores Historic Buildings on Austin's Second-Highest Hill, Prepares for Charter Day Celebration Oct. 24



EVANS INDUSTRIAL HALL built in 1911, and the Anthony and Louise Viera-Alumni Hall built two years later, between 1913 and 1914, hit their century marks as the pride of the HT campus.

The Viera-Alumni Hall, formerly known as the Old Administration Building, is a stately memorial to an earlier generation's commitment to education, self-help, and empowerment of African-American people. Construction took place. In 2006, it was renamed the Anthony and Louise Viera-Alumni Hall.

Tillotson College students in the Industrial Arts Program made the cinder blocks from which the structure was built. These students also assisted with the construction of the building. In 1952, Tillotson College and Samuel Huston College merged, and the Viera-Alumni Hall is one of three remaining structures from the old Tillotson campus. No buildings remain from the Samuel Huston campus; the land is now the access road adjacent to IH-35 on 12th Street, however it is designated as an historical landmark.

Once the center of campus activities with administrative offices, a library, and classrooms, the Old Administration Building sat vacant from 1969 to August 2004, when the Institutional Advancement Office took up space in the building. The 100-year-old, three-story edifice is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and designated with a Texas Historical Marker as a Texas Historical Site. The exterior maintains its initial subtle but majestic splendor, depicting the distinctive "Modified Prairie" school of architecture, developed by Frank Lloyd Wright, and typical of the urban Southwest during the early 20th century. The interior of the building, with its pressed-metal ceilings, hardwood floors, prominent wooden staircases, and door trims, reflect the past.

Funding for the preservation and restoration of the building came from alumni and friends, led by alumnus Viera and alumna Bertha Sadler Means.



Top: Reflecting the historic beauty of Huston-Tillotson's campus: the Anthony and Louise Viera-Alumni Hall; and bottom left, a historic photo of Evans Industrial Hall in 1911, and above; along with the restored hall today.

Other funding came from the U.S. Department of Interior, National Park Service. The United Methodist Church Black College Fund, the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau Heritage Grants Program, the Economic Development Administration, and the Texas Historical Commission.

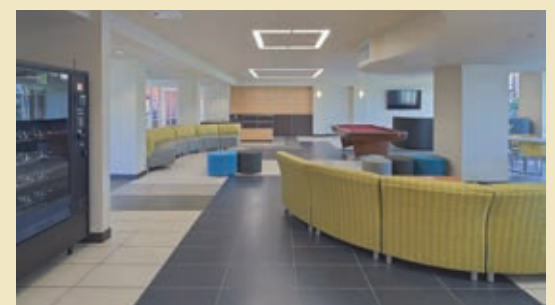
Evans Industrial Hall has been equipped with one of the most advanced systems for instructional technology, distance-learning classrooms, and high-tech computer laboratories for instructional enrichment. Today, the Educator Preparation and Kinesiology Departments are housed in the building.

With its majestic presence in the heart of the campus, many students refer to Viera-Alumni Hall as "The White House." It currently houses the Office of the President; Office of Institutional Advancement; Provost; Office of Human Resources; and the Office of Institutional Planning Research and Assessment. ♦

i For more information, visit www.htu.edu.

Allen-Frazier and Beard Burrowes Residence Halls Receive \$6 Million Makeover

STUDENT COMMENTS were heard and their suggestions implemented during the residence hall redesign phase. Both Allen-Frazier and Beard Burrowes Residence Halls received a \$6 Million Makeover in 90 days to open just in time for the start of the Fall 2014 semester. JE Dunn Construction and Casa Bella Architects incorporated concepts that included appealing color schemes, open gathering spaces, new community rooms with moveable furnishings, upgraded bathrooms, laundry facilities, computer laboratories, and workout rooms. An elevator was added to Allen-Frazier in addition to the upgraded infrastructure. ♦



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After 14 Years Leading HT, President Earvin Plans Retirement

NOW IN HIS 15TH year as President of Huston-Tillotson University, Larry L. Earvin recently informed the University's Board of Trustees that he will conclude his tenure as the University's top officer, effective June 30, 2015.

Earvin, the University's fifth president, began leading the institution July 1, 2000. Since then, he has had enormous impact on HT and the University community. In 2005, HT transformed from a college into a university, nearly doubling enrollment from 500 to 1031, and more than doubling the school's endowment from \$5 million to more than \$12 million.

"Dr. Earvin has served the HT community with exceptional vision, leadership, and integrity," said Albert Hawkins, chair of the University Board of Trustees. "The Board of Trustees greatly appreciates his years of service and commitment to the University and its students."

Hawkins announced the establishment of a Presidential Search Committee to find Earvin's replacement. Trennis Jones, treasurer of the trustee board, was named chair of the search committee. The committee includes members of the trustee board along with others representing the faculty, staff, students, alumni, administration and the Austin community.



President Larry L. Earvin

The committee is conducting a nationwide search, looking for the candidate who best exemplifies Huston-Tillotson's mission: 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. ♦

i For updates on the progress of the search, visit www.htu.edu.

PLANNING WATCH

Strategic Planning Process Prepares Campus for Next 10 Years

HUSTON-TILLOTSON University's outlook on the next decade should be well in hand, now that the University is able to glean guidance from the results of a campus-wide strategic planning process. Conducted in February, consultants Joel Lapin and Art Wilson led the initiative during a visit to the campus.

The process included orientation sessions for both members of the faculty and staff, with concepts and steps for a successful and inclusive environmental-scanning process. There also were sessions with the campus leadership participating in "The Vision Development Summit," which included working with groups of students to craft desired goals for the University's future development. Five core themes—transformation, leadership, education, community and heritage—guided the discussions that resulted in an official vision statement and institutional vision.

The consultants also conducted workshops on: An Introduction to Environmental Scanning, How to Scan, and Organizing and Operating External Environmental Scanning and Forecasting.

Huston-Tillotson's Office of Institutional Planning, Research and Assessment (OIPRA) facilitated the formation of teams to focus on the following trend topics: competition, demographics, education, economics, labor force, politics, social/lifestyle and values, and technology. Drafts of the findings were developed (that included interviews from more than 30 community leaders), and have been reviewed by the consultants. Finalized environmental-scan reports were completed in August. ♦

i To view the findings and strategic planning information, visit www.htu.edu.

HT Student Angelica Erazo Featured on National Television Broadcast

EARNING \$35,000 in scholarship awards and appearing on the nationally televised 35th annual 'UNCF An Evening of Stars' were



more than plenty to place student Angelica Erazo and Huston-Tillotson University in the national spotlight.

The 2014 UNCF show featured a lineup of electrifying entertainment in support of higher education. The hottest names in entertainment, business, civic, and education joined Erazo at the Boisfeuillet Jones Atlanta Civic Center in Atlanta, to focus attention on the importance of going to college, and finishing college—with a degree.

'An Evening of Stars' has long been one of UNCF's premier events, raising awareness and support for the organization's work in building a robust pipeline of qualified African-American college graduates who go on to become the next generation of leaders. The show has drawn an average of two million viewers per broadcast, featuring megastars, including Usher, Steve Harvey, Chaka Khan, and many more.

Erazo is not only an academic star, she is involved in many campus activities, including participating as a founding member of the Green is the New Black® student organization. She served as a peer learning consultant and resident hall assistant.

Green is the New Black® captured first place and a \$75,000 prize in the 2013 Ford Historically Black Colleges and Universities Community Challenge, held in Detroit. The students delivered a presentation on the theme "Building Sustainable Communities" that utilized an educational program to address issues of sustainability in black and Latino communities.

Huston-Tillotson students introduced the challenge of transforming a 33-square-foot dumpster into a fully functioning home, complete with running water, toilet, shower, bed, and solar-generated electricity in the fall of 2013. ♦



On HT's campus, Angelica Erazo and Antwon Burkhalter stand in front of the dumpster that has been converted to a home.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2014-15

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
NOVEMBER 2014			
9 SUNDAY	UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON – NCAA I	HOUSTON, TX	4:00 P.M.
15 SATURDAY	SCRIMMAGE - VICTORIA COLLEGE - NJCAA	VICTORIA, TX	6:00 P.M.
18 MONDAY	ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY – NCAA II	AUSTIN, TX	6:00 P.M.
20 WEDNESDAY	TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY – NCAA II	LAREDO, TX	7:00 P.M.
29 FRIDAY	UNIVERSITY OF MARY HARDIN BAYLOR – NCAA III	BELTON, TX	6:00 P.M.
DECEMBER 2014			
2 MONDAY	LAMAR UNIVERSITY – NCAA I	BEAUMONT, TX	7:00 P.M.
5 FRIDAY	LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-SHREVEPORT #	HT	5:30 P.M.
6 SATURDAY	LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-ALEXANDRIA #	HT	5:30 P.M.
12 FRIDAY	TEXAS COLLEGE #	TYLER, TX	5:30 P.M.
13 SATURDAY	PAUL QUINN COLLEGE	DALLAS, TX	5:30 P.M.
28 SATURDAY	HOUSTON BAPTIST UNIVERSITY – NCAA I	HOUSTON, TX	2:00 P.M.
30 MONDAY	TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY-CORPUS CHRISTI – NCAA I	CORPUS CHRISTI, TX	7:00 P.M.
JANUARY 2015			
9 FRIDAY	BACONE COLLEGE #	HT	5:30 P.M.
10 SATURDAY	LANGSTON UNIVERSITY #	HT	5:30 P.M.
16 FRIDAY	JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE #	HAWKINS, TX	5:30 P.M.
17 SATURDAY	WILEY COLLEGE #	MARSHALL, TX	5:30 P.M.
20 TUESDAY	OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY #	SAN ANTONIO, TX	5:30 P.M.
23 FRIDAY	UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHWEST #	HT	5:30 P.M.
24 SATURDAY	UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS-TEXAS #	HT	5:30 P.M.
30 FRIDAY	LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-SHREVEPORT #	SHREVEPORT, LA	5:30 P.M.
31 SATURDAY	LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY-ALEXANDRIA #	ALEXANDRIA, LA	5:30 P.M.
FEBRUARY 2015			
6 FRIDAY	TEXAS COLLEGE #	HT	5:30 P.M.
7 SATURDAY	PAUL QUINN COLLEGE +	HT	5:30 P.M.
13 FRIDAY	BACONE COLLEGE #	MUSKOGEE, OK	5:30 P.M.
14 SATURDAY	LANGSTON UNIVERSITY #	LANGSTON, OK	5:30 P.M.
17 TUESDAY	OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY #	HT	5:30 P.M.
20 FRIDAY	JARVIS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE #	HT	5:30 P.M.
21 SATURDAY	WILEY COLLEGE #	HT	5:30 P.M.
26 THURSDAY	UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHWEST #	HOBBS, NM	5:30 P.M.
28 SATURDAY	UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS-TEXAS #	HOUSTON, TX	5:30 P.M.

IN RED: HOME GAMES | # = RRAC GAMES | #+ = HOMECOMING GAME
MAR. 6-9 FRI-MON RRAC CHAMPIONSHIPS MARSHALL, TX TBA

Women's Basketball Team Wins RRAC Conference Before Advancing to NAIA



HT's women's basketball team on the home court.

SECOND YEAR women's basketball coach Maurice Callis set a high bar for his team, and the players reached and exceeded expectations. For the first time in women's basketball history, the team finished the season with the 2013-14 conference championship. They also advanced to the first round of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) tournament, also a first. ♦

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2014-15

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
OCTOBER 2014			
1 WEDNESDAY	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY – NCAA I	PRAIRIE VIEW, TX	7:00 P.M.
3 FRIDAY	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS BROWNSVILLE #	HT	6:30 P.M.
9 THURSDAY	MCMURRY UNIVERSITY – NCAA III	HT	5:00 P.M.
10 FRIDAY	TEXAS COLLEGE #	TYLER, TX	7:00 P.M.
14 TUESDAY	UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS-TX #	HOUSTON, TX	7:00 P.M.
15 WEDNESDAY	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M UNIVERSITY – NCAA I	HT	6:30 P.M.
17 FRIDAY	TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY – NCAA II	LAREDO, TX	7:00 P.M.
20 MONDAY	TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY – NCAA I	HOUSTON, TX	7:00 P.M.
22 WEDNESDAY	OKLAHOMA PANHANDLE STATE UNIVERSITY - NCAA II	HT	7:00 P.M.
23 THURSDAY	TEXAS A&M INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY – NCAA II	HT	6:30 P.M.
25 SATURDAY	UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTHWEST # - PARENTS DAY	HT	1:00 P.M.
27 MONDAY	MCMURRY UNIVERSITY – NCAA III	ABILENE, TX	7:00 P.M.
NOVEMBER 2014			
1 SATURDAY	UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS BROWNSVILLE #	BROWNSVILLE, TX	1:00 P.M.
4 TUESDAY	OUR LADY OF THE LAKE UNIVERSITY #-SENIOR NIGHT	HT	6:30 P.M.
7 FRIDAY	LANGSTON UNIVERSITY #	LANGSTON, OK	7:00 P.M.
8 SATURDAY	BACONE COLLEGE #	MUSKOGEE, OK	1:00 P.M.
11 TUESDAY	ST. EDWARD'S UNIVERSITY – NCAA II	AUSTIN, TX	6:00 P.M.
11-15 FRI./SAT.	RED RIVER CONFERENCE TOURNAMENT	BROWNSVILLE, TX	

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6 development

Charlotte R. Miller Donates Estate to HT



CHARLOTTE R. Miller lived close enough to Huston-Tillotson University to hear the campus bell toll every hour and half hour. She also attended for a brief

period. Her affection for HT will now be everlasting with her bequeathing of her estate to the University.

Miller, who died in December 2013, made East Austin her home and had a passion for helping others. Her legacy will live on through her generous gift of \$350,000 to HT.

She had already contributed \$100,000 to HT to fund scholarships.

Miller devoted her life to helping others through her work as a noted educator, peer-mediation trainer, and medical health specialist. She graduated from L.C. Anderson High School and earned a master's degree in education from Texas Southern University in Houston. She held a teacher certification and was a licensed chemical dependency specialist, a master social worker, and a professional counselor. Miller was member of the Austin Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Her father Norman Miller started and directed HT's Upward Bound Program the 1960s. Norman Miller, Jr. attended HT. ♦

\$900,000 Grant Supports Healthy Environment On and Off HT Campus

IN THE LARGEST GRANT awarded to HT to date, the University recently received a \$900,000 award from the Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration to support the University's Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS Prevention project.

Titled the Campus-Community Empowerment Against Drugs and HIV/AIDS Project, students, faculty, and staff are collaborating with community partners to reach out to African-American and Latino young adults between the ages of 18 and 25. The goal is to provide prevention information, both on the HT campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods.

The project includes peer-led, evidenced-based substance-abuse and HIV-prevention strategies, programs, policies and practices to prevent and reduce underage drinking, high-risk drinking, illicit drug use, and the transmission of HIV due to unsafe and unprotected sex.

In addition, evidenced-based programs that target individual behavior and environmental prevention strategies that can change the community environment, culture, and norms on the campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods are being targeted.

"The project provides the impetus to support a self-sustaining, culturally and age appropriate environmental and peer-based prevention program," said Debra L. Murphy, HT professor of psychology who is the principal investigator and director of the project.

"This will empower our youth and young adults to behave responsibly when it comes to substance use and sexual behavior," she said.

In addition to the newly funded project, HT continues to be a leader in providing a safe environment in which to live and learn. In 2011, the University established the Tobacco Free Initiative, making HT the first tobacco-free university in Central Texas, and the first HBCU to establish such a program.

OTHER GRANT-FUNDING NEWS

The Huston-Tillotson Default Prevention/Financial Literacy Program has received \$200,000 in

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

support from USA Funds. The program assists students with a variety of money-management tools. For example, the new Ramonomics Program is designed to facilitate academic success and to promote successful repayment of federal student loans. Ramonomics incorporates one-on-one counseling, workshops, and various components to develop responsible financial management decision-making skills among HT students, many of whom are first-generation college students.

"These grant opportunities, many with extensive research components for faculty and students, place Huston-Tillotson University among a unique group of stellar recipients," said HT President Larry L. Earvin. "The outcomes of many of the programs will impact not only the campus but the entire community."

Huston-Tillotson was also a part of 10 educational entities receiving \$50,000 from The Penn Center for Minority Serving Institutions to support Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) capacity building. The ultimate goal of the program is to improve STEM capacity among African Americans and other underrepresented students.

The University also continues its partnership with the University of Texas at Austin. Recently HT secured \$250,000 in funds from the Office of Naval Research Science and Technology Directorate, to enhance training and research involvement of students and faculty in nuclear science. The program supports STEM programing, including environmental, computation, and molecular biology. ♦

Alumna Donation (continued from the cover)

Anderson's gift, and its designation to the HT health-and-wellness initiative honoring her daughter, adds to a long legacy of sharing and caring about the health of others. Previously, she was president of the Austin-Travis County Mental Health Association and served on the Saint David's Foundation Board.

Her support comes at a critical time. Raising awareness of the immediate need for African-American mental-health physicians in Central Texas, HT officials implemented the 21st Century Solutions-Based Listening Tour with a team of medical professionals to address local health disparities.

The Sandra Joy Anderson Community Health and Wellness Center is planned as a \$35 million complex to serve the medical needs of HT students, faculty and staff, as well as the underserved populations throughout Central Texas. It will play a huge role in helping eliminate disparities in mental-healthcare services within the Central Texas African-American population.

To further the synergy of this initiative, Huston-Tillotson University has partnered with Austin Travis County Integral Care (ATCIC), Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services (HHSD), a Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC), and other key stakeholders to provide mental- and behavioral-health practitioners committed to servicing a diverse population that has been absent of minority caregivers and service providers. In addition, the City of Austin is providing support and has endorsed the initiative.



A rendering of the proposed Sandra Joy Anderson Community Health and Wellness Center.

The importance of the health and wellness initiative was recently reinforced by Dr. William Lawson, professor and chairman of the Department of Psychiatry at Howard University College of Medicine. Lawson, named by Black Enterprise as one of "America's Leading Black Doctors," led a two-day lecture and dialogue on the topic.

"HT's new Community Health and Wellness Center, with its gymnasium, classroom, and health services components, will strategically bring together the community and campus offerings to focus on holistic approaches to health—specifically in the areas of recreation, evaluation, education, and human performance," said President Earvin.

"The three-pronged approach of patient care, research, and community interventions will significantly improve the environment of care for the minority residents of East Austin." ♦

calendar 7

ACADEMIC YEAR 2014-2015



October

- 8 Poetry on the Patio
- 18 Concert Choir at HBCU College Fair (Chicago, IL)
- 19 Concert Choir at Trinity United Church of Christ (Chicago, IL)
- 19 University Day
- 19 University Day at Wesley United Methodist Church
- 21 Adult Degree Program (ADP)
Student Appreciation Event (5 - 6 p.m.)
- 23 Adult Degree Program (ADP)
Student Appreciation Event (5 - 6 p.m.)
- 24 Charter Day Observance

November

- 14 HT Fall Board of Trustees Meeting
- 17 "Great American Smokeout"
- 21 Student Thanksgiving Dinner (5 p.m.)
- 19 Thanksgiving Worship

December

- 1 Campus Christmas Tree Lighting
- 1 World AIDS Day
- 3 Christmas Worship

January

- 7 Faculty/Staff Institute
Adult Degree Program (ADP) Open House (5:30 - 8:30 p.m.)
- 8-9 Spring New Student Orientation
- 19 Martin Luther King Jr. March and Festival
- 20 Adult Degree Program (ADP)
Student Appreciation Event (5 - 6 p.m.)
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- 29 Bishop E.T. Dixon Lecture

February

- 7 Homecoming Basketball Game vs.
Paul Quinn College 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
- 19-22 UNCF 69th National Alumni Council Leadership Conference
(Charlotte, NC)
- 22 University Day
- 28 Community African American Heritage Festival

March

- 7 President's MASKED Scholarship Gala
- 16-21 Spring Break
- 20 Journée Internationale de la Francophonie
- 24 Annual Board Meeting

April

- 2 Community Easter Egg Hunt
- 8 Poetry on the Patio
Adult Degree Program (ADP) Open House
(5:30 - 8:30 p.m.)
- 9 Ninth Annual Louis G. Gregory Symposium on Race Unity
- 9-12 23rd Annual Austin International Poetry Festival
- 12 Adult Degree Program (ADP)
Student Appreciation Event (5 - 6 p.m.)
- 15 Jackie Robinson Day
- 14 Adult Degree Program (ADP)
Student Appreciation Event (5 - 6 p.m.)
- 22 Earth Day
- 23 ATCP Certification Celebration (6 p.m.)
- 26 James R. Wilson Intercollegiate Athletic Banquet (6 p.m.)

May

- 7-10 Alumni Reunion Weekend
- 7 President's 50-Year and Class of 2015 Reception
(6 - 9 p.m.)
- 8 27th Annual HT Select Shot Golf Tournament
Honors Convocation
- 9 Commencement Convocation (8:30 a.m.)
- 19-21 Second Annual Ministers' Conference

June

- 19 Juneteenth Parade
- 30 President Larry L. Earvin's Retirement



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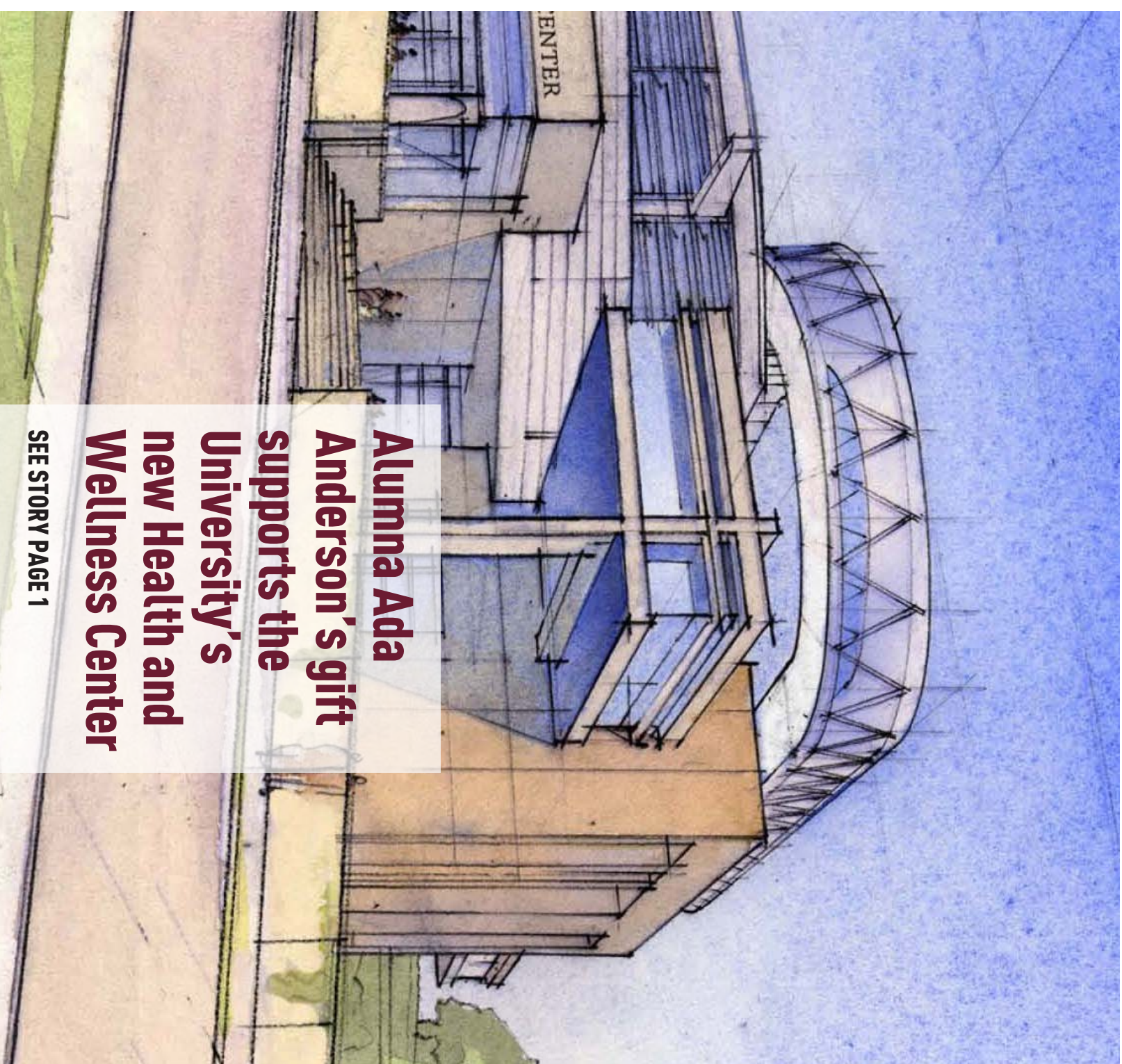
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