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# DISCOVER YOUR FUTURE.

**HT'S ADULT  
DEGREE PROGRAM (ADP)  
ENROLL NOW!**



*Read about the program on page 3. Pictured is alumnus DeQuincy Adamson, '05, the face of the ADP advertising campaign.*



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## 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.

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## A Word from the HT President's Desk

Like previous editions of the *Ram Magazine*, this issue highlights the many accomplishments of HT students, faculty and staff, and alumni. The trajectory for the University is evidenced by these stories. The University continues its growth and vitality during a time when the higher education community is facing very challenging issues.

The University is most proud of the achievements of its students and graduates and the increasing recognition received by its faculty. In addition, we take pride in the improvements of the physical campus and the implementation of programs to serve

adult populations in Austin and surrounding communities. These are characteristics that are the trademark of a solid urban university.

The University also celebrates the accreditation of its program in Business Administration, which adds extra benefit to graduates of this program who are pursuing employment or graduate school admittance. Similarly, the teacher education program underwent a rigorous review that yielded outstanding results. The reinstated program in communication also holds the promise of greatness. These career-focused programs complement our traditional liberal

arts offerings which not only yield their own outstanding graduates but provide the foundation courses for all HT students.

These accomplishments would not be possible without the hard work of faculty and staff and the generous support of alumni and friends. We salute you! We invite alumni and friends to visit the campus, see the transformed Downs-Jones Library, the new Communications Studio, the renovated Dickey-Lawless Science facilities and the work soon to begin our Residence Halls.

But for now, enjoy your reading!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ray H. Brown".

# Adult Degree Program Offers Working Adults a Choice for Degree Completion

Huston-Tillotson University officials launched a new Adult Degree Program (ADP) designed for working adults to secure the Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration or Criminal Justice. The University's new initiative includes a highly focused adult degree program supported by advertising and marketing; student recruitment, retention and accounting; curriculum development; and learning management systems and support.

The first cohort of adult learners began the program in January 2013. Students receive a personalized degree completion plan with one-on-one advising throughout the program. Courses are offered in sequence one evening a week with learning teams for

group projects and assignments. Financial aid is also available to those who qualify.

"Since 1875, the sons and daughters of HT have made a dramatic difference in the quality of life for the communities and people they touch. HT has educated first generation students who are often faced with a myriad of challenges. These students may find the quality and quantity of college courses to be rigorous and demanding. Huston-Tillotson provides diverse students a proven environment for academic success. True to its roots, Huston-Tillotson embraces the responsibility of intellectually challenging well-prepared students while offering those who may need support an opportunity to

reach their full potential," said HT President Larry L. Earvin, Ph.D.

The business administration degree delivers a course of study preparing competent business professionals to meet the challenges of an interdependent world with students making an immediate contribution to the business environment. Within the four-year interdisciplinary criminal justice program, students will receive the tools necessary for critical knowledge, communication, personal growth, and real-world application opportunities.

Interested individuals may visit the HT Web site at [www.htu.edu](http://www.htu.edu) or call 512.505.6455 to speak to an ADP admission counselor.



Adult degree students in their Business Communication class.



# 102 and 100 Year Old Buildings Standing Tall on Austin's Second Highest Hill

**E**vans Industrial Hall built in 1911 and the Anthony and Louise Viaer-Alumni Hall built two years later, hit the century mark as the pride of the HT campus.

The Old Administration Building, a stately memorial to an earlier generation's commitment to education, self-help, and empowerment of African American people,

was constructed between 1913-1914. It was renamed the Anthony and Louise Viaer-Alumni Hall in 2006. 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 structure was one of three

remaining buildings from Tillotson College. None of the buildings from the Samuel Huston College campus remains at the site, which now serves as the access road adjacent to IH-35 on Twelfth Street and is designated with a historical marker. Once the center of campus activities with its administrative offices, library, and classrooms, the old administration building sat vacant from



1969 to August 2004 when the Institutional Advancement offices occupied the edifice.

The 100-year old, three story Viaer-Alumni Hall is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and designated with a Texas Historical Marker as a Texas Historical Site. The exterior contains 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. In the interior of the building, the 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 Viaer and alumna Bertha Sadler Means. Other funding came through the Department of Interior Appropriations Act, The United Methodist Church Black College Fund, the Austin Convention and Visitor’s Bureau heritage program, the Economic Development Administration, and the Texas Historical Commission.

Evans 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.

The offices of the President, Associate Provost, Dean of the University College, Human Resources, Institutional Advancement, and Institutional Planning Research and Assessment are housed in Viaer-Alumni Hall, affectionately referred to by students as the “White House.”

## TAKEN FROM THE 1913-1914 CATALOGUE

### The Administration Building

The new Industrial Building has taught the College a rare lesson in confidence and achievement. Believe and wisely strive to make a needed end and faith shall reach fruition. With a large faith and vision, the Trustees selected an Administration Building, much needed by our growing Institution, as the immediate endeavor. This should be central in location and in service, commodious, fitted with offices and classrooms, its estimated cost not less than \$15,000.

The undertaking, great as it was and calling for the utmost effort of the College, they believe practical—to prepare plans, to use such funds as might be available to begin the work, to organize enthusiastic students for the effort and build in part by student labor, believing “with faith in God and the friends of the work that funds will be forthcoming to complete the building within a reasonable of time.”

Again, the friend who made the new Industrial Building possible came to our aid. Another generous offer, a quick response by the Association which directs the work, the promise of the College to secure fair contributions—so nearly half the sum required was assured. A friend in Dallas sent \$100, and other friends in Texas and from distant states sent valued contributions, so sharing in the service of the College. The College campus, under surveyor’s chain and draftsman’s pen, had given the fit location. The architect had drafted plans. With joyful celebration in February, we broke ground, and soon the deep foundations held the rising structure our students helping on the work. In June, the walls almost completed the second story, the encircling hills. They, looking back, returned its greeting, attracted by its quiet grace and charm.

We look upon the building with glad and grateful hearts—grateful to Him who heeds every worthy longing and answers earnest service, though humble and imperfect—grateful to our kind friend who in our need had first with large and generous spirit come to our assistance—grateful to all the friends whose valued contributions had made them sharers in our building and our work.

### What Meant the Evans Industrial Building to our College?

It meant with Allen Hall and the Girls’ Building another building on our campus. It meant much more. It meant a building commodious and beautiful and well equipped to give young men the best industrial training. It meant much more. Our College, we believe, will grow and will fulfill in larger and yet larger measure the vision of the Greater Tillotson. Another new building then will grace our campus, larger, more costly, perhaps more beautiful, but none can take the place of this in its own eminence. This marked a crisis, made possible the building yet to come—an inspiration to the new and larger life of Tillotson to be.

This larger life made possible an opening to our College, there must be no delay in pressing forward. While yet this first endeavor was unfinished, new plans were being laid for larger growth and greater undertaking. Indeed, our beautiful Industrial Building is the beginning. In humble confidence, believing that it has a larger mission, the College is obedient to the larger vision.



# Huston-Tillotson University's Renovated Library and Newly Constructed Communication Center the Talk of the Campus



The grand reopening of the Downs-Jones Library and the opening of a new Communication Center in March drew a crowd of loyal supporters to campus to tour the facilities.

The 16,000 square-foot, split-level \$2.3 million library renovation of open spaces, study and computer areas, main stacks, the circulation desk, a central master staircase with glass handrails, and the Ram Café on the main level brought some in the crowd to tears. The lower level also includes media services, a classroom, and additional reading rooms. Overall, the library is now equipped with an elevator, energy-efficient lighting with

sensors, new heating and air conditioning units, upgraded windows units, advanced technological enhancements, and a new roof.

The Downs-Jones Library was completed in 1960 and 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. Jones' daughter, Dr. Wilhelmina Perry, spoke at the opening. The library offers a fully-integrated automated system for students, faculty, and staff access to thousands of bound books, more than 33,000 ebooks in various disciplines, and 250,000 ejournals, as well as access to leading news

and opinion magazines. As a participating library in Journal Storage (JSTOR), ProQuest, and TexShare (a state-wide resource sharing program), the Huston-Tillotson community is able to access electronic databases (full-text journal articles included), borrow books directly from other libraries, and request materials through interlibrary loan. Patrons also have access to the collection of African American newspapers online. In addition, the library houses a non-circulating archival collection, representing the institution's history, administrative documents, papers (of the former Presidents of the institution), yearbooks, and memorabilia. Finally, the National Endowment for the Humanities



Bridging Cultures initiative awarded HT the Muslim Journeys Bookshelf collection. The collection consists of 25 books and three films. The “Let’s Talk About It” reading and discussion series features some of the materials included in the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys that will be part of the HT curriculum.

The grand opening of the \$300,000 Communication Center integrates contemporary applications across multiple platforms for the next generation of media professionals. The new Communication Center, housed on the third floor of the Agard-Lovinggood Building, complements the communication major that was reintroduced during the Fall 2011 semester.

Funds from the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA) facilitated by U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett were used to develop the communication degree program and campus location.

The new degree and center not only strengthen the University’s course offerings with a comprehensive multimedia degree path for students specifically interested in the subject but seeks to attract and place more minorities into the field.

## MORE CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

On your next visit to campus take a look at the following enhancements:

- The University’s campanile, the pride of the campus and image depicted in the new logo, was restructured to preserve the historic monument. The \$80,000 project included installing steel reinforcements, replacing masonry and brick, and a power washing. Listen for the musical melody every hour.



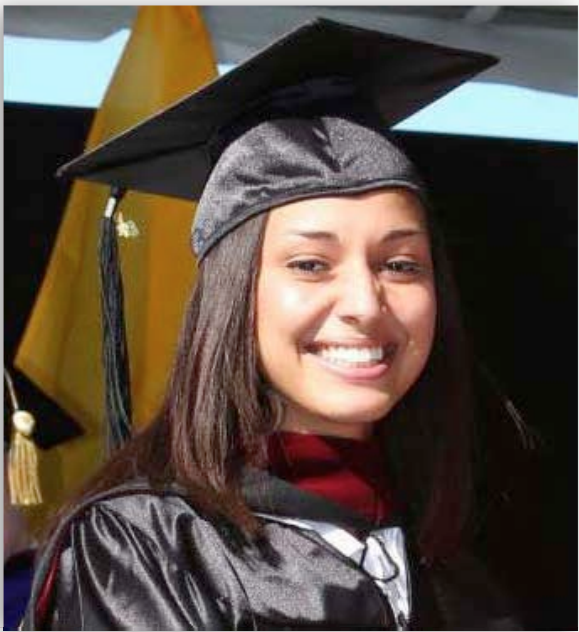
- Several upgrades have been completed in the Dickey-Lawless Science Building during the past few years with the new roof as the latest enhancement. Retrofitting and upgrading the laboratories for the structure constructed in 1954 have completely transformed the building. Summer environmental science camps, the Saturday STEM Academy, and initiatives such as the Minority Science and Engineering Improvement Program (MSEIP), and Austin Pre-Freshman Engineering Program (AusPrEP) are now housed in an environment where practical applications are performed proficiently.
- In 2013 cold weather awaited graduates during the outdoor Commencement Convocation ceremony held on the athletic field. The cold weather gave way to pleasant temperatures that greeted the thousands of guests in attendance before the end of the ceremony.

University officials are in the planning phase for the next campus building project: The Community Health and Wellness Center. The Center will strategically bring together the Intercollegiate Athletics and Kinesiology departments with programs in physical education, athletic training, and athletics, which are presently located

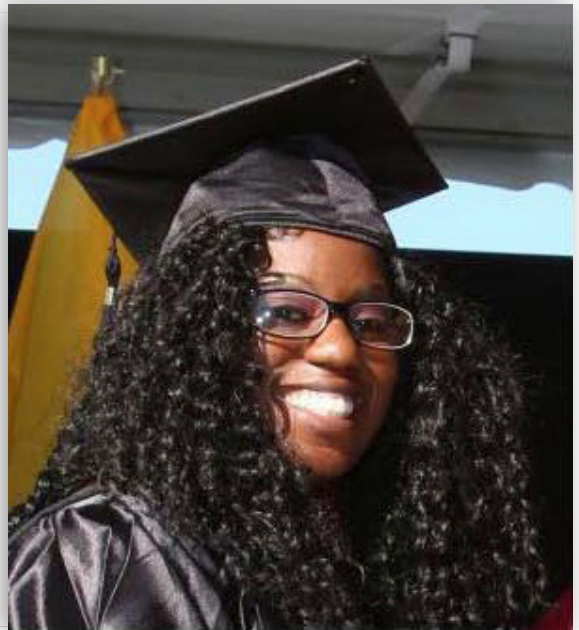
in different areas of the campus. In addition, the center will focus on holistic approaches to health—specifically in the areas of recreation, evaluation, education, and human performance. The new Community Health and Wellness Center will provide indoor space for events such as Commencement Convocation. The community will also be able to access mental and physical health professionals who will be housed in the Community Health and Wellness Center.



Campus tower under renovation.



Andrea S. Cash



LaCourtney R. Davis



Micah D. Johnson

# First Three Communication Majors Graduate in 2013

Andrea S. Cash, LaCourtney R. Davis, and Micah D. Johnson are the first three graduates to earn the Bachelor of Arts degree in the reinstated communication major. Enrollment in the program increased steadily since the launch in 2011 with continuing, transfer, and newly admitted students building the program.

The major, in the University's College of Arts and Sciences within the Department of Humanities and Fine Arts is a 33-semester hour program of courses devoted to communication technology, news reporting, and communication studies 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.



Lynne Dobson



## LIBRARY DONATIONS

*Donor Continues the Spirit of Giving Through Book Donation*



Lanie Tankard (left) and Patricia Wilkins, Director of Library and Media Services

### ROSA PARKS PORTRAIT PART OF THE LIBRARY COLLECTION

An unexpected surprise from Lynne Dobson emerged during the Downs-Jones Library grand reopening. Dobson, who serves on the Whataburger Board of Directors and is an avid collector of art, tapped into her private collection to donate a framed photograph of Rosa Parks to the HT library collection. Parks, identified as “the first lady of civil rights,” by the United States Congress, launched bus boycotts when she refused to give up her seat on a Montgomery bus during the period of segregation. Dobson donated a Brian Lanker

photographed Rosa Parks in his 1988 book “I Dreamed a World: Portrait of Black Women Who Changed America.”

### WORLD BOOK NIGHT SPREADS TO HT

Lanie Tankard with Tarrytown United Methodist Church presented books to HT in recognition of World Book Night. World Book Night began in 2011 and is celebrated on April 23rd annually in order to spread the love of reading from person to person. Volunteer book givers like Tankard seek individuals and organizations interested in spreading reading as well.

# Speaker Marc H. Morial Receives the Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree During Commencement Convocation

Entrepreneur, lawyer, professor, legislator, former New Orleans Mayor, and current National Urban League President Marc H. Morial has one more accolade to add to his list of accomplishments. He received Huston-Tillotson University's honorary Doctor of Laws degree during the Commencement Convocation held on Saturday, May 4.

Morial, also the speaker for the graduation ceremony, encouraged the Class of 2013 to nurture the three seeds of choice, courage, and compassion. Referencing Huston-Tillotson's Class of 1963, also in attendance to celebrate their 50-year anniversary, Morial with his bold, direct style shared history lessons with the crowd of more than 2,000 in attendance. He talked about the courage of President Barack Obama and baseball great Jackie Robinson. He reflected upon Obama's choice to set his sights on the presidency of the United States when others thought the odds were against him. He echoed Robinson's courage as the first black athlete to play Major League Baseball when he was drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers. The legacy that Robinson created is a legacy that runs through HT when he was an instructor and basketball coach at HT's predecessor institution Samuel Huston before returning to HT in 1972 to serve on the Board of Trustees.

The record low crisp, cool temperature lasted a few hours before the sun broke through to warm the audience during the outdoor ceremony. Morial ended his 13-minute speech with remarks about compassion and the abiding commitment to serve those in need.

Of note from the Class of 2013 is the graduation of HT's largest class of W.E.B. DuBois Honor Scholars. The William Edward Burghardt DuBois Honors Program was launched during the 2003-04 academic year. Named for the African American sociologist, historian, writer, civil rights advocate, and intellectual of the 20th Century, the program attracts academically gifted students whose high school accomplishments indicate their intellectual ability, level of motivation, and leadership potential. Graduates, majors, and home locations are as follows:

Biology, Dikibujiri Diri, Nigeria; Business Administration, Jamenequa W. Ben, Houston; Kwanna Green-Smith, Fort Worth; and Tyra Danielle Williams, Dallas; Communication, Micah Johnson, Mesquite; Computer Science, Jarrett Lindsey, Houston; Sammy Mudede, Zimbabwe; and Stefan Spears, Trinidad and Tobago; Education, Mariah Brown, Stacey Brunswick, and Destiny Roundtree, all from Fort Worth; Mathematics, Pamela E. Carias, Houston; and Mercedes Wheatfall, Fort Worth. Mudede, who also graduated with highest honors, has been accepted into the recognized Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to earn the master's degree in computer science. He will return to the Boston Scientific Corporation in St. Paul, Minnesota for a second summer as a software engineer intern before moving on to graduate school.

Commencement Convocation culminated a weekend of activities that included Reunion Weekend 2013 and Honor's Convocation. Students who earned high academic honors and placement on the Dean's List and Honor Roll were recognized at the annual Honor's Day Convocation. Top ranking seniors and the majors who were honored are as follows: Biology, Dikibujiri I. Diri and Lisa R. Kelley; Business Administration, Jamenequa W. Ben



2013 W.E.B. DuBois  
Honors Scholars



and Billy D. Howard; Chemistry and Biology, Valerie M. Talbert-Dorsey; Communication, Micah D. Johnson; Computer Information Systems, Aisha Z. Henderson and Ross A. Kelley; Computer Science, Jarrett L. Lindsey and Sammy T. Mudede; Computer Science and Mathematics, Stefan F. M. Spears; Criminal Justice, Phillip Michael Canty; Education, Destiny G. Roundtree and Sandra H. Staes; English, Sonya G. Reyes and Brittnee C. Pettie; History, Joseph C. Wright; Kinesiology, Faron E. Bradley and Erica S. Cray; Mathematics, Pamela E. Carias and Ernest P. Valdez; Music, Chrisdon M. McGhee; Political Science, Veronica Numesubo and Nimi N. Kemuel; Psychology, Jasmin K. Massey and Benjamin D. Torres; and Sociology, Daniel V. Culpepper.

Terrence L. Brooks, who earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration from HT in 2008 was the Honors Convocation speaker. Brooks is currently enrolled at the Dallas Theological Seminary, pursuing his master's degree in Theology. He challenged the honorees to think about what God wants them to do. "There are only two great days in your life: The day you were born and the day you discover why," he concluded.

#### Class of 2013



#### FACEBOOK COMMENT:

*It was such a privilege to happen to be on the campus of Huston-Tillotson University, picking up my son, during the celebration after the graduation exercises. There is just something about graduation at an historically black college that you have to experience it to understand it. HBCUs know how to make it truly a family affair. After the caps and gowns came off, it was "on" with the barbecue and dancing on the yard. Everybody from the Dean and the English professor, to the proud grandmas, and little kids dancin' it out with "Roger Troutman and Zapp" on the box. So great to see...an incredible day. Congratulations... Deborah*

Vicki Lott, Marc H. Morial  
(center), and Larry L. Earvin





# Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee Celebrated HT's 137<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The most influential and forceful voice in Washington, D.C., Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, rendered the keynote address during Huston-Tillotson University's 2012 Charter Day Convocation held in October. The commemoration of two higher education institutions—Tillotson College, founded by what is now the United Church of Christ, and Samuel Huston College, founded by The United Methodist Church—were honored during the Charter Day celebration that included pre- and post- events.

Charter Day represents the official designated celebration of the Trustees' signing of the State of Texas Charter of Incorporation that established Huston-Tillotson College (now known as Huston-Tillotson University). The 1952 merger created one of the largest black Protestant church-related colleges in the country at that time. HT, an historically black institution, has the proud distinction of being Austin's first institution of higher education with roots dating back to 1875. The University remains a private, church-affiliated institution that is currently home to nearly 1,000 students of varying ethnic, racial and religious heritage with the majority being African American.

Congresswoman Jackson Lee has served for 18 years as a member of the United States House of Representatives, representing the 18th Congressional District of Texas,

centered in Houston. She has served on various committees, including Foreign Affairs, Homeland Security, Judiciary, and currently serves as the Ranking Member of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Transportation Security and Infrastructure Protection. She was chairwoman of that same committee during the 110th and 111th Congress, advocating for support of enhanced technology, better intelligence, increased airplane cargo inspections, increased security for railroads, and implementation of the 9/11 Commission report. She is also a Senior Member of the House Judiciary Committee where she is a leader on Bullying Prevention. As a member of the Congressional Black Caucus, she serves as First Vice Chair, Chair of the Energy Task Force, and Co-Chair of the Redistricting Task Force for the 112th Congress. She also represents the Congressional Black Caucus on immigration reform issues.

Congresswoman Jackson Lee earned a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors in political science from Yale University, followed by a jurisprudence degree from the University of Virginia Law School.

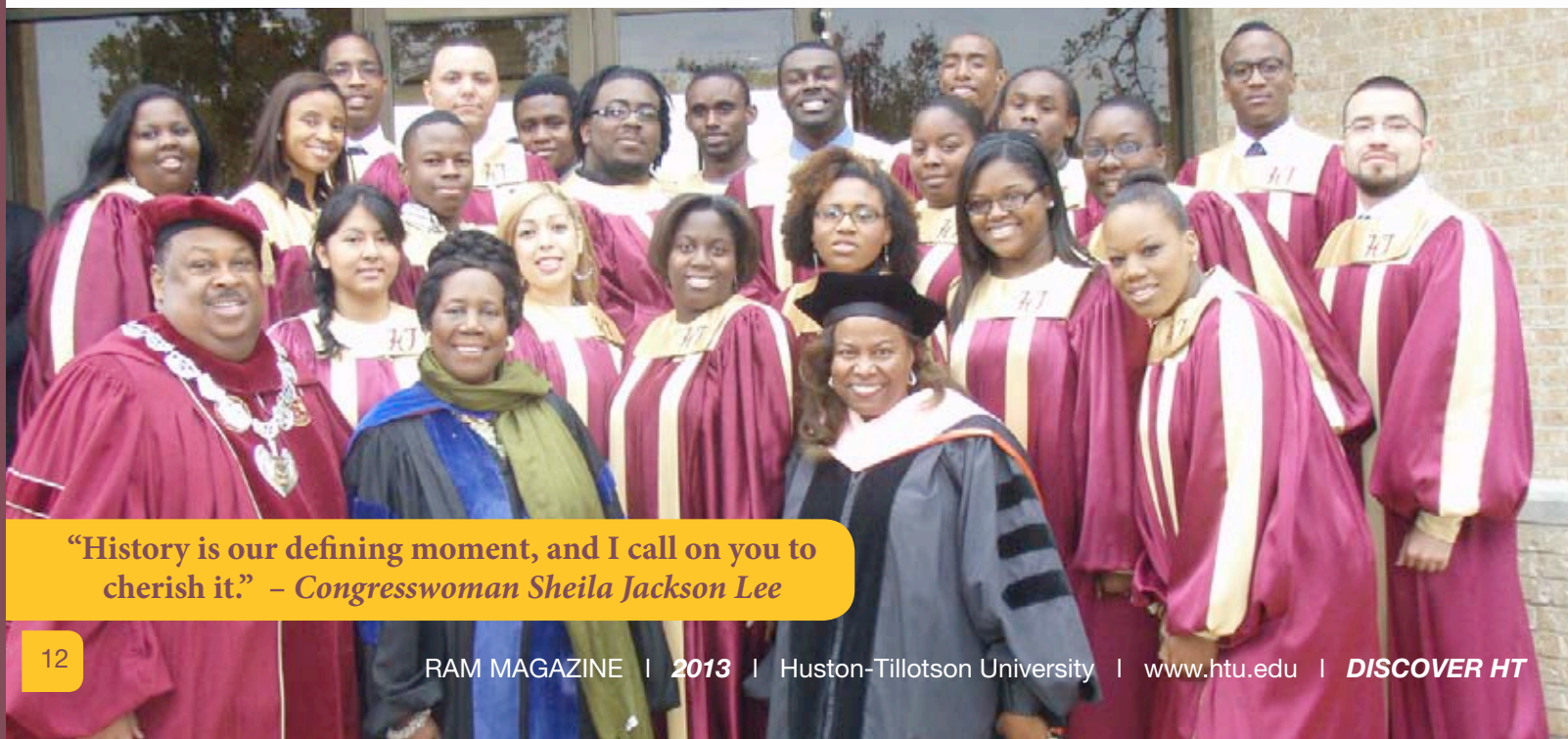
The Charter Day program profiled top ranking seniors, featured the concert choir

under the direction of Gloria Quinlan, and showcased the jazz combo under the direction of Javier Stuppard.

The week of activities also included a symposium, University Day, and closed with a Sunday worship at St. Mary Baptist Church in Pflugerville, Texas, where alumnus Rev. Richard Coaxum is the pastor.



*The "Game Changers" symposium moderated by Roderick L. Smothers (pictured left), featured Austin Area Urban League President and Chief Executive Officer William "Teddy" McDaniel, III (second left), Capital City African American Chamber President and Chief Executive Officer Natalie M. Colfield, and Health and Human Services Director Carlos Rivera (right).*



**"History is our defining moment, and I call on you to cherish it." – Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee**



# SAVE THE DATE

*High School Juniors and Seniors  
Invited to University Day*

High school juniors, seniors, and their parents are invited to discover Huston-Tillotson University during University Day, scheduled on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2014, on the campus at 900 Chicon Street. University Day, beginning at 9:00 a.m., provides prospective students the opportunity to visit the campus, meet faculty and staff, obtain information about majors, and receive scholarship and financial aid information.



Starting at 1 p.m., the public is invited to the 15th Annual African American Community Heritage Festival, sponsored by Texas State Representative Dawnna Dukes. The event features performances by youth groups, merchant vendors, mobile health services, a children's play area, and more.

Register online at [www.htu.edu](http://www.htu.edu) or contact Admission at 512.505.3028 or E-mail [admission@htu.edu](mailto:admission@htu.edu). Both events are free and open to the public.

## Rudd Visits with Congresswoman Jackson Lee

Mueni Rudd, HT's Miss UNCF 2012-2013, attended the 2012 African Nations Gala held in Houston, sponsored by The Houston African Community International Inc, (HACIUSA). The program highlighted and honored African nations and businesses that have achieved substantial success by merging vision, determination, commitment, perseverance, and durable dedication to building strong democratic countries and communities. HACIUSA's mission is to promote, strengthen, empower and unite all Africans and African descendants in Diaspora-Houston-Texas. Rudd is pictured with Congresswoman Shelia Jackson Lee, representing the 18th Congressional District of Texas.

## State Representative

### Dawnna Dukes Brings Heritage Festival to HT

*By Irmease Banks*

Texas State Representative Dawnna Dukes had some idea when she founded the African-American Community Heritage Festival in 2000 that the community would be drawn to the event on the historic HT campus. Now, fourteen years later this family-friendly festival continues to bring Austin communities together for a day of live entertainment, fun filled games, great food, and living history exhibits. During Black History Month, observed in February, HT plays host to the celebration on the beautiful grounds that sit on what was described as Austin's second highest hill when the institution was founded 138 year ago and became affectionately known to local residents as Bluebonnet Hill. Representative Dukes started this festival with a vision and purpose to raise scholarship funds for HT. Her vision was well implemented and the outcome of her dedication generated \$20,000 in 2013 for HT's scholarship fund.



The African American Community Heritage Festival continues to be a major event that highlights cultural advancements, the spirit of entrepreneurship, and noted entertainers. In 2013, the festival featured a live performance from the renowned Grammy nominated singer/songwriter Dwele who brought a neo soul, mesmerizing sound to the outdoor atmosphere.

More than a festival, the event says, thank you to the community from Dukes who is serving her ninth term as a member of the Texas House of Representatives for District 46, which comprises inner-city East Austin and Northeast Travis County.



# Huston-Tillotson University

## Concert Choir Releases CD

The Huston-Tillotson University Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Gloria Quinlan, 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 Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. 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.

Throughout the years, the concert choir has performed many different genres of music worldwide, including art songs of America, classical, contemporary classical, standard chorale from the Renaissance to the present, show tunes, and pop to name a few.

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 Concert Choir and other voice competitions.

The legacy of HT's great concert choir directors and accompanists lives through the Marcet Hines King Endowed Professorship in Music. Mrs. King served as a member of the HT faculty for 18 years and preceded her late husband John Q. Taylor King, Sr. who served as president of Huston-Tillotson from 1965 to 1988, in death. The choir's accomplishments are also memorialized through the Adams, Williams, Jones Endowed Scholarship, established by Nancy Crayton Jones in memory of choir directors Bert Adams and Nathaniel Williams, and her late husband Vernal Jones.

To purchase copies of the CD, visit [www.htu.edu](http://www.htu.edu) or call 512.505.3073.

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## Black History Month

### Places HT in the Spotlight

Austin's oldest institution of higher education, Huston-Tillotson University, with roots dating back to 1875, is at the center of community programming and activity during Black History Month. The University's month-long programming in deference to Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, also honors the legacy of Black History Month founder Carter G. Woodson and its designation in 1926.

#### **BISHOP E.T. DIXON LECTURE**

The Sixth Annual Bishop E.T. Dixon Lecture that launched Black History Month programming featured Dr. Albert Mosley who addressed an intriguing topic. Mosley addressed the faith community's response to human sexuality, especially sexual pluralism

and non-hetero expressions of sexuality under the topic, "Let's Talk About Sex Baby: Human Sexuality and the Black Church Experience." Mosley stated that the church must affirm the connection between body and soul in order to understand the sanctity of human relationships. He also stated that we must "teach children about sexuality in order to save their lives, because the culture of silence is damaging." He reminded everyone that the "religious community has always stood on the side of the oppressed."

Mosley is President of Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta, GA. Prior to being named the President of Gammon, he served as the University Chaplain and Director of the Multi-Faith Studies Program at The Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

Before his appointment at The Johns Hopkins University, Mosley served as Director of the Center for Civic Engagement and Professor in the Penonni Honors College of Drexel University (Philadelphia, PA), teaching courses ranging from comparative ethics to public life and leadership.

Dixon, for whom 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 in 1943 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. He retired in 1992 and died in 1996. Huston-Tillotson is

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affiliated with The United Methodist Church, the United Church of Christ, and offers a minor in religious studies.

## JOINT CONCERT



Area university choirs (pictured above) joined voices for the annual University of Texas at Austin, Butler School of Music, Joint Black History Month Concert. The 2013 event featured composer Charles Lloyd, Jr. Noted for his musical compositions and arrangements, Lloyd was the featured guest during the annual collaborative concert with the Huston-Tillotson University Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. Gloria Quinlan; the Prairie View A&M University Concert Chorale, under the direction of Dr. A. Jan Taylor; and the University of Texas at Austin Concert Choir, under the direction of Dr. James Morrow.



Lloyd, (pictured left) accomplished composer, pianist, arranger, and coach, teaches at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A native of Toledo, Ohio, he received a Bachelor of Science in music education

from Norfolk State University in Virginia and master's degree in music from the University of Michigan. His works have been performed in recitals and by orchestras throughout the United States and Europe. In 2000, Warner Brothers Publications published a collection of his spirituals, titled, "The Spiritual Art Song Collection." He also received the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) Award in 1993.

Students from all of the institutions were highlighted in solo performances with HT's tenor Johnny Scott, soprano M'Kenzie Flakes, and former student bass James Andrew Ward mesmerizing the audience. HT's famed pianist Dr. Stephan Burnaman accompanied numerous vocalists in selections ranging from "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" to Lloyd's "Poor Wayfaring Stranger."

## BLUES AND JAZZ

Live music in East Austin on a Sunday. Who could ask for more? Performers such as The HT Concert Choir and Jazz Combo; James Polk and Pamela Hart; Blind Orange Jefferson and the Seeing Eye Band; Robert Kelly and Blue Mist Soul Band; Hot Wax; W.C. Clark Blues Review; and others performed during the 25th Annual Blues and Jazz Festival, sponsored by the HT Alumni Association, Austin Chapter. The event honors the legacy of musicians who played clubs such as East Austin's Victory Grill on their "chitlin" circuit tour.

## W.E.B. DUBOIS LECTURE



Award-winning photographer and photojournalist Eli Reed (pictured above) was the featured speaker during Huston-Tillotson University's Tenth Annual W.E.B. DuBois Lecture, in February 2013. Reed visited with HT students during a master-class and lecture to discuss his view of the world through photography. "Analyze lighting quick, stay out of the way, and let the picture take you," Reed advised. A photography exhibit was on display in the Anthony and Louise Viera-Alumni Hall where Reed autographed limited-edition photographs.

Reed studied at Harvard University, is a clinical professor of photojournalism at the University of Texas at Austin, and was a runner up for the Pulitzer Prize for Feature Photography in 1982. He received the 2011 Lucie Award for Achievement in Documentary Photography. His photographs have appeared in National Geographic, Time, Newsweek, US News & World Report, the New York Sunday Times Magazine, Men's Journal, Sports Illustrated, Vibe, Vogue, Harper's Bazaar, GQ, Fortune, Oggi, Marie Claire, and the London Sunday Times. His images have also been featured in projects such as, "Beirut: City of Regrets," "Rwandan Refugees in Tanzania," and "Lost Boys of Sudan."



## Work of World Renowned Sculptor and Artist Heads to Campus

President Larry L. Earvin signed a Memorandum of Understanding with International Trade Center (ITC) Houston representatives Yusef Muhammad and Wea Lee to house on campus the works of world renowned sculptor and artist Willy Wang (pictured left). The agreement

also provides opportunities to recruit more students from China.

Willy Wang graduated from the sculpture department of the Beijing Central Academy of Fine Arts in 1962 and immigrated to the United States in 1981.

# Educator Preparation Program is Reaccredited by the Texas Education Agency

Houston-Tillotson University officials received notification from the Texas Education Agency (TEA) that its Educator Preparation Program (EPP) earned the “accredited” status under the Accountability System for Educator Preparation (ASEP).

The accreditation status for the program is based upon State Board of Educator Certification (SBEC) standards of the candidates’ examination performance. HT undergraduate and Alternative Teacher Certification Program (ATCP) candidates achieved a 90% pass rate to surpass the 80% pass rate standard set by SBEC. “Our team of dedicated professionals, advisors, and the administration has always provided the support for the program in order to ensure students’ success,” said Dr. Ruth Kane, Chair, Educator Preparation Department and associate professor. “We knew we were operating at the highest level.”

Huston-Tillotson University with its 138 year history has roots dating back to Tillotson Collegiate and Normal Institute established

for the purpose of preparing teachers to educate the black community after the Civil War. Today, HT offers Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees in 19 areas of study and serves a diverse population of students from around the world.

HT’s Educator Preparation Program is framed within a social justice perspective that enhances the educator candidate’s ability to apply research-based pedagogy in a wide range of educational settings. To fulfill this mission, the educator candidates engage in field-based experiences with diverse populations through collegial relationships, reciprocal dialogue, and authentic practices in order for educator candidates to emerge as professionals with the competence and commitment to participate in and contribute to a complex and changing society.

Undergraduates from the program receive a degree in Teacher Education with an interdisciplinary focus or a specific academic concentration (e.g. mathematics, history, music, etc.) Every educator candidate

completes a bachelor’s degree with an academic major or interdisciplinary academic major as well as the Professional Development sequence of educator preparation courses. Candidates in the ATCP earn the certificate in their respective areas to teach in Texas.

“This accomplishment continues to bolster the University’s standing as a preeminent institution of higher learning,” said President Larry L. Earvin, Ph.D.

## ATCP PART OF A QUALITY INDICATORS PILOT TESTING

*The Alternative Teacher Certification Program (ATCP) was selected by the National Association for Alternative Certification (NAAC) to serve as a pilot site for the National Quality Indicators for Nontraditional Teacher Preparation programs. Participation includes collecting artifacts, writings, and narratives to post in an assessment tool for review and feedback.*

## Huston-Tillotson University Participates in Study of College and University Policies

Linking Institutional Policies to Student Success (LIPSS), seeks to determine whether – and which – institutional policies might be leveraged to improve college student persistence and graduation rates at colleges and universities.

College and university administrators have long struggled 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 participated in a study titled Linking Institutional Policies to Student Success (LIPSS).

HT received national visibility and recognition as a foundational participant in the LIPSS project. In addition, HT received a campus report that compared policies at HT to those at other institutions as well as free

participation in a 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 during which 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 surveyed 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 addressed institutional policies and practices related to issues such as assessment, faculty/staff hiring practices, curricular offerings, and student services. Data collection began in Spring 2012.

For more information on the LIPSS project please visit <http://CHERTI.fsu.edu/LIPSS>.



# RAMONOMICS



**H**uston-Tillotson University's Default Prevention/Financial Literacy Program is designed to assist students with a variety of money management tools. 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 students.

## **RAMONOMICS**

- Budget
- Food
- Shelter
- Clothing
- Laptop
- Textbooks
- Transportation
- Telephone
- Credit card

## **NOT NECESSARY**

- Eating out daily
- Expensive computer
- Designer clothing and shoes
- Off campus apartment living with hidden costs
- New textbooks
- New car
- Latest smart telephone

## **RAMONOMICS EVENTS:**

**September 17, 2013**

- Making the Most Out of Your Scholarship Search

**October 15, 2013**

- Credit Basics:  
How Money Works

**November 8, 2013**

- Managing Credit:  
Priorities and Pitfalls

**January 29, 2014**

- Making the Most Out of Your Scholarship Search

**February 13-14, 2014**

- Completing the 2014/2015 FAFSA Workshop

**April 21-25, 2014**

- Financial Literacy Week

**Check [www.htu.edu](http://www.htu.edu)  
for event locations and times.**

# Team of 11 Faculty Members Guide Student Research During Day-Long Symposium

Research runs through every discipline and was showcased during the Dr. Joseph Jones, Jr. Eighth Annual HT Undergraduate Research Day Symposium. Jones, first Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, who retired in 2010, returned to welcome participants. The event featured opening remarks by Ms. Jaya Soni, Director of Institutional Planning, Research and Assessment, and Mrs. Adrian Lipscombe, Bike Share Project Manager in Austin's Neighborhood Connectivity Division. Students, working under the watchful eye of faculty, presented abstracts of 17 research projects ranging from the children of incarcerated mothers to post traumatic stress disorder in military veterans.

The Research Day Committee included: Dr. Michael Abel, Assistant Professor of Biology; Dr. Carol Adams-Means, Associate Professor of Communication; Dr. Kathryn Davis, Chair, Business Administration and Assistant Professor of Business Administration; Dr. Ardavan E-Lotfalian, Professor of Kinesiology; Dr. Carolyn Golden, Chair, Computer Science and Assistant Professor of Computer Science; Dr. Julie Hudson, Assistant Professor of English; Mr. Dean Keddy-Hector, Assistant Professor of Biology; Dr. Robert Kellogg, Associate Professor of Business Administration; Dr. Rozena McCabe, Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Kinesiology; Dr. Debra Murphy, Professor of Psychology; and Dr. Kathy Schwab, Chair, Natural Sciences and Professor of Biology.

Research projects are as follows:

*Gene Expression Alterations Between Matigel Basement Membrane and Plastic Surfaces*

Nahome G. Bete, Biology

Advisor: Matthew Bet, Computer Science

Findings showed that 10% of cell lines in pancreatic patients express CA19-9 and MR2, which are tumor markers.

*Preliminary Study of Population Density, Territory Size and Nesting Productivity of Northern Mockingbirds (Minus Pologlotts: Linnaeus 175)*

Rita Dein, Lisa Kelley, and Icy Walker, Biology

Advisor: Dean Keddy-Hector, Biology  
Study tracked the Northern Mockingbird, state bird of Texas, renowned for its complex song mimicry abilities and its pugnacious defense of territories, nests, and young.

*Monte Carlo's Method of Defining Pi*  
Breanna Flores, Math

Advisor: Ahmad Kamalvand, Math  
Used the Monte Carlo method of randomized figures to show Pi.

*Pandemic Flu Mortality Trends*

Lisa Kelley, Biology  
Advisor Dean Keddy-Hector, Biology  
Report compares the mortality rates of 1874, a year without a pandemic, and 1918, a year with a pandemic.

*HT Environmental Statistics*

Icy Walker, Biology  
Advisor Dean Keddy-Hector, Biology

Research revealed the statistical information related to HT's recycling efforts.

*Which Civil War Amendment Was the Most Significant?*

Brittany R. White, Joseph C. Wright, Lavell L. Lathan, Denae M. Robbins, Kayla Thomas, Fidelis I. Ariguzo, Eric G. Johnson, and Breiaon S. King, History  
Advisor: Dr. Janice Sumler-Edmond, History  
Students constructed arguments as to why their selected amendment—Thirteenth Amendment abolished slavery; the Fourteenth Amendment granted citizenship to African Americans and guaranteed to them equal protection of the laws; and the Fifteenth Amendment gave African American men the right to vote—was more significant than the other two.

*Cold Cases: The Missing Link and the Truth We May Never Know*

Phillip Canty, Criminal Justice  
Advisor: Dr. Lorraine A. Samuels, Criminal Justice  
The research examined why cold cases continue to rise and identified trends and factors as strong indicators that a case most likely will not be solved.

*The Gun Control Debate: Keeping Our School Safe*

Anita Cato, Criminal Justice  
Advisor: Dr. Lorraine A. Samuels, Criminal Justice

The paper focused on educating school



officials on how to keep campuses across the United States safe.

*The Criminal Justice System:*

*Perspectives on the Weakest Link*

Austin Cook, Criminal Justice

Advisor: Dr. Lorraine A. Samuels, Criminal Justice

The study addresses how America feels about its present system of justice.

*Wrongful Convictions and the*

*Role of Eyewitness Testimonies*

Rique Guyton, Criminal Justice

Advisor: Dr. Lorraine A. Samuels, Criminal Justice

The study focused on three wrongful conviction cases that utilized eyewitness testimonies and all of which were later overturned.

*Am I My Brother's Keeper:*

*A Dialogue for Legalizing Marijuana*

Shawntarias Williams, Criminal Justice

Advisor: Dr. Lorraine A. Samuels, Criminal Justice

Against a backdrop of overcrowded prisons, taxes for growing prison systems, and the war on drugs and the effects on dependent minorities, should the United States legalized marijuana?

*Disagreement with a Cognitive Peer*

Veronica Numesubo, Political Science

Advisor: Dr. James Kraft, Philosophy

This research examines many factors related to one's beliefs. Does a cognitive peer from

another faith or philosophical perspective cause a reduction of confidence one has in the justification of one's belief?

*African American Women and HIV/AIDS*

Tyree Johnson, Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Debra Murphy, Psychology

Focus groups were established to discuss what can be done about the high rate of HIV/AIDS among African American women.

*Juveniles' View of Their Self Concept*

Jasmin Massey, Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Debra Murphy, Psychology

Conducted at a juvenile delinquency support group program, this study examined juvenile delinquents' view of their self-concepts.

*Children of Incarcerated Mothers*

Whitney Nico, Psychology

Advisor: Dr. Debra Murphy, Psychology

Girls with mothers who are absent deal with abandonment issues, adult-child role reversal issues, low self-esteem, longing for attention, and behavioral problems at school. The research may benefit guardians and mothers who have been incarcerated to be aware of the psychological effects adolescent girls have as a result of incarcerated parents.

*HIV/AIDS Needs Assessment of African*

*American Women in Austin: Why the Silence?*

*Psychosocial Aspects of Community*

*Mobilization Class*

Crystal Mayes, Montaya Stredic, Delfred

Hastings, Jasmine Richardson, Martineau

Jeffery-West, Tyree Johnson, Whitney Nico,

Ebonee Clark, Stephanie Kincheon, Charnece Sanders, Christopher Brown, Calvin Wright, Imelda Castilla, and Calvin McGhee

Advisor: Dr. Debra Murphy, Psychology

This ongoing study was conducted to assess the disproportionate number of African American women in Austin, Texas, with HIV/AIDS.

*Post Traumatic Stress Disorder*

*in Military Veterans*

Daniel Culpepper and Katriana Munguia

Advisor: Dr. Rosalee Martin, Sociology

With the immense number of military veterans who have returned from current wars, post traumatic stress disorder must be addressed and handled properly.

*Sodexo Inc. Education Wellness Campaign*

Yohannis Job, Tyra Williams, Oscar

Rodriguez, Chad Williams, Yanelys

Thompson, Chris Tuttle, and Clara Okafor

Advisor: Dr. Kathryn Davis, Business

The team developed a strategy and tactics that would help best position Sodexo as the world leader for their industry in health and wellness.

The four-member team of Job, Rodriguez, Chad Williams, and Tyra Williams was selected by Sodexo to represent HT and present at the 2013 Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) Leadership Conference, Student Case Study Competition, in Colorado.

The HT team won the competition.

# Huston-Tillotson University's Department of Business Administration Earns the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) Title

**H**uston-Tillotson University President Larry L. Earvin, Ph.D., announced that the Department of Business Administration within the School of Business and Technology (SBT) earned the prestigious “accreditation” title from the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP). “This departmental accreditation status from an international organization communicates the impressive ranking of HT and the programs offered,” Earvin said.

The ACBSP, one of two international undergraduate business school accrediting bodies, offers the voluntary evaluation process for colleges and universities seeking the highest level of recognition for their programs. The thorough three-day evaluation was followed by a five-year long process with a focus on six quality standards related

to communication between faculty and students, educational and business process management, as well as a commitment to continuous program improvements. “This confirms that the HT SBT has reached its goal of providing its students with an education of excellence and is preparing them to succeed in the corporate world,” said Steven Edmond, D.B.A., Dean of the School of Business and Technology.

HT’s Business Administration program with concentrations in accounting, management, and marketing is the most popular major.

The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs is a leading specialized accreditation association for business education supporting, celebrating, and rewarding teaching excellence. ACBSP

is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) as a specialized accreditation agency for business education. The association embraces the virtues of teaching excellence and emphasizes to students that it is essential to learn how to learn. ACBSP acknowledges the importance of scholarly research and inquiry and believes that such activities facilitate improved teaching. Institutions are strongly encouraged to pursue a reasonable mutually beneficial balance between teaching and research. And further, ACBSP encourages faculty involvement within the contemporary business world to enhance the quality of classroom instruction and to contribute to student learning.



## Chaplain Brewington Leads Hoodie Chapel Service To “Lift Our Voices” In Memory of Trayvon Martin



Joining churches around the country, HT's weekly chapel ceremony held in March placed the spotlight on injustices. Rev. Donald E. Brewington, University Chaplain, quoted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as saying, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

Trayvon Martin, an unarmed, black 17-year male, was fatally shot and killed by George Zimmerman, a 28-year old Hispanic male, in Sanford, Florida in 2012. The incident sparked protest, vigils, and dialogue around the country. While a Zimmerman not guilty verdict was rendered by the jury in the killing of the Florida youth, Brewington said "all indication is that injustice has occurred. When we can be called out and targeted for the color of our skin (or) the clothing we wear, that is in itself injustice and we as a people and especially a people of faith are called to speak up, stand up, and lift our voices for the sake of justice."

HT students wore hoodies and participated in a town-hall style meeting to discuss the issue.

## Professor's Research of Texas Slavery Featured In Austin American-Statesman



Dr. Carol Adams-Means, Associate Professor of Communication, published an opinion editorial article in the Feb. 9, 2013, edition of the *Austin American-Statesman*. Headlined "Voices From Slavery: the Travis County Narratives," the piece recounted the author's research in examining the intertwined lives of slaves, slave-owners and their descendants in Texas.

"Despite continued social strife there is also social progress," Adams-Means wrote. "We not only celebrate the heritage of African Americans, but of all Americans. Could Abraham Lincoln have foreseen the day that a person of color would govern from the White House?"

Read the entire opinion at <http://www.statesman.com/news/news/opinion/voices-from-slavery-the-travis-county-narratives/nWft9/>.

She also discussed the lives of African Americans in East Austin during a Feb. 20 appearance on the local FOX network affiliate, KTBC.

## Chemistry Professor Leads Students To Waco Conference on Lab Tools

Dr. Bradley Rowland, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, reported that students Shaina House, Fidelis Ariguzzo, and Raphus Foley participated in the Baylor University Advanced Instrumentation Workshop September 2012.

Rowland joined the three seniors in chemistry for the trip to Waco. "This (was) a fantastic program that will allow our senior chemistry majors to gain hands-on experience with advanced laboratory instrumentation as it applies to problems of interest to chemistry," he reported.

## Chemistry Student Chapter

As the HT Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society advisor, Rowland moved the classroom outside throughout the semester to introduce the campus to the world of chemistry. One cupcake for each periodic table element captured student interest.



## Rowland Participates in Climate Workshop

Rowland, who joined the HT faculty in 2011, was elected this year to join the American Meteorological Society. He attended the AMS Society Climate Studies Diversity Project Workshop held in Washington, D.C. Rowland is advancing HT's environmental sciences curriculum.

## Faculty & Staff News



**Dr. Gloria Quinlan**

**D**r. Gloria Quinlan, music, spoke during the February Black History Month observance at Blackademics, a lecture series on KLRU-TV featuring Black Studies Scholars.

Dr. Horacio Peña, Professor of Spanish, was appointed last fall as an outside reviewer for the Spanish Bachelor of Arts program at Texas Southern University.



**Dr. Horacio Peña**

Dr. Anne Cirella-Urrutia, French instructor, received acceptance of a book review from the peer-reviewed *Journal of Graphic Novels and Comics* in the United Kingdom.

Assistant Professor Dr. Javier Stuppard performed his final doctoral recital in the School of Music at the University of Texas at Austin in October 2012. Stuppard, HT's band director, played a collection of music ranging from classical to jazz. He joined the HT faculty in 2009 as the Assistant Professor of Music.



**Dr. Anna Cirella-Urrutia**

Dr. Lorraine Samuels, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, (not pictured) will attend the Faculty Resource Network's seminar on immigration issues, scheduled at New York University.

In early January 2014, Dr. Joyceia Banner, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, will represent HT at the seminar on European politics in Athens, Greece. Banner will have an opportunity to learn more about the history, structure, and politics of the European Union while residing in the country briefly. She attended the 2012 Faculty Enrichment Seminar in San Juan, Puerto Rico, where the topic of women's empowerment strategies in both the academy and the community were addressed.



**Dr. Javier Stuppard**

Huston-Tillotson University is among the 20 institutions selected as a Flagship Campus for the New York Faculty Resource Network (FRN) initiative titled, "A Network for Understanding the New Europe." Several HT faculty members will participate in a series of seminars that study the politics, economics, culture, and immigration issues of the European Union.



**Dr. Joyceia Banner**

## Marketing Students Compete on the National Stage



**M**arketing students competed in the 2012 American Advertising Federation National Student Advertising Competition (AAF/NSAC). The team left to right above of Yanelys Thompson, Yohannis Job, Chelsea Piper, and Laronica A. Humphrey completed the 32-page marketing campaign for client Nissan Americas and their Nissan brand targeted to multicultural audiences. The 20-minute presentation included extensive research and development in addition to the creation of an interactive environmental design with print and television elements. The HT team competed against more than 140 college and university AAF chapters within the district. The HT team of Brittney Bradley, Matt Abadie, Gabriel Gibbons, Tinashe Kupenga-Maposa, and Victor Rodriguez entered the first competition for the University in 2010. Dr. Kathryn Davis, Assistant Professor of Business Administration, serves as the advisor



## HT Students Respond Positively To Faculty-Led Writing Symposium

Creative writing flowered on the HT campus in November at the first Fall Writing Symposium. Ashley Nash, Assistant Professor of English; and Ryan Sharp, Writers' Studio Coordinator and Adjunct Professor organized and produced the event. Mike Hart, Assistant Professor of English, put on a fiction workshop and Sharp led a poetry workshop.

Jennine Krueger, Instructor of English, who is a national slam champion and HT alumna, produced a Spoken Word workshop, and a diverse group of faculty discussed "Writing to Publish." After the events, reported Katherine Oldmixon, Professor of English, "several students asked me if we had a creative writing major."

She assured students that they can major in English with a concentration in Writing Arts or take a minor in Professional Writing. Oldmixon also helped lead the Austin International Poetry



## HT Music Faculty Take the Stage to Showcase Their Talents



Music faculty at HT turned the spotlight on themselves during a spring faculty recital. Works ranging from composers such as Johann Sebastian Bach to Thelonious Monk were showcased. Faculty and their selections are as follows:

Jessica Giliam-Valls, bass, "Mook's Mood" by Thelonious Monk and "Elegy" by Giovanni Bottesini.

Janet Grohovac, guitar, "The Swan" by John Duarte and "Suite in A Minor, Prelude-Tres vite BWV 995" by J.S. Bach.

Stephen P. Burnaman, organ, "Toccata" by Theodore Dubois. Burnaman accompanied several faculty on piano during their performances.



Burnaman also performed a solo organ recital on the Holbrook pipe organ (pictured) earlier in the year. The Edwin L. Holbrook organ, built in 1862 in Massachusetts, was on loan to Redeemer Presbyterian Church in East Austin from Harvard University.

Gil Del Bosque, alto saxophone, "Caprice Op. 1, No. 24" by Niccolò Paganini.

Gloria Quinlan, soprano, "Let the Bright Seraphim" by George F. Handel and "This Little Light of Mine"

by Margaret Bonds.

Adam Bedell, Cullen Faulk, Matthew Teodori, line upon line percussion, "Drumming Part I" by Steve Reich.

Javier Stuppard, trombone, "Beau Soir" by Claude Debussy and "Trombone Concerto, mvt. III" by Derek Bourgeois.

Festival Slam September 28 in the Dickey-Lawless Auditorium, an event she said was "a great opportunity to introduce potential students to our campus."

In addition, students in Oldmixon's English magazine editing class announced the publication of a special print issue of 900 Chicon, the University's literary magazine, which includes selected poetry, prose, and photography by HT students, faculty, staff, and alumni. The publication is available for purchase for \$5. Call 512.505.3073 to purchase a copy.

Finally, student poets participated in International Day of Peace sponsored by the Shati Foundation for Peace through Intercultural Understand. Gerron Lee, Maagan Griggs, Charles Stephens, and Jabu Mabara, and alumna Jennine Kruegar "gave outstanding performances." The event included an interactive drumming session led by ZaBoomba master Michael Carberry and the table performance by 14-year old Faraz Nizami.

## Three Faculty Receive the Sam Taylor Fellowship Award



**P**ictured left in order, Drs. Kathryn Oldmixon, Rosalee Martin, and Michael J. Hirsch were recipients of the Sam Taylor Fellowship Fund from the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Each received grants ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 to complete research in their respective areas.



Hirsch, Chair, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, received his award for work leading to a publication involving interviews with Russian cosmonauts focusing on role theory and other social positions. Martin, Professor of Sociology, researched a project titled "Hearing the Voices of Older Adults through Oral History," with goals of providing opportunities for elders to tell their stories and for students to increase sensitivity to older adults. Oldmixon, Professor of English, attended a workshop with editors, publishers, and other poets in preparing a poetry manuscript for publication. Previously, Janice Sumler-Edmond, Professor of History and Director of the W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program, was awarded a fellowship for research on the Forten family of Philadelphia. The Fortens were a 19th century African-American family from Philadelphia who were outstanding leaders committed to seeking justice for their fellow citizens.



The will of the late Sam Taylor set aside funds to be used for continuing education and development for faculty members of United Methodist-related colleges and schools in Texas.

Tillotson College, the predecessor of Huston-Tillotson University was founded by The United Methodist Church.

## James Kraft Speaks to Disagreements of Faith at a Chicago Conference



**D**r. James Kraft, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion, participated on a panel at an American Academy of Religion conference in Chicago last September. "My paper (argued) that religious disagreements with very sophisticated opponents generally cause people to be less confident in the support for a religious belief," said Kraft.

He said his views are considered highly controversial in the fields of philosophy and religion. Other speakers at the conference were Dr. Yelkin Yildirim, leader of the Institute of Interfaith Dialogue in Austin; and HT alumnus Pastor DeChard Freeman, pastor of the Abundant Life Community Church in Pflugerville, Texas.

Kraft teaches classes in religion and philosophy ranging from Comparative Religion to Philosophy and Religion. Throughout the course of a semester, students visit houses of worship and are exposed to various religious practices. Students were invited to attend a Mosque in order to experience the traditional Friday prayer. They also visited the Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah's Witnesses in order to understand their practices.

## Carlos Cervantes & D. Rozena McCabe Recognized by TAHPERD



**D**r. Carlos Cervantes, Assistant Professor of Kinesiology and Chair, Department of Kinesiology; and Dr. Rozena McCabe, Interim

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and Professor of Kinesiology, were recognized by the Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance (TAHPERD) for excellence and leadership in the HPERD profession.

Cervantes was awarded the 2012 Emerging Professional Award that was presented at the group's annual convention held in Galveston, Texas. He was recognized for his accomplishments and professionalism in the disciplines of health, physical education, recreation, and dance.



McCabe captured the 2013 University of the Year award presented to those who have dedicated themselves to excellence as administrators or

supervisors, in contributions to their profession, and in service to the mission of TAHPERD.



# ATCP Students as Far as Kazakhstan Complete Requirements for the Texas Teaching Certificate

New teachers, including two already named Austin Independent School District's "Teacher of Promise," completed the requirements in April to earn the Texas Teaching Certificate. Victor Ike, assigned to Pearce Middle School; and Gail Maduro-Johnson, assigned to Martin Middle School, earned the honors. Utilizing Skype technology, two students completed their internship requirements outside of Austin. Logan Blackman was observed from her assignment at Gallegos Elementary School in Houston, Texas; and Brandon Pleasants was evaluated from his assignment at the Almaty International School, Quality Schools International, Kalkaman Village, Almaty, Kazakhstan. The 2013 class of 19 candidates is as follows:

**Michelle Berkering**, Generalist EC-6, Special Education and ESL Supplemental, Fifth Grade, ESL, Sims Elementary School, AISD

**Logan Blackmon**, Generalist EC-6, 5th Grade Math, Gallegos Elementary School, Houston ISD

**Christine Bryan**, Generalist 4-8, ESL Supplemental, Fifth and Sixth Grade ELA, Texas Preparatory School, San Marco, Texas

**Nancy Byers**, Special Education EC-12, Special Education Inclusion, Del Valle High School, Del Valle ISD

**Demetrius (DJ) Colvin**, Special Education EC-12, ELAR 4-8 HS ELA, Austin Can Academy, Austin, Texas

**Reginald Davis**, Mathematics 4-8, Seventh Grade Math, Decker Middle School, AISD

**Victor Ike** (AISD Teacher of Promise) Special Education EC-12 Special Education Inclusion, Pearce Middle School, AISD

**Corey Johnson**, Special EC-12, ELAR 4-8, ESL Supplemental, Del Valle DAEP, Del Valle ISD

**David Katz**, Physical Education EC-12, Paragon Preparatory Middle School, Austin, Texas

**Gail Maduro-Johnson** (AISD Teacher of Promise) Science 4-8, Seventh Grade, Martin Middle School, AISD

**Shereen McKenzie**, Science 4-8, Sixth and Seventh Grade Science, Texas Empowerment Academy, Austin, Texas

**Vanessa Mendez-Ocampo**, Generalist, EC-6, Special Education EC-12, BTLPT and Bilingual Supplemental, Special Education and Bilingual Class, Walnut Creek Elementary School, AISD

**Natasha Morgan**, Generalist EC-6, Fourth and Fifth Grade ELAR and Social Studies, Harmony School of Excellence, Austin, Texas



**Brandon Pleasants**, Generalist EC-6, Generalist 4-8, Special Education 4-8, Second Grade, Almaty International School, Quality Schools International, Kalkaman Village, Almaty, Kazakhstan

**Veronica (Maragwa) Schroeder**, Special Education EC-12, Garza Independence High School, AISD

**Dionne Taylor**, Special Education EC-12, Generalist 4-8, Fourth Grade Through Eighth Grade ELA, Harmony School of Excellence, Austin, Texas

**Robert Walker**, Special Education EC-12, Special Education SBS, Reagan High School, AISD

**Corey Wiggins**, Generalist EC-6, Sixth Grade ELAR, Kealing Middle School, AISD

Candidates received their certificates in April from HT's Alternative Teacher Certification Program Director, Dr. Jan P. Seiter.

# Welcoming New Faculty & Staff

*Hired Since 2011*

**Irmease Banks**, Interim Donor Relations Specialist, also pursuing a degree at HT in communications

**Michael Barnes**, Residence Hall Night Lobby Monitor

**Matthew Bet**, is an Instructor of Computer Science, Business and Technology. After graduating in 2010, he returned to HT upon completing the master's in computer information systems from Prairie View A&M University

**Andreiss Bluiitt**, Admission Counselor/Recruiter

**Maurice Callis**, Women's Basketball Coach

**Ebonie Carter**, Campus Nurse

**Camille Cartwright**, Women's Residence Hall Director

**Carlos Cervantes**, Assistant Professor and Department Chair of Kinesiology

**Arlene Delgado** serves as Director of Advancement Services. She graduated as a W.E.B. Dubois honors student in 2009

**Kingsley Ejioogu**, Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice

**Marco Gutierrez**, Interim Men's Soccer Coach, a returning HT alumnus

**Kayla Holder**, Counseling and Consultation Assistant

**Franklin Imarhiagbe**, Associate Professor of Business Administration

**LaTanya Lowery**, Dean of Student Affairs

**Jonah Mutua**, Instructor of Mathematics

**Azubike Okpalaeze**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science

**Richard Oppel**, Former *Austin American-Statesman* newspaper editor, Oppel, has joined the HT family and serves as Visiting Professor of Journalism and Director of Strategic Philanthropic Initiatives.

**Lauren Ortega**, Administrative Assistant for the College of Arts and Sciences

**Kristin Purvis** joined HT's Adult Degree Program as an Enrollment Specialist

**Bianca Salinas**, Professional Math Tutor

**Jan Seiter**, Director of the Alternative Teacher Certification Program

**Ryan Sharp**, Writer's Studio Coordinator and Adjunct Professor

**Dwayne Shorter**, Interim Director of Recruitment and Admission

**John Simpson**, Director of Development

**Jaya Soni**, Director of Institutional Planning, Research and Assessment

**Tyrus Smith** is the Interim Assistant Director of Recruitment and Admission. He graduated from HT in 2012

**Aimee Tennant**, Assistant Professor of Mathematics

**Andy Tunncliffe**, Women's Soccer Coach

## TRANSFER/PROMOTION/ TITLE CHANGES

**Dawn Cassanova**, Class of 2007, was promoted to Director of Budgets and Contracts from Fiscal Analyst. She earned her master's degree from Alabama State University

**Michael Hirsch**, assumed the role of Director of the Adult Degree Program

**Ruth Kane**, changed titles from Director of the Alternative Teacher Certification Program to Associate Professor and Department Chair of Education Preparation

**Rebecca Kangas**, promoted to Human Resources Generalist from Human Resources Assistant

**Beth Rumancik**, promoted to Director of Accounting and Financial Planning from Business Manager

**Shakita Stinson**, transferred as HT's Director of Recruitment and Admission to Director of Student Services for the Adult Degree Program. Stinson has been employed in various positions at HT since graduating in 1997



# Huston-Tillotson University President Elected Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges



Larry L. Earvin, Ph.D., entering his 13th year as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Huston-Tillotson University, was elected Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) for the 2013-2014 term. The election of the chair for the 13-member Executive Council occurred at the recent SACSCOC meeting held in Dallas, Texas. Earvin becomes the second African American to hold the top position. Dr. Norman Francis, president of Xavier University, was Chair of the Board in 1972–1973.

Colleges and universities in the Southern states and abroad— Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and Latin America and other international sites—make up the SACSCOC regional body for accreditation. The COC’s mission is the enhancement of educational quality throughout the region. The Commission 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. There are seven accrediting bodies: 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. SACSCOC, established as an accrediting body in 1895, is the nation’s oldest accrediting agency.

Earvin previously served on the Executive Council as Vice Chair, responsible for the interpretation of Commission policies and procedures. Earvin guided HT through successful 2002 and 2009 SACS 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.

## Megan E. Gonzales Among Distinguished Students Selected for the Mellon Program

Megan E. Gonzales has joined a distinguished group of scholars selected to participate in the 2013 UNCF/Mellon Undergraduate Fellows program. Gonzales is among a select group of individuals who share the goal of ultimately enrolling in a doctoral program in humanities, science, or social science disciplines on the journey to teach in higher education. The program begins with the UNCF/Mellon Programs Summer Institute at Emory University where candidates expand their knowledge of the program, hone their research and writing skills, and develop a prospectus. Gonzales is a senior, majoring in chemistry. Senior Charles Stuppard, a chemistry and mathematics major, was selected to participate in the 2012 program. Both students worked under the guidance of Dr. Rowland Bradley, Assistant Professor of Chemistry.



## Mr. and Miss HT Crowned

Lavell L. Lathan (pictured left) and Shanay Wells were crowned Mr. and Miss Huston-Tillotson University, respectively, for the 2013-2014 academic year.

Wells, age 21, is a junior business administration major with a concentration in marketing. She is a W.E.B. DuBois Honors Scholar, Hatton W. Sumners Scholar, and

a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society. She serves as president of Educating Women for Empowerment, the local campus Toastmasters, and is a member of campus Advertising and Marketing Association. Wells also won the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Miss Black and Gold pageant for 2010-2011 during her first year. A career in marketing and graduate school are her future plans. Lathan, from Detroit, Michigan, is a mathematics and music education major. He plans to enter graduate school upon completing his HT studies.



## Jatoria Gales was Named HT's Miss UNCF

Jatoria Gales was crowned HT's Miss UNCF for the 2013-14 academic year. Gales, age 20, from Fort Worth, Texas, is a sophomore business administration major with a concentration in accounting. Her campus involvement includes memberships in the Pre-Alumni Council, Family Ties, National Black Accountants (NAB), and cheerleading. She graduated from Fort Worth's Trimble Tech High School and plans to pursue a master's degree upon completing her

undergraduate studies. She is the daughter of James and Michele Gales. Gales mentioned that she "was very excited" when her name was called as the winner. "I started crying," she said. HT is a charter member of the UNCF, which is the nation's oldest and most successful minority

## Women International Students to Lead SGA

Rae-Ann Spears (pictured left) from Trinidad and Tobago, and Rufaro Mukahadzi from Harare, Zimbabwe, won the popular vote as president and vice president, respectively, of the Student Government Association. They



will serve during the 2013-2014 academic year, as leaders of SGA and facilitate the interests and concerns of students.

## Election Night 2012 Captured the Interest of HT Students

Faculty engaged students in the political process in the classroom then rolled out an interactive learning component during the 2012 presidential election. A night of roundtable discussions, Internet access to real-time election statistics, and a presidential timeline captured interest during the election night watch party held in the Davage-Durden Student Union. Topics included: The credibility of the numbers, the influence of social issues on the economy, the legislation of climate change to save the earth, racism in American during the last four years, and the apathy of young voters to name a few. Local media and HT communication students covered the event as anticipation ran high until the deciding Electoral College votes had been tallied. Prior to the election, students volunteered at party call centers and participated in voter registration drives.

higher education assistance organization, founded in 1944. Today, UNCF, under its, recognized motto, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste," provides financial support to its 39 member institutions and increases minority degree attainment by reducing financial barriers to college. UNCF institutions and other historically black colleges and universities are highly effective, awarding 21 percent of African American baccalaureate degrees.



## Brooke Elementary Teacher Thanks Students

Twenty-four students spent their Saturday at Brooke Elementary School to assist with the Austin Independent School District's Fuel Up to Play program. At the invitation of HT student teacher Catrice Smedley, cheerleaders, sorority and Pre-Alumni Council members, and basketball players helped Brooke students get moving for a healthier lifestyle. The Fuel Up to Play project is funded by the National Football League and the National Dairy Council. "I cannot express my deepest gratitude to your students for helping our school with this project," said Karen Michael, Physical Education Teacher. "I also would like to point out how impressed I am with the high caliber of your students' character. 'yes ma'am, no ma'am, thank you.' It is I who should be saying, 'thank you' to your students..."

## Constitution Day



Annually, on Sept. 17, HT acknowledges Constitution Day with activities designed to ensure that students are familiar with the historic event. On Sept. 17, 1787, the founding fathers, including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, and 36 others signed the United States Constitution recognizing all who, are born in the United States or by naturalization, had become citizens. The commemoration also fulfills mandates from the Department of Education that each educational institution that receives federal funds for a fiscal year hold an educational U.S. Constitution program.

## Historic School Across the Street From Campus Receives Support

HT student volunteers were recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer Group for Blackshear Elementary School year as part of the 2011-2012 academic year as part of the Austin Partners in Education (APIE) Celebrate program. Blackshear Elementary was the "colored" school when it was established in 1894 and has been located on 11th Street since 1936.



## Lives Changed During New York Mission Trip

Rev. Donald Brewington, University Chaplain, and Dr. Rosalee Martin, Professor of Sociology, accompanied a group of students to New York City on an annual mission trip with Tarrytown United Methodist Church. During Weekly Chapel Service, students shared the experience that many called life changing. Below are comments from sociology major Darius Butler.

"Our group met many people, but Jay left the biggest impression on me. Jay told us he had been selling drugs since around the age of 13, and has been in and out of the prison system since then. He claims to have let go of his criminal lifestyle, but can't even make ends meet, because his record won't allow him to get a job (even at a McDonald's). Jay doesn't have any personal identification or means of transportation. He walks everywhere. As a vessel of God, we were able to help by giving him new socks and a T-shirt. Since he told us that his favorite team was the Giants, we found a hat with the team's colors. We also left him with some shades, food, and water. Spending time with Jay was the most meaningful experience, as it forced me out of my comfort zone, and gave me an opportunity to genuinely touch another human being who was in great need."



## Pre-Alumni Council Visits with Governor Perry During UNCF Luncheon

Pictured left to right are UNCF President and Chief Executive Officer Michael L. Lomax; Jarvis Christian College President Lester C. Newman; Texas Governor Rick Perry; HT President and Chief Executive Officer Larry L. Earvin; and Texas College President Dwight Fennell at the Governor's Luncheon in support of Texas historically black colleges and universities. Students Mueni Rudd, HT's 2012-2013 Miss UNCF; Joshua T. Nwozor; Jarrett Lindsey; Kamara Woodyard; Mercedes L. Wheatfall; Paul Crawford; and Terrell N. McAfee, pictured with Earvin and San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro (center), during a similar event.



## Resources Offered to Ensure Student Success

The Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) provides academic assistance and resources for students at HT. CAE also houses the Advancement via Individual Determination (AVID) and the First Year Experience (FYE) programs. AVID is a college readiness system that provides necessary tools designed to accelerate academic performance. The FYE also includes programs and workshops that supplement classroom learning.

CAE offers various types of free academic assistance such as Peer Learning Consultants who offer tutoring assistance in a variety of subjects to help ensure a successful semester. Consultants not only specialize in content, but they can also show students how to develop effective study skills, note-taking skills, and examination preparation techniques. The CAE is also responsible for placement testing. All first year or transfer students with fewer than 30 credits hours may be required to take the University's placement tests, which determine a student's placement in their core curriculum courses.

Time management tools, parental support, and academic advising also support the program objectives.

## A Mellon Grant Takes Sumler-Edmond and Three Students to New York

Dr. Janice Sumler-Edmond, Professor of History and Director of the W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program, led HT students Aaron Sampson and Jarrett Lindsey to the National Conference on Race & Ethnicity in American Higher Education (NCORE\*) Conference in New York in June. They participated in a panel discussion entitled "Engaged Diversity: Institutional Transformation Through Student Leadership."

Sumler-Edmond said HT has worked with several other campuses, including Dillard College, Morehouse College, Rhodes College, and Southwestern University, in the Engaged Student Diversity Project financed by a Mellon Grant.

## Job, Graduate School, and Summer Internship Fairs Bring Resources to Campus

Career and Graduate Development Director Paul Leverington continues to strive to provide resources to students looking for part-time, full-time positions, internships, and graduate school selections. Students receive coaching skills, résumé support, dress for success guidance, and more before meeting potential employers in the Davage-Durden Student Union. Below are a few comments from employers:

"It was great to meet the students and other vendors. I'm always pleased with the turnout. Can't wait until next year."

"Students were polished, energized, and asked great questions."

"Students were well dressed and prepared."

"Overall, best job fair I've been to in five years."

"Improved organization and increased number of teaching candidates."

"Our school district will be making at least three offers from today's event."





# Julie Hudson Selected to Participate in Unique American History Seminar

Dr. Julie Hudson (pictured), Assistant Professor of English, was one of a select group of faculty members nationwide chosen by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History to participate in a special American history seminar on the Gilded Age—the long period from the end of the Civil War to roughly the turn of the 20th century. A week-long seminar which took place this year at Stanford University in Stanford, California.

From a pool of 55 faculty members nominated, CIC and the Gilder Lehrman Institute selected 27 faculty members from institutions around the country to participate at the seminar. Huston-Tillotson University is one of two historically black institutions represented at the seminar.

In lectures and discussion groups, participants exchange ideas with seminar director Richard White, a Pulitzer Prize finalist historian specializing in the history of the American West, environmental history, and Native American history. He is the Margaret Byrne Professor of American History at Stanford University, a faculty co-director of the Bill Lane Center for the American West, and former president of the Organization of American Historians.

Encompassing the so-called Greater Reconstruction in the West and the South, mass immigration, industrialization, violent class conflict, transformative new technologies, and explosive growth, the era created the foundation for the modern United States. The Gilded Age was one of staggering

corruption but also of real reform. The seminar examined the eras in its own right and explored the larger pedagogical problem of how to teach an era of the past that has so many parallels to contemporary times.



# AusPrEP Improves Math/Science Retention

Thousands of middle and high school students have enjoyed the benefits of summer science and math enrichment courses through HT's Austin Pre-Freshman Engineering Program (AusPrEP), approaching nearly 25 years in existence.

The nationally recognized program, located on college and university campuses in Texas, was founded in 1979 at the University of Texas at San Antonio to identify high achieving middle and high school students with the potential and interest in becoming scientists and engineers. Retired faculty, Mathematics Department and Division of Natural Sciences Chair Dr. General Marshall

launched HT's program and remains an instructor. Courses such as Logic and Algebraic Structures, Engineering, Computer Science, Logic and Problem Solving, Technical Writing, and Journal challenge students and build confidence. Field trips to the local natural bridge caverns, 3M, and Houston's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) are combined with science, medical, and engineering career awareness speakers.

The 2012 sponsors are as follows: 3M, KDK Harman, TG, Applied Materials, Garber Foundation, Huston-Tillotson University, National Instruments, TexPrEP, The Kodosky

Foundation, Time Warner Cable, and the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Following is one parent's comments about the program from the STEM Director Dr. Monique Johnson-Jones. Names were changed to protect privacy.

*"Ms. Smith told me that Reann struggled to understand the material that was presented and did not feel motivated to participate in the classroom activities and assignments. She went on to say that, in spite of her struggles, Reann stuck with the program to the end. Her mother then said that it wasn't until Reann started doing better in school the following fall semester that she realized the benefits of the program. This same girl who was unmotivated and sullen in her AusPrEP classes was now excelling in her math and science classes at school. The "hard" lessons taught in AusPrEP helped her to receive an 87 in math and a 93 in her science class. Reann also sent a personal statement with her application that included the following sentence, "The other reason I want to be in AusPrEP is because it gives me the confidence to push myself harder to make better grades. This allows me to participate in afterschool activities instead of having to have tutoring after school."*



# STUDENTS OVERCOME OBSTACLES TO ACHIEVE THE COLLEGE DREAM



The pride of Huston-Tillotson University is its students; many of whom grew up in the community while others traveled to Austin and the campus from half way around the world. They are first-generation college students, fourth generation legacy students, W.E.B. Dubois Honor Scholars, athletes, or members of the concert choir or jazz group. Obtaining a college degree is an accomplishment. Huston-Tillotson University is proud of its graduates and the impact that they make on the world. Six of those students are highlighted here.



**Sammy T. Mudede** –  
*Computer Science*

Sammy Mudede, graduated with highest honors during the 2013 Commencement Convocation. He maintained a 4.0 grade point average to earn the Summa Cum Laude

title with the Bachelor Science degree in

Computer Science. He has been accepted into the recognized Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to earn the master's degree in computer science. He will return to the Boston Scientific Corporation in St. Paul, Minnesota for a second summer as a software engineer intern before moving on to graduate school. On more than one occasion, while at HT, Mudede was offered a job nearly on-the-spot at a career fair. Polished in his business attire, one minute elevator speech, and a supply of résumés, he talked his way into positions that suited his career aspirations. Preparing for a task in advance is a strength that he possesses. Before enrolling at HT, Sammy researched many universities to find one that would offer scholarships. Raised by a single mother in Harare, he always knew that he wanted to study in the United States as opposed to Australia or South Africa. Family in Dallas, Texas, helped him narrow his selection, and HT's "reputation in the higher education system," solidified the decision. Mudede was a W.E.B. DuBois Honors Scholar, a member of the Beta Kappa Chi Honor Society, the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), past president of the HT International Student Association, and a Residence Hall Assistant. In 2012, he placed second in the Computer Science, Engineering, Physics, Mathematics and Earth poster competition for a poster titled, "Design and Control of a Quad-Rotor System" at the 68th Annual Joint Meeting of Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society and the National Science Institute competition. His internships have included positions with Boston Scientific Corporation in St. Paul Minnesota; Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Texas; Texas Commission on Environmental Quality; and Avignon Realty in Austin, Texas. "I haven't been disappointed with the preparation that HT has provided for me."



**Mueni L. Rudd** – *Sociology*

Mueni L. Rudd is a student involved in social causes as evident from her laptop computer that is covered with stickers. Showcasing the fight against prostate cancer, shoes for those in need, or highlighting

musicians such as Bob Marley and John Legend, her computer provides a window into what drives her. She graduated in two years with honors from Alief Hastings High School, entered HT at age 16, and is graduate school bound after completing her HT undergraduate studies in sociology. The college environment was a different kind of freedom for Rudd who, as an only child, was the sole-provider for her mother diagnosed with colorectal cancer. She quickly navigated the higher education process in order to secure financial aid and scholarship opportunities. Three times she has attended the national conferences of the Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology and she worked with the Center for Student Missions in San Francisco, California, during the summer. She has completed mission trips, worked at the local shelter for battered women, and is a recipient of the United Church of Christ Daniel Hand Scholarship. She was crowned HT's Miss UNCF for the 2012-13 academic year, is a University Ambassador, and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Kappa Chapter. "There are blessings in everything."



**Jasmine L. Cormier** –  
*Business Administration & Accounting*

No one was happier during Commencement Convocation than Jasmine L. Cormier. Her story is one from homelessness to Huston-Tillotson

University. She talks openly about the nearly



three years that she lived in Los Angeles in a car with her mother and sister who were chasing dreams in the fashion industry. Cormier always stayed in school and spent her summers with a cousin in Beaumont, Texas. Retaking classes as a result of the instability strengthened her determination to graduate from Ozan High School. College was a part of her plans and HT fulfilled the goal. While matriculating at HT, Cormier's mother died unexpectedly. However, Cormier stayed on course and graduated in May 2013. Her personality is huge, although she has few close friends due to years of moving from place to place. Cormier is a business administration major with a concentration in accounting. She secured internships with H&R Block and the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas while at HT. She has an interest in international travels, and, in particular, the Kingdom of Cambodia in Southeast Asia in order to assist with transitional housing for young girls abroad and locally. Cormier's campus involvement included positions as a Resident Hall Assistant and historian of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., Upsilon Alpha Chapter. She was also captain of the Ram-Nites Dance Team and active in Religious Life Campus Ministry. Her family was extremely happy when she was crowned Miss Huston-Tillotson University for the 2012-2013 academic year. As in the words of Cormier, "everybody has a story." She credits HT for molding her into the person that she is today.



**Yohannis A. Job** – *Business Administration & Marketing*

Yohannis Job is described as a "rising star." He's so polished and focused that at times it seems as if he has been in his marketing career for years. In fact, he completed 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. Yohannis 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. A walk down a campus sidewalk is usually interrupted by a student seeking his counsel. It's a role that fits him comfortably as the 2012-2013 Student Government Association (SGA) president. 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. He affectionately describes HT as a melting pot.



**Asia E. Haney** – *Business Administration*

Asia Haney graduated from HT in May 2013 with a bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in marketing. While matriculating at HT, she was crowned Homecoming Queen for the 2012-2013 academic year after serving as Huston-Tillotson University's Miss UNCF for the 2011-2012 academic year. She represented the University at the UNCF 2012, 66th National Alumni Council/54th National Pre-Alumni Council (NAC)/Leadership Conference held in Orlando, Florida, where she placed in the top 25. Her crowning moment was as during the 2013 Commencement Convocation, she delivered a speech, accepting the challenge to the Class of 2013 from President Earvin. Haney was in her role as Senior Class President.

She was also part of the HT Pre-Alumni Council that won the National Pre-Alumni Barbara Marshall Council of the Year award for the second consecutive year. Haney was the top fund-raiser during the University's phon-a-thon that involved reaching out to alumni in support of HT programs. She joined Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Beta Kappa Chapter, was Resident Hall Assistant, a member of the Phi Beta Lambda Honor Society, and earned Dean's List honors. She has her sights set on graduate school in order

to complete a master's degree in business administration.



**Jarrett Lindsey** – *Computer Science*

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 was the recipient of the more than \$30,000 in funds, including the Red, Hot and Snazzy Gala, Lockheed Martin, and Jethro Pugh UNCF scholarships. He graduated in May with a bachelor's degree in computer science. 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 don't take advantage of scholarship opportunities," Lindsey said. Lindsey ensured that he understood the process that included references, a résumé, and an essay. He kept 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 was involved in the Student Government Association (SGA) Pre-Alumni Council, National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Engage Diversity Student Enrichment Program, was a Peer-Learning Consultant, a University Ambassador, and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Chapter. "I love the UNCF for what it does; I love HT for being HT," he said.



# Judge Ronnie McDonald and The Peierls Foundation Named Huston-Tillotson University's Tower of Light Award Recipients at the Decennial President's Mankind Assisting Students Kindle Educational Dreams Gala

The Honorable Ronnie McDonald and The Peierls Foundation, Inc., were named Huston-Tillotson University's 2013-2014 Tower of Light recipients. McDonald and Brian Peierls received their custom, glass HT tower replica award during the Decennial President's Mankind Assisting Students Kindle Educational Dreams (MASKED) Gala.

McDonald is a native of Bastrop, Texas, and a former County Judge. He made Texas history as the youngest person to be elected to the position of county judge. After receiving his bachelor's degree in political science and management from Texas A&M, McDonald pursued his career in politics by working for former State Comptroller John Sharp, eventually serving as executive assistant responsible for the development of the Family Pathfinder program, which has been recognized by former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush. Also, during the 2011 Bastrop fires, he was placed in the national spotlight for his leadership efforts.

Peierls, Vice President of The Peierls Foundation, facilitated a partnership with HT in order to support scholarship efforts, a growing Hispanic population, and the transfer of students from Austin Community College. The Foundation has contributed more than \$4.5 million to the

Hispanic Scholarship Fund and awarded 1,500 scholarships to outstanding Latino students since 1988. Supporting higher education, children/youth international relief programs, and civil rights are the tenets of the Foundation. There is also a focus on health, medical research, immigrants, reproductive health, and family planning.

The evening of elegance and entertainment that attracted more than 450 guests, many in highly decorated masks, and numerous corporate and individual sponsors in support of HT's programs and scholarships, featured four musical performers: Rhythm and blues performers After 7; Grammy-award nominee Miki Howard; Soulkitchan, comprised of HT graduates; and HT's Jazz Combo, under the direction of Javier Stuppard. Howard also doubled as the emcee for the evening along with KXAN reporter Sophia Beausoleil.

Popular selections from After 7 such as "Heat of the Moment," "Can't Stop," "Ready or Not," and "Nights Like This" pleased the crowd and those who received a red rose. Popular pop and R&B artist "Babyface" Edmond organized his brothers, Melvin and Kevon, as After 7 in 1987 along with Keith Mitchell. Howard, accompanied by Soulkitchan, blew the crowd away with "Misty," "All of Me," and "Masquerade" before mingling and taking pictures with guests.

The 2013 Gala marked the tenth year for the event that has generated more than one million dollars for the University and featured up close and personal performances from artists such as Regina Belle, Will Downing, Johnny Gill, Jennifer Holliday, Kenny Lattimore, Najee, and Pieces of a Dream. In addition, celebrity guest appearances from Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Judge Mablean Ephriam, and Emmanuel Lewis have headlined the University's signature event.

Community leader, political activist, businesswoman, and alumna Bertha Sadler Means was named the 2013 Honorary Chair. Means, a 1945 graduate of Tillotson College, a predecessor institution to Huston-Tillotson University, is a pioneer and accomplished HT graduate with deeply-rooted ties to the Austin community. She reminisced about her years on campus during her comments—the place that launched her life's journey, where she met her husband, and where she provides her support. "I want you to know that your support means a lot to me. HT means so much to me," she stated before celebrating the night on the dance floor with supporters. To date, sponsorships are as follows: Platinum sponsors: Institute for Professional Development | Johnson Controls | Time Warner Cable of Austin | Wells Fargo Bank. Gold Sponsors: George Brothers Kincaid &

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**Bertha Sadler Means  
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# The Existence of HT Opened Doors for Those Seeking Access

*By Linda Y. Jackson*

**H**uston-Tillotson University's roots date to 1875 when access to education for African Americans was not the widespread standard. The presence in the South of what was Tillotson College and Samuel Huston College that became Huston-Tillotson University made a lasting impact on the region that continues to this day.

Today, African Americans have a choice of more than 7,000 institutions of higher education to attend, although, realistically, many are not an option due to degree offerings, locations, or affinity affiliations. The 105 historically black colleges and universities that were designated with the HBCU status through Title III of the Higher Education Act of 1965 provided access and opportunities for those seeking a college degree. Higher learning schools whose principal mission was and is the education of African Americans, accredited and established before 1964 were designated HBCUs by Congress. Pennsylvania's Cheney University, founded in 1837, was the first HBCU. Huston-Tillotson University, one of the oldest institutions of higher education west of the Mississippi River, is designated as an HBCU.

Tillotson College dating to 1875 builds upon the work of the Freeman's Aid Society of the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Churches (now United Church of Christ). Chartered in 1877 as Tillotson Collegiate and Normal Institute, many of the school's first students had no prior formal education. However, the eager students, who numbered 100 by the end of the first year, understood that their admission to Tillotson made them among the elite of their race and placed upon them the responsibility to enrich others through the skills they would derive from their education.

Samuel Huston underwent various configurations throughout its development years, moving from Dallas, Texas, to the basement of Wesley United Methodist Church in Austin, Texas. According to the great-great grandson of founder, Rev. George Warren Richardson, members of the Ku Klux Klan burned the Dallas school to the ground to halt the education process. Samuel Huston College was adopted by the West Texas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and renamed Andrews Normal College to later operate as a senior college by the State of Texas Department of Education.

From a normal institution in 1909 with the purpose of educating African American students to teach to a junior college in 1925; women's college in 1926; a senior, co-educational institution in 1931; and a university in 2005, the legacy of HT has been tested over time. Imagine the status for Austin, the rivalry, when the two earlier schools existed less than one mile apart: one for males and one for females before becoming a co-educational institution. Alumni who take the walk down memory lane use words such as "uppity," "elitism," and "privileged" as one institution felt superior to the other. The competition, however, produced innovators, pioneers, and trailblazers. The friendly academic, music, and sports battles that existed set a standard so high that, in many instances, today's graduates are in the shadows attempting to match those accomplishments.

## Partnership with Links Designed to Graduate More Students

**H**uston-Tillotson University officials signed a Memorandum of Understanding with The Links, Incorporated to support the organization's Historically Black Colleges and Universities Community College Collaboration Project. A partnership between HT and Austin Community College supports the efforts through mentoring and professional development programs in addition to scholarship opportunities. The initiative seeks to identify and encourage community college students to advance beyond the associate's degree toward greater opportunities afforded by the bachelor's degree. In addition, the collaboration increases the number of students who transfer and enroll in HBCUs and ultimately improves all around graduation rates.

## HT Named One of the Most Affordable Small Private Colleges

**H**uston-Tillotson University made the 2013 Affordable Colleges Online list as one of the "Most Affordable Small Private Colleges" in the country. The online service provides college-bound students with higher education affordable information options, as well as financial aid videos, expert advice, and cost saving ideas.

HT is listed with other Texas schools such as Amberton University, Southwest Assemblies of God University, Texas College, and Wiley College in addition to other historically black colleges such as Bethune-Cookman University, Claflin University, and Dillard University.



# Research Shows Starting at a Four-Year College Saves Money

*By Carla Fletcher*

With a bachelor's degree as their goal, many students begin their postsecondary education at a community college to save money. Tuition and fees at a community college, at an average of about \$3,000 for two semesters in academic year 2010-2011, are only a fraction of those at a university, at an average of about \$7,200 at a public institution and about \$27,000 at a private institution.\*

Unfortunately, this cost-saving strategy may not work as planned, according to a new report by TG. Using a national Department of Education\*\* database, TG researchers found that transfer students - those who started at a two-year institution and graduated from a four-year institution - wound up with about the same cumulative debt load as their "native" peers - those who started at and graduated from a four-year institution. The study, *A Brief Look at Transfer Students and Financial Aid*, did not look at the time to degree completion, but examined only the aid received in the students' senior year and cumulatively during their undergraduate studies.

## *Senior Year Financial Aid*

In their final year alone, transfer students received less grant and institutional aid, and borrowed larger amounts of loan aid, than did their native peers. The differences were especially stark at private institutions, where native students received almost \$4,000 more in institutional aid and \$4,600 more in grant aid than transfer students. These differences persisted to varying degrees in all race and ethnicity categories in both the public and private sectors. Native students of all races

and ethnicities received more in grant and institutional aid than their transfer peers.

## *Cumulative Financial Aid*

By the end of their undergraduate career, transfer students in the public sector were about as likely to borrow a student loan as native students, with about 70 percent borrowing a student loan at some point. The median cumulative student loan debt for both transfer and native students in the public sector was about \$20,000. In the private sector, 85 percent of transfer students had borrowed a loan at some point in their undergraduate studies, compared to 79 percent of native students. Cumulatively, transfer students in the private sector borrowed about \$27,000, compared to about \$25,000 for native students.

On average, students who started at a community college and graduated from a university borrowed about as often and about as much as students who started at the university level. Any cost savings gained at the community college level appear to be cancelled out by the point of graduation due to increased borrowing levels by transfer students relative to native students. Transfer students receive less grant and institutional aid than native students, especially in the private sector, likely contributing to an increase in borrowing to make up the difference.

## *Tips for Students*

There are many reasons to attend a community college from obtaining a certificate or associate degree in a career-oriented field to having a more flexible schedule to allow for work or family

obligations. A student who enrolls in a community college as a cost savings measure and intends to transfer to a university to earn a bachelor's degree should be aware that this route may not necessarily be cheaper. Students can keep costs down in any sector of higher education by graduating in a timely manner. The more time a student spends in school, the more expensive their education will be.

Students also should be aware of which credits will smoothly transfer to the university they plan to attend. This is easiest if the community college and the university have an articulation agreement. This agreement outlines the specific courses that will and will not transfer to the university. Knowing which courses will transfer helps the community college student select courses that will count toward his or her future bachelor's degree, and avoid paying for courses that will not. Students should speak to their community college advisor to learn about such articulation agreements, which could facilitate a more efficient, and cost-effective, educational experience.

## *Sources*

\*TG, State of Student Aid and Higher Education in Texas, January 2013 (<http://www.tgslc.org/research/sosa.cfm>)

\*\*U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study 2009 (<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/b&b/>)

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## *Evelyn Scott Meeks,* **‘Don’t Send flowers; Send money!’**

*By Irmease Banks*

On June 9, 2011, Evelyn Scott Meeks quietly passed away at the age of 76. This beloved alumna, from Fort Worth, Texas, who knew her time in this life was coming to an end, made a few requests known. She was clear that she did not want anyone to send flowers. Instead, she said to make a donation to one of the three organizations that she was passionate about: St. Christopher Episcopal Church, Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure, and Huston-Tillotson University.

Huston-Tillotson officials take pride in knowing that her alma mater was one of the organizations. She graduated in 1953 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and enjoyed a 42-year career with the Fort Worth Independent School District. In 2011, her daughter Jacquelyn Meeks honored her mother’s request by starting a scholarship fund named, “The Evelyn Scott Meeks Endowed Scholarship.” The endowment

will provide continuous benefits for HT by earning a market rate of interest while keeping the core endowment principal intact to fund future years of scholarships. Today, the scholarship lessens the financial burden for students and their parents. HT alumni, family, and friends have contributed more than \$12,000 to the fund since its conception. Continued contributions greatly increase the amount of scholarships available to students. Students in good standing with the University and a 2.5 or better grade point average are eligible to apply.

The scholarship fund has several components with one major element labeled the “AKA Brick Campaign.” A commemorative brick walkway has been designated on the campus in memory of Evelyn Scott Meeks for the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Those walking on the well manicured and beautifully landscaped campus grounds

are compelled to take notice of the “AKA Walkway.” Engraved bricks with the names and symbols of current and past AKAs aligned to honor the legacy of the organization, established on the campus in 1953, as well as the contributions that Meeks made to HT. The “AKA Brick Campaign” has raised more than over \$6,000 since the 2013 kickoff. The funds will be added to the endowed scholarship.

The brick portion of the campaign was first introduced through a Walkway Tea held at in the Davage-Durden Student Union on January 15, 2012, the date set aside annually as the AKAs Founder’s Day. As brick orders come in weekly from AKAs from around the country, Jacquelyn and staff see Mrs. Meek’s request honored. “Don’t send flowers; send money.”

## **Holiday Gathering Includes Community Support**



The faculty and staff holiday gathering included a toy drive for the Sickle Cell Association of Austin, Marc Thomas Foundation (SCAA-MTF). The late Marc Thomas lost his courageous battle with Sickle Cell in 1997. HT continues to be the only organization that provides toys for children affected by the disease that has no cure. “Again, words cannot express how thankful we are for your generosity. The gifts you graciously provided were so deeply welcomed by our families and small agency,” said Linda Thomas Wade, President and Co-Founder of the SCAA-MTF.

## HT PERSONALIZED BRICK ORDER FORM

Leave your legacy mark on the HT campus.

THREE EASY WAYS TO ORDER:

- 1) Complete this order form and mail it with your payment to:  
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Brick Program  
900 Chicon Street  
Austin, TX 78702
- 2) Fax your order with credit card information to 512.505.3196.  
*(Please call 512.505.3074 to confirm fax orders.)*
- 3) Telephone your order to 512.505.3074.



PAYMENT METHOD:

- ☐ Check or money order payable to:  
Huston-Tillotson University  
☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ Master card ☐ Visa

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

Signature

Purchaser's Name

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Country (if other than United States)

Home Phone ( )

Business Phone ( )

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A STANDARD SIZE brick (4"x8", \$150) provides a maximum of three lines, with up to 16 characters per line. Use this section to print your inscription (one character per block) as you would like it to appear.

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**A MULTIPLE SIZE brick** (12"x12", \$500) provides a maximum of ten lines, with up to 20 characters per line. Use this section to print your inscription (one character per block) as you would like it to appear.

A JUMBO SIZE brick

(12"x24", \$1,000) provides a maximum of ten lines, with up to 30 characters per line. Use this section to print your inscription (one character per block) as you would like it to appear.

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# UFCU and HT Partner to Offer Creative Financial Planning Opportunities for Alumni and Friends

## INTRODUCING OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:

*Finding creative solutions to your philanthropic and financial planning needs*

With maturity and wisdom often comes a desire to ensure that the people we care about, and the values that have helped to shape our own lives, are protected both now and in the future.

With strategic planning you may find a planned giving vehicle that lets you address your own financial concerns and challenges while also allowing you to create a legacy that will extend the benefits of your generosity far into the future, and on a much broader scale.

## A GIFT PROVIDING BENEFIT TO YOU AND HUSTON-TILLOTSON

**Need income, either now or later?** Perhaps for retirement? You receive lifetime income from charitable remainder trusts, gift annuities, and pooled income fund gifts. In addition to income, your gift generates

current tax benefits, and provides future support for HT.

**Planning your estate?** Bequests and retirement account designations are among the options that will reduce estate taxes and establish your legacy at HT without affecting your current assets.

*The variety, flexibility, and donor benefits of deferred gifts may provide a way for you to make a contribution with more impact than you may have thought possible.*

## ALUMNA CREATES ENDOWMENT TO HONOR LATE HUSBAND, HT

*"We wanted to direct our resources to help people whose life dream it is to excel and become the best person they can be."*

*Former Miss HT, Billie Fai Adams Ball '58*

After decades of generosity and consecutive years of supporting the Annual Fund, Billie Fai Adams Ball '58 created an endowed

scholarship fund in honor of her late husband, Elder George Floyd Ball. "My husband's life was committed to helping people. HT has always been very special to me, and, because of that, it was special to him. That is why we made the decision together to direct our resources to help people whose life dream is to excel and become the best person they can be."

Now, as HT unveils a new variety of creative giving solutions, Ms. Adams Ball is excited to explore new and mutually-beneficial ways of giving back to her alma mater. "The new planned giving options that HT is providing are wonderful, and will help me to plan for my future, and for the future of Huston-Tillotson University."

For information on the full suite of planned giving options available to HT Alumni, please contact:

### Clint Campbell

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University Federal Credit Union (UFCU) is honored to partner with Huston-Tillotson University to serve as a resource for current students, faculty and alumni. The dedicated team of financial professionals at UFCU is available to help HT supporters make sense of the complex area of planned giving and structure their gifts in the most effective manner possible. Both UFCU and HT have established reputations for excellence through decades of service in the Austin community. We believe that our partnership will further the mission of both institutions and, more importantly, provide opportunities for future HT students.

For those who are considering a substantive gift to HT, you can expect the UFCU/HT planned giving team to guide you through the process of selecting the most appropriate solution for your situation. Whether your goals are straightforward or complex, we will strive to identify the most appropriate planned giving option for you.

In addition to planned giving services, UFCU is able to offer HT students, faculty and alumni with a comprehensive suite of financial solutions including checking and savings accounts, money markets and CDs, auto and home loans, auto and home insurance, investment advice and financial planning services. UFCU has the highest possible financial strength rating in our industry and an established reputation for doing right by our members.

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The logo for University Federal Credit Union. It features a stylized white swoosh above the word "University" in a large, serif font. Below "University" is "FEDERAL CREDIT UNION" in a smaller, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the tagline "Live Learn Prosper" is written in a script font.



# HT Sustainability Update

## **SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS CONTINUE WITH ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING**

A cool conversion to reduce HT's carbon footprint was completed last summer by crews from Johnson Controls. Targeted improvements from the energy-efficient audit recommendation ensure a reduction in greenhouse gases. Hundreds of light bulbs and ballasts, both internally and externally, on the 23-acre campus were upgraded to new industry light bulb standards that use less electricity, lower utility costs, and protect the environment. In addition, aging chillers, cooling towers, and controls were replaced and solar film in select areas was installed. The new controls will allow staff to monitor air and heat from internal panels for maximum comfort during weather highs and lows.

Huston-Tillotson University was recognized in 2008 by the National Wildlife Federation for its sustainability efforts and commitment to creating a campus community that focuses on recycling, energy conservation, and waste reduction. In 2011, HT led its peers as the first institution of higher education in Central Texas and the first Historically Black College

and University in Texas to go tobacco-free. Plans are also underway to bring selected restrooms in older buildings and gymnasium locker room facilities up to today's energy efficient and reduced water consumption standards.

The HT community encompasses more than 1,000 students, 150 faculty and staff, and many visitors to the East Austin campus within its scenic landscape.

University officials seek to provide a campus environment that is conducive to teaching and learning while preserving the sustainability of the planet.

## **EARTH DAY RAISED RECYCLING AWARENESS AND INTRODUCED THE RAIN GARDEN CONCEPT**

Campus recycling containers were moved to the center of campus to bring attention to Earth Day held annually on April 22. Student Icy Walker representing the student organization Lush Greens shared information about the upcoming Rain Garden scheduled for construction on the campus in the fall. A portion of the HT

yard will be transformed with colorful, native plants and grasses on the surface. Underneath, rain water will be filtered from hard (impervious) surfaces like roofs, sidewalks, and driveways to support the vegetation. Students, community elementary and middle school partners, working in conjunction with the City of Austin engineers and staff, will provide the labor needed to transform the campus grounds.

## **STUDENT CONSUMER HEALTH ADVOCATES PROMOTE BIKE RACKS**

The HT Health/Mental Health Campus-Community Transformational Initiative Student Consumer Health Advocates Icy Walker, Daneesha Echevarria, and Tyree Johnson led the way in planning for the implementation of a bikeshare program on HT's campus. More bicycles than ever were seen on campus last semester. With safety as the main concern as bicyclists and motorists share the road, students see the two-wheeled pedal option as an excellent way to navigate the city.

# Smoke-Free Environment *Enjoyed by all Who Visit Campus*

Large gatherings on the HT campus such as commencement, homecoming, festivals, and convocations are missing one element: Tobacco smoke. Thanks to efforts spearheaded by Dr. Debra L. Murphy, Professor of Psychology, in 2011 Huston-Tillotson University became a tobacco-free campus with the distinction as the first campus in Central Texas and the first historically black institution to earn the status.

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 campus.

Murphy presented her findings at the 2012 Science of Eliminating Health Disparities

Summit held in National Harbor Maryland. The University's tobacco-free grant award received proclamations from the Austin City Council, Texas State House of Representatives, and the Texas State Senate. In addition, the Texas State Department of State Health Services Texas School Safety Center also presented an award to the University. Finally, Austin's Carver Library included copies of the documents and the acknowledgement in its archives.



## Easter-Egg Hunt Brings Community to Campus

Children of all ages visited the HT campus to participate in the Eighth Annual Easter-Egg Hunt. Sims Elementary student Adrian Maldonado found the \$500 prize scholarship egg. Maldonado and many of his fellow students enrolled in the Givens

Recreation Center after school program visited the campus for the first time. Prize eggs for school supplies, gift certificates, candy, and coins captured the interest of the children who gathered the thousands of eggs placed on the campus by students and staff

in under two minutes. Children gathered in the Mary E. Branch Gymnasium for a brief meaning of Easter story time before joining their age groups and beginning the hunt. The event is sponsored annually by the University Ambassadors.

## Poets and Poetry Remain Popular Around Campus

Twice-a-year Downs-Jones Library is the backdrop for students to showcase their original or learned poetry and prose. Sponsored by the Learning/Library Resources Committee, Poetry on the Patio is open to the community, alumni, faculty, and

staff to enjoy the campus ambiance, lunch, and the spoken word. Dr. Annie Cirella-Urrutia, French Instructor, guides students as they read poems in French and English. Regular presenters such as Barbara Carr, past president of the Austin Poetry Society;

Elzy Cogswell, retired librarian; and Kay Abikhalel, Austin Poetry Society; provide the networking and mentoring aspects sought by students.



# Speaker at Symposium... on Race Unity Challenged the Concepts of 'Charity'



One can't leave the Louis G. Gregory Symposium with the same manner of thinking as when one entered. HT partnered with the faith community as the host of the symposium, now in its seventh year. Noted speakers challenge the status quo in attempts to invoke the thinking and teachings of Louis G. Gregory. Gregory, a black Bahá'í, was passionate about the principles of "race amity," oneness of God, world religions, and humanity teachings. His fervor for his faith combined with the fact that his experiences

where personal given that he was married for 40 years to a "white woman" set the stage for thought-provoking dialogue. The 2013 dialogue under the theme, "Contributing to a Diverse Community: What Can You Do For Your Country/Community?" featured **Dr. Monya Stubbs, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary; Beverly Reeves, District Ombudsman from Austin ISD; Rosalie Ip, a teacher of the year in Austin ISD, graduate student at UT Austin in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and a member of the Austin Social Justice Teacher Inquiry Group; Dee Lewis, distinguished community member; Michael Stevens and Linda O' Dell, members of the Austin Baha'i Community; and HT faculty Dr. Michael Hirsch, Dr. James Kraft, and Rev. Donald Brewington.** Stubbs challenged the audience to think about a world where charity was not a driving force behind humanitarian efforts.

Centered around speakers, the essential oneness of the world's religions and the oneness of humanity, but often with limited understanding and certainly no models of what "oneness" meant in the racially-charged United States of the early 20th century.

Louis George Gregory was one of the most beloved figures in the history of the Bahá'í

Faith and a pre-eminent champion of its pivotal principle of the oneness of humanity.

He was born in 1874 and raised in Charleston, South Carolina. His mother, Mary Elizabeth, was the daughter of an enslaved African woman called Mariah, later known as Mary Bacot, and the White owner of the plantation. Mary Elizabeth was 14 years old at the end of the Civil War when she and her mother were freed. Three years later she married Ebenezer George, a blacksmith who had also been enslaved, with whom she had two sons, Theodore and Louis.

Ebenezer George died of tuberculosis in 1879, and the family suffered extreme poverty as Mary Elizabeth struggled to support them through work as a tailor. In 1885, she married Col. George Gregory, a freeborn native of Charleston who had served in the Union Army. He became a loving and supportive father to the boys.

Louis Gregory's education at the Avery Institute and Normal School (now Avery Research Center), Fisk University, and Howard University's School of Law established him as one of the "talented Tenth," W.E.B. DuBois' term for the capable, educated African Americans of the time.

# Should HT Allow Guns on Campus?

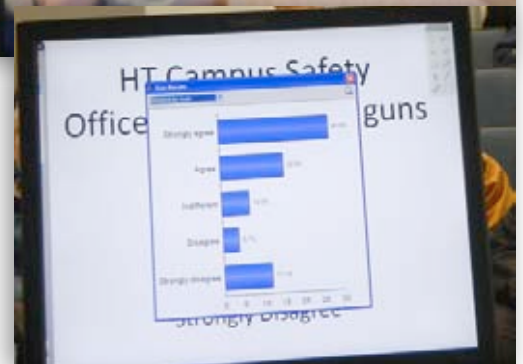
Does the Second Amendment allow citizens the right to carry semi-assault weapons? Should individuals on college campuses be allowed to carry guns? Those questions and more, debated daily on a national stage, were debated during President Larry L. Earvin's Ram Dialogue. Panelists Sheriff Margo Frasier, City of Austin's Office of the Police Monitor; Officer Ed Harris, Austin Police Department Chief of Field Support Services; and Officer Leslie L. York, Jr., Director of Campus Safety, provided expert commentary on the subject. Faculty, staff, and student responses were captured in real time on the University's ActivExpression hand-held devices by Promethean that tabulated responses instantly. Officer York reminded attendees that "a trained officer with hours of training may have trouble hitting a designated target. Can you accurately hit a shooter?"

Readers may see the audience responses and weigh in on the subject by posting comments on HT's blog at <http://htuniversitygeneraltopics.wordpress.com/>. Questions are as follows:

1. Should HT faculty, staff, and students be allowed to carry guns on campus?
2. Do you currently own a gun?



3. Do you currently have a permit to carry a concealed handgun?
4. Do you plan to purchase a gun within the next six months?
5. Do you plan to obtain a conceal carry permit in the next six months?
6. Do Hollywood and the video gaming industries glorify guns?
7. Should HT Campus Safety Officers carry guns on campus?
8. Should HT Campus Safety Officers that are certified be allowed to carry guns on campus?



President Earvin holds Ram Dialogues in various formats to address campus issues throughout the year.





# 2013 VOLLEYBALL

| DATE          | DAY OF WK. | OPPONENT                              | PLACE           | TIME       |
|---------------|------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
| 10/01/13      | Tuesday    | Howard Payne University – NCAA II     | Brownwood, TX   | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 10/05/13      | Saturday   | Dallas Christian College – NCCAA      | Dallas, TX      | 11:00 a.m. |
|               |            | Langston University                   | Dallas, TX      | 1:00 p.m.  |
| 10/11/13      | Friday     | Texas College #                       | HT              | 6:30 p.m.  |
| 10/12/13      | Saturday   | University of TexasBrownsville # HT   | 3:00 p.m.       |            |
| 10/15/13      | Tuesday    | Concordia University-Texas – NCAA III | Austin, TX      | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 10/17/13      | Thursday   | McMurry University – NCAA II          | Abilene, TX     | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 10/18/13      | Friday     | University of the Southwest #         | Hobbs, NM       | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 10/22/13      | Tuesday    | Our Lady of the Lake University #     | San Antonio, TX | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 10/25/13      | Friday     | Langston University #                 | HT              | 6:30 p.m.  |
| 10/26/13      | Saturday   | Bacone College #                      | HT              | 12:00 p.m. |
| 10/26/13      | Saturday   | Alumni Match                          | HT              | 3:00 p.m.  |
| 10/29/13      | Tuesday    | University of St. Thomas #            | Houston, TX     | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 11/01/13      | Friday     | Jarvis Christian College #            | Hawkins, TX     | 7:00 p.m.  |
| 11/02/13      | Saturday   | Wiley College #                       | Marshall, TX    | 11:00 a.m. |
| 11/02/13      | Saturday   | Texas College #                       | Tyler, TX       | 4:00 p.m.  |
| 11/08 – 09/13 | Fri./Sat.  | Red River Conference Tournament       | TBD             | TBD        |



# 2013-14 MEN'S BASKETBALL

| DATE            | DAY OF WK.      | OPPONENT   | PLACE           | TIME             |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|-----------------|------------------|
| 11/06/13        | Wednesday       | University of the Incarnate Word – NCAA I        | San Antonio, TX | 7:00 p.m.        |
| 11/15/13        | Friday          | Concordia University-Texas – NCAA III            | Austin, TX      | 7:00 p.m.        |
| <b>11/16/13</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>University of the Incarnate Word – NCAA I</b> | <b>HT</b>       | <b>1:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>11/18/13</b> | <b>Monday</b>   | <b>Talladega College</b>                         | <b>HT</b>       | <b>7:00 p.m.</b> |
| 11/23/13        | Saturday        | St. Edward's University – NCAA II                | Austin, TX      | TBA              |
| 11/26/13        | Tuesday         | Texas Lutheran University – NCAA III             | Seguin, TX      | 7:30 p.m.        |
| 12/06/13        | Friday          | Bacone College #                                 | Muskogee, OK    | 7:30 p.m.        |
| 12/07/13        | Saturday        | Langston University #                            | Langston, OK    | 7:30 p.m.        |
| <b>12/14/13</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>University of the Southwest #</b>             | <b>HT</b>       | <b>7:30 p.m.</b> |
| 01/10/14        | Friday          | Paul Quinn College                               | Dallas, TX      | 7:30 p.m.        |
| 01/11/14        | Saturday        | University of St. Thomas-Texas #                 | Houston, TX     | 7:30 p.m.        |
| <b>01/17/14</b> | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Texas College #</b>                           | <b>HT</b>       | <b>7:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>01/18/14</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Jarvis Christian College #</b>                | <b>HT</b>       | <b>7:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>01/21/14</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>Our Lady of the Lake University #</b>         | <b>HT</b>       | <b>7:30 p.m.</b> |
| 01/24/14        | Friday          | Louisiana State University-Shreveport #          | Shreveport, LA  | 7:30 p.m.        |
| 01/25/14        | Saturday        | Wiley College #                                  | Marshall, TX    | 7:30 p.m.        |
| <b>01/31/14</b> | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Bacone College #</b>                          | <b>HT</b>       | <b>7:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>02/01/14</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Langston University #</b>                     | <b>HT</b>       | <b>7:30 p.m.</b> |
| 02/08/14        | Saturday        | University of the Southwest #                    | Hobbs, NM       | 7:30 p.m.        |
| <b>02/14/14</b> | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Paul Quinn College</b>                        | <b>HT</b>       | <b>7:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>02/15/14</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>University of St. Thomas-Texas # +</b>        | <b>HT</b>       | <b>7:30 p.m.</b> |
| 02/18/14        | Tuesday         | Our Lady of the Lake #                           | San Antonio, TX | 7:30 p.m.        |
| 02/21/14        | Friday          | Texas College #                                  | Tyler, TX       | 7:30 p.m.        |
| 02/22/14        | Saturday        | Jarvis Christian College #                       | Hawkins, TX     | 7:30 p.m.        |
| <b>02/28/14</b> | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Louisiana State University-Shreveport #</b>   | <b>HT</b>       | <b>7:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>03/01/14</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Wiley College #</b>                           | <b>HT</b>       | <b>7:30 p.m.</b> |

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# 2013 MEN'S SOCCER

| DATE          | DAY OF WK. | OPPONENT                          | PLACE       | TIME      |
|---------------|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 10/05/13      | Saturday   | University of the Southwest #     | Austin, TX  | TBA       |
| 10/10/13      | Thursday   | Texas College #                   | Tyler, TX   | 3:00 p.m. |
| 10/17/13      | Thursday   | University of St. Thomas-Texas #  | Houston, TX | 7:00 p.m. |
| 10/19/13      | Saturday   | University of Houston-Victoria    | Austin, TX  | TBA       |
| 10/24/13      | Thursday   | University of Texas-Brownsville # | Austin, TX  | TBA       |
| 10/26/13      | Saturday   | Our Lady of the Lake University # | Austin, TX  | TBA       |
| 11/01/13      | Friday     | 1st Round of RRAC Championships   | TBA         | TBA       |
| 11/07 – 08/13 | Thurs-Fri  | RRAC Championships                | TBA         | TBA       |
| 11/23/13      | Saturday   | 1st Round of NAIA Championships   | TBA         | TBA       |

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# = RRAC Games





# 2013-14 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

| DATE            | DAY OF WK.      | OPPONENT                                       | PLACE              | TIME             |
|-----------------|-----------------|--|--------------------|------------------|
| 11/08/13        | Friday          | Texas State University – NCAA I                | San Marcos, TX     | TBA              |
| 11/12/13        | Tuesday         | Texas A&M University-Kingsville – NCAA II      | Kingsville, TX     | TBA              |
| 11/16/13        | Saturday        | University of Texas-Pan American – NCAA I      | Edinburg, TX       | TBA              |
| 11/19/13        | Tuesday         | Abilene Christian University – NCAA II         | Abilene, TX        | TBA              |
| 11/26/13        | Tuesday         | St. Edward's University – NCAA II              | Austin, TX         | TBA              |
| 12/06/13        | Friday          | Bacone College #                               | Muskogee, OK       | 5:30 p.m.        |
| 12/07/13        | Saturday        | Langston University #                          | Langston, OK       | 5:30 p.m.        |
| <b>12/14/13</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>University of the Southwest #</b>           | <b>HT</b>          | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> |
| 12/28/13        | Saturday        | Houston Baptist University                     | Houston, TX        | TBA              |
| 12/30/13        | Monday          | Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi – NCAA I   | Corpus Christi, TX | TBA              |
| 01/10/14        | Friday          | Paul Quinn College                             | Dallas, TX         | 5:30 p.m.        |
| 01/11/14        | Saturday        | University of St. Thomas-Texas #               | Houston, TX        | 5:30 p.m.        |
| <b>01/17/14</b> | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Texas College #</b>                         | <b>HT</b>          | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>01/18/14</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Jarvis Christian College #</b>              | <b>HT</b>          | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>01/21/14</b> | <b>Tuesday</b>  | <b>Our Lady of the Lake University #</b>       | <b>HT</b>          | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> |
| 01/24/14        | Friday          | Louisiana State University-Shreveport #        | Shreveport, LA     | 5:30 p.m.        |
| 01/25/14        | Saturday        | Wiley College #                                | Marshall, TX       | 5:30 p.m.        |
| <b>01/31/14</b> | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Bacone College #</b>                        | <b>HT</b>          | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>02/01/14</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Langston University #</b>                   | <b>HT</b>          | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> |
| 02/08/14        | Saturday        | University of the Southwest #                  | Hobbs, NM          | 5:30 p.m.        |
| <b>02/14/14</b> | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Paul Quinn College</b>                      | <b>HT</b>          | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>02/15/14</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>University of St. Thomas-Texas # +</b>      | <b>HT</b>          | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> |
| 02/18/14        | Tuesday         | Our Lady of the Lake #                         | San Antonio, TX    | 5:30 p.m.        |
| 02/21/14        | Friday          | Texas College #                                | Tyler, TX          | 5:30 p.m.        |
| 02/22/14        | Saturday        | Jarvis Christian College #                     | Hawkins, TX        | 5:30 p.m.        |
| <b>02/28/14</b> | <b>Friday</b>   | <b>Louisiana State University-Shreveport #</b> | <b>HT</b>          | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> |
| <b>03/01/14</b> | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Wiley College #</b>                         | <b>HT</b>          | <b>5:30 p.m.</b> |

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# 2013 WOMEN'S SOCCER

| DATE                 | DAY OF WK.      | OPPONENT                                 | PLACE             | TIME             |
|----------------------|-----------------|--|-------------------|------------------|
| <b>10/05/13</b>      | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>University of the Southwest #</b>     | <b>Austin, TX</b> | <b>TBA</b>       |
| 10/10/13             | Thursday        | Texas College #                          | Tyler, TX         | TBA              |
| <b>10/19/13</b>      | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>University of Houston-Victoria</b>    | <b>Austin, TX</b> | <b>6:00 p.m.</b> |
| <b>10/24/13</b>      | <b>Thursday</b> | <b>University of Texas-Brownsville #</b> | <b>Austin, TX</b> | <b>TBA</b>       |
| <b>10/26/13</b>      | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>Our Lady of the Lake University #</b> | <b>Austin, TX</b> | <b>TBA</b>       |
| <b>11/02/13</b>      | <b>Saturday</b> | <b>1st Round of RRAC Championships</b>   | <b>TBA</b>        | <b>TBA</b>       |
| <b>11/08 – 09/13</b> | <b>Fri-Sat</b>  | <b>RRAC Championships</b>                | <b>TBA</b>        | <b>TBA</b>       |

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# 2013 SPORTS UPDATE

Athletes completed their academic and sports year with accomplishments in their respective areas. Noted alumni and friends were recognized during the annual James R. Wilson Athletic Awards Banquet held in April. The capacity crowd of athletes, friends, and families were inspired by the words of Theodore (Ted) H. Ford, Jr., retired professional baseball player as the keynote speaker. Ford was drafted in the 11th round by the Cleveland Indians into Major League Baseball (MLB). He also played for the Texas Rangers in 1972 and played baseball in Veracruz and the Dominican Republic. Event honorees were as follows:

## **Reneé Brown**

Brown received a four-year basketball scholarship and graduated from Huston-Tillotson in 1983. She has been the coach of the girls basketball team at Austin's Lyndon B. Johnson High School since 1996. She led her Lady Jaguars to their first Class 4A State Championship in 2011.

## **Alicia Childs**

Childs, originally from Fort Worth, Texas, was an outstanding high school athlete before receiving a four-year scholarship to play volleyball and run track. She earned All-American honors for her 4 x 400 relay performance. Childs earned her bachelor's from HT in education. She also earned a master's in education from Concordia University at Texas with a focus in advanced literacy. She is currently employed at HT as the records manager.

## **John A. Ostarticki**

Ostarticki graduated from HT in December 1975 with a bachelor's degree in education. He earned First Team, All Conference, Gulf Coast Conference from 1970-1971; First Team All-Conference, Big State Conference from 1971 to 1974; and was seventh in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) in free throws in 1972. He also retired from the United States Air Force and enjoys working as a substitute teacher in Austin area schools.

## **Michael Robertson**

Robertson, head coach at Texas Southern University, Houston, Texas, since 2008, graduated from HT in 1987. He earned a master's degree in education from Prairie View A&M University, Prairie View, Texas, where he also coached baseball and led the team to two consecutive Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC) Championships.

## **Sherman Taylor**

Taylor started at HT as an assistant coach before enrolling and joining the track and field team as a non-scholarship athlete. Sherman single handedly scored the majority of the points for HT's third place finish in the 1996 Big State Conference meet. He scored 34 points in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, shot put, javelin, and discus. He captured Dean's List honors and graduated from HT in 2000 with a computer sciences degree. He also completed graduate school studies to earn a Master of Science in Computer Information Systems in 2003. He is currently employed at Software Support Specials for Gemalto.

Reneé Brown



Alicia Childs



John A. Ostarticki



Sherman Taylor





# SPORTS

## ATHLETIC TRAINING

### Amii Johnson, Head Athletic Trainer

**1st Year:** Lakevia Castillo, Jay'Dren Compton, Erica Cray, Loislyn Henderson

**2nd Year:** Tasha Betts, Jonathan Douglas.

**Student Interns:** Khalani Diibor, Jamal McKinney

## BASEBALL

### Coach Alvin Moore

**1st Year:** Eric Aldava, Steven Elder, Tim Ford, Patrick Fox, Eduardo Gonzales, Omar Gonzales, Nicholas Monette, Devion Odums, Levi Perez, Daniel San Miguel, Archmedus Taylor, Jared Van de Hoef, Sean Varner

**2nd Year:** Adam Chatman, Izaiah Guerrero, Derrick Sampel

**3rd Year:** Peter Castillo, Preston Castillo.

**4th Year:** Bryan Castillo, Christopher Cruz, Vincente Rodriguez

**Assistant Coach:** Jimmy Naumann

**Volunteer Assistant Coaches:** L.E. Ferguson; Ted Ford, Jr.; Howard Limuel, IV; Jimmy Naumann; Jamal McKinney

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### Coach Elwood Plummer

**1st Year:** Christopher Edwards, Jonathan Douglas, Tyrice Hill, Demetrius Smith

**2nd Year:** Fidelis Ifeanyi Ariguzo, Marquis Brown, Anthony Carroll, Ronzelle Fort, Marquavius James, Justin King, Calvin McGhee, Jamal Scantlebury

**3rd Year:** Patrick Bosqueto, Cameron Morgan

**Volunteer Assistant Coaches:** Kendall Ducree, Shirleta Plummer

**Managers:** Brenda Wanjeri, Crystal Randolph; Loislyn Henderson; Mahogany Berry

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### Coach Maurice Callis

**1st Year:** Ariel Callis, Danielle Franklin, Imani Simpson

**2nd Year:** Shaudae Bell, Hillary Morris, Mariah Silva, LaKesha Taylor, Shaniqua

Thomas, Kendra Venzant, Antwinesha Walter

**3rd Year:** Erica Cray, Janequa Moore.

**Volunteer Assistant Coaches:** James Callis, Jonathan Clark

## CHEERLEADER

### Coach Patricia Robinson

**1st Year:** Charisse Berry, Asia Haney, Briana Haney, Arissa Thomas

**2nd Year:** Jatoria Gales, Michel'le McClinton, Tanisha Washington

**3rd Year:** Elise Jackson-Brown

**4th Year:** Jasmin Massey

## MEN'S SOCCER

### Interim Coach Marco Gutierrez

**1st Year:** Justis Anoruo, Civicus Barsi-Giah, Luis Cadiz, Marcos Escobar, Adrian Jasso, Darwin Rios, Jose Rodriguez, Luis Segura

**2nd Year:** Clay Kirk, Reynaldo Lopez, Juan Maya, Jeminson Mejia

**3rd Year:** Elias Barahona, Otis Garlo, Marcos Sanchez

**4th Year:** Oumar Djiba, Walter Madrid, Oscar Orte, Cesar Silva

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Josh Reyes

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

### Coach Andy Tunnicliffe

**1st Year:** Angelica Erazo, Bessy Lopez, Natalie Manteca

**2nd Year:** Savannah Albiar, Megan Medrano, Xihomara Rodriguez, Chelsea Santos, April Taylor

**3rd Year:** Sarah Lindell, Mely Lopez, Alba Mendoza, Victoria Reyes, Helen Rios, Courtney Wilcut

**4th Year:** Pamela Carias

**Volunteer Assistant Coaches:** Mike Lally, Brent Winning

## SOFTBALL

### Coach Samantha Gonzalez

**1st Year:** Emmili Aguerro, Savannah Albiar, Michelle Arce, Lariena Battise, Alexis Garza,

Haley Jaramillo, Jalisa Larry, Katrina Vargas, Savannah Wotring, Letticia Zamora

**2nd Year:** Tasha Betts-Mgr., Courtney Hendon, Lydia Urbina

**3rd Year:** Karissa Garcia, Debra Martinez, Roxanne G. Rodriguez, Elizabeth Valderaz

**Student Coach:** Monique Arce

## MEN'S TRACK

### Coach Howard Ware

**1st Year:** Datrik Edwards, Payton Garrett, Darius Johnson, Jeffrey Jones, Korey Lewis, Chris McConnell, Lamon Roberts, Brandon Semien, Christ Tompkins, Gerald Watson, Phaebian Wien, Kemon Wright, Derius Yarbrough, Kohla Ybarra

**3rd Year:** Ross Kelley

**4th Year:** Darius Butler

**Volunteer Assistant Coaches:** Clarence Johnson, Ronald Owens, Marcia Ware

## WOMEN'S TRACK

### Coach Howard Ware

**1st Year:** Zakeria Chism, Candace Dotson, Morghan Jones, Sara Mackey, Onyeoma Okerke, Brittany Perales

**2nd Year:** Simone Sawyer, Montranique Smith, Ravoshia Whaley, Alexa Wright

**Volunteer Assistant Coaches:** Clarence Johnson, Ronald Owens, Marcia Ware

## VOLLEYBALL

### Coach Ronnie Kaase

**1st Year:** Sha'Nice Baldwin, Brittany Chopane, Kaliha Harrell, Helen Julian, Raveen Robinson, Alissa Smith, Keara Stiles, Tayla Terry

**2nd Year:** Cynthia Allen, Tasha Betts-Mgr., Nicole Cowan, Amber Green, Olivia Sanchez, Mariah Wooten

**3rd Year:** Audrey Bartee, Faron Bradley, Priscilla Craig, Stephanie Kincheon

**4th Year:** Chantelia Washington.

**Assistant/JV Coach:** April Newcomb

**Volunteer Assistant Coach:** Yessenia Pena

# 2012-2013 SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

### **Ronzelle Fort**

Honorable Mention All-Conference RRAC

All-Conference Champions of Character RRAC

### **Tyrice Hill**

Honorable Mention All-Conference RRAC

### **Demetrius Smith**

First Team All-Conference RRAC

## MEN'S SOCCER

### **Oumar Djiba**

Defensive Player of the Year RRAC

### **Marcos Escobar**

Second Team All-Conference RRAC

### **Otis Garlo**

Second Team All-Conference RRAC

### **Juan Maya**

Second Team All-Conference RRAC

### **Jeminson Mejia**

First Team All-Conference RRAC

### **Marcos Sanchez\***

First Team All-Conference RRAC

### **Cesar Silva\***

First Team All-Conference RRAC

## MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

### **Datrick Edwards**

Discus Throw All-Conference RRAC

Javelin All-Conference RRAC

Shot Put All-Conference RRAC

### **Payton Garrett**

400 Meter Champion RRAC, All-Conference RRAC

800 Meter All-Conference RRAC

### **Jeffrey Jones**

Discus Throw All-Conference RRAC

### **Phaebian Wien**

Shot Put All-Conference RRAC

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

### **Erica Cray**

Second Team All-Conference RRAC

### **Kendra Venzant**

Honorable Mention All-Conference RRAC

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

### **Pamela Carias**

NAIA-Daktronics Academic Scholar Athlete Team

## WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

### **Morghan Jones**

100 Meter Hurdles Champions RRAC, All-Conference RRAC

### **Sara Mackey**

100 Meter All-Conference RRAC

### **Simone Sawyer**

Discus Throw Champion RRAC, All-Conference RRAC

Shot Put All-Conference RRAC

### **Montranique Smith**

400 Meter Hurdles Champion RRAC, All-Conference RRAC

High Jump Champion RRAC, All-Conference RRAC

### **Ravoshia Whaley**

400 Meter All-Conference RRAC

800 Meter All-Conference RRAC

### **Alexa Wright**

Discus Throw All-Conference RRAC

## VOLLEYBALL

### **Faron Bradley**

All-Conference Honorable Team RRAC

NAIA-Daktronics Academic Scholar Athlete Team

### **Brittany Chopane**

All-Conference Champions of Character RRAC

### **Amber Green\***

All-Conference Champions of Character Team RRAC

### **Chantelia Washington**

All-Conference Honorable Mention RRAC

Red River Athletic Conference (RRAC)

\*repeat award winner



## Track Coach Invited to Join Mission Team

**H**oward Ware, men's and women's track and field coach, was invited to participate as a Texas Legend at the 2013 Heisman Tour held in Austin in April. He was also invited to join the Athletes in Action Track and Field coaching team that travels to eight countries, sharing coaching expertise and the gospel of Jesus Christ. Ware has 44 years experience in coaching, working with the Austin Striders, an organization that he founded, and Huston-Tillotson University track teams.

## CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER NOMINEES 2012-2013

**Peter Castillo, Archmedus Taylor** - Baseball

**Chris Edwards, Fidelis Ifeanyi Ariguzo** - Men's Basketball

**Darius Butler, Chris McConnell** - Men's Track

**Civicus Barsi-Giah, Otis Garlo** - Men's Soccer

**Lakesha Taylor, Erica Cray** - Women's Basketball

**Victoria Reyes, Chelsea Santos** - Women's Soccer

**Courtney Hendon, Lydia Urbina** - Softball

**Brittany Chopane, Amber Green** - Volleyball



*Fidelis Ifeanyi Ariguzo and  
Lakesha Taylor (pictured) won  
the Champions of Character  
2012-2013 Award.*

## Coach Plummer Journeys to Japan To Mentor Members of the U.S. Military

**E**lwood O. Plummer, Men's Basketball Coach, traveled to Yukoto Air Force Base near Tokyo, Japan, in April, at the invitation of the United States Defense Department. As part of a team of ambassadors to help with Educational Career Week, Plummer shared his basketball expertise as a student athlete and coach, and information about the history and opportunities of Huston-Tillotson University.

The coach called the trip "a once in a lifetime opportunity to serve my country, and at the same time advance and promote the goals, ideals and interests" of HT.

## Softball Team Advances to RRAC Tournament

**T**he softball team closed the 2012-2013 season by advancing in the Red River Athletic Conference tournament held in May in Farmer's Branch, Texas. The Rams opened the tournament with wins over Bacone College and Southwest Assemblies of God before losing to Texas Wesleyan University. Coach Samantha Gonzalez launched the University's softball program in 2009.

## All Team Sports Pink in Support of Breast Cancer Awareness

**V**olleyball team members traded their HT jerseys for pink ones during Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The efforts were close to team members in support of player Nicole Cowan, a junior from Yoakum, Texas, who lost her mother to breast cancer.

## Intercollegiate Athletic Program Earns Champions of Character Honor

National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) officials announced that Huston-Tillotson University's Intercollegiate Athletic program earned the 2011-2012 NAIA Champions of Character Five-Star Institution Award.

*The Champions of Character* award places the University among an elite group of institutions that demonstrate the five-core values of integrity, respect, responsibility, sportsmanship, and servant leadership within their programs. HT athletes participate in baseball, basketball, volleyball, soccer, and track and field for men and women. Annually, members of the sports teams engage in mentoring programs and community service while maintaining their sports regimen and academic goals.

Fidelis Ifeanyi Ariguzo and Lakesha Taylor won the Champions of Character 2012-2013 Award.



## Cray and Fort Honored by the City of Austin

Basketball players Erica Cray (*pictured left*) and Ronzelle Fort were recognized for their academic and athletic accomplishments during a City of Austin Texas Relays reception. The 2013 Texas Relays Celebration, sponsored by the University of Texas at Austin Division of Diversity and Community Engagement, the City of Austin, and Mayor Pro Tem Sheryl Cole (*pictured right*), was held the week of the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays to welcome thousands of track and field athletes and their families to Austin, as well as honor collegiate students who excelled both on and off the field.

Cray graduated in May with a degree in kinesiology. She played in 84 games, scored 813 points, had 343 rebounds, 292 assists, 176 steals, and 20 blocked shots. She ranked 17th in NAIA Division I in total assists. She also completed a Physical Education EC-12 Teaching Certification.

Fort, originally from Chicago, Illinois, is a junior computer information systems major. On the court, he averaged 14 points per game while shooting 50.5 % field goals with 22.5% within the 3-point range. His academic accomplishments earned him a spot in The Mickey Leland Environmental Internship Program.





## Remembering

# Jackie Robinson and the Methodist Church

By Rev. Gilbert Caldwell

*The author is from Asbury Park, New Jersey, and was in Austin for a speaking engagement at Anderson High School. He stopped by HT to share his recollection with Dr. Sumler-Edmond's African-American history class. He is a retired United Methodist elder of the Rocky Mountain Conference. He talked about his involvement in the Selma to Montgomery March and other Civil Rights Movement events. Caldwell, age 79, graduated from Anderson in 1951 and spent a year at Samuel Huston College. This piece about Jackie Robinson is shared with his permission.*

I first saw Jackie Robinson play in Dallas, Texas, when my father was pastor of St. Paul Methodist Church (1944-49). I do not remember the exact year, but I do remember that day when my father and I saw Robinson play. Nor do I remember whether the seating in the stadium was racially segregated. But, I do remember how excited those of us who were black were as he began the process of breaking the racial barrier of Major League Baseball.

My father, Rev. G. Haven Caldwell and our family had come to Dallas in 1944 from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he had been pastor of another St. Paul Methodist Church, also in the Central Jurisdiction. But this was not the first time he had been in Texas. He was a professor at Samuel Huston College (now Huston-Tillotson University) in Austin, Texas, from 1923-25. Most United Methodists are unaware of the fact that Jackie Robinson once was a basketball coach at Samuel Huston College.

As a teen-ager in Pasadena, California, Robinson had become involved in what we

would now describe as “gang culture.” But, while engaging in the sometimes less-than-positive activities of teenage boys, a young, black Methodist minister, Rev. Karl Downs, got to know Jackie and encouraged him to become involved in the youth activities of the church he pastored. Their relationship continued during Robinson's high school and college years. Rev. Downs performed the marriage ceremony of Jackie Robinson and Rachel Isum and was a friend and counselor to them until Downs' death.

When Karl Downs became the president of Samuel Huston College at the age of 30, he invited Jackie to become director of athletics and the basketball coach at the college. He was there from 1944-45; then received an offer to play with the Kansas City Monarchs of the Negro Baseball League. While Robinson was with the Monarchs, Brooklyn Dodgers' manager Branch Rickey, a Methodist layman, recruited him after a stint with their Montreal minor league team.

In his April 12 New York Times review of “42,” film critic A. O. Scott writes: “To be accepted as human, as equal to whites, the black pioneers of the era (Robinson) had to rise above all kinds of ordinary human temptations—to fight back, to show anger or fear—and become flawless exemplars of their race.”

My hope is that the film about Jackie Robinson, “42” (the number on his uniform), will encourage United Methodists in Texas and elsewhere to remember our Methodist/United Methodist Church racial history. Those of us who are African American remember, that like Jackie Robinson, we knew

what it was like to be racial pioneers in our denomination.

“Back in the day” (as some say), there were also white persons who were willing to publicly support racial integration in the church, who were much like Branch Rickey, the Methodist layman who enabled Jackie



Robinson to break Major League Baseball's “color bar.” The Methodist/United Methodist Church in its racial journey has been blessed because it has had and has, black, white, brown, Asian and Native American persons who in their racial attitudes and actions, are “exemplars of their race,” the human race. Thanks be to God!

The article is shared with his permission.



Robinson as a student at UCLA, with the Brooklyn Dodgers, and during his marriage ceremony.



## Resolution Honoring

# Jack Roosevelt “Jackie” Robinson

**H**uston-Tillotson University joins Major League Baseball and the rest of America to celebrate April 15, 2013, as Jackie Robinson Day, commending Mr. Robinson on his contributions to the Civil Rights Movement, athletic achievements, and his lasting impact on the world and HT.

***Whereas,** Jack Roosevelt Robinson was born January 31, 1919 in Cairo, Georgia, but was raised in Pasadena, California, before becoming known as Jackie Robinson.*

***Whereas,** Jackie Robinson first attended Pasadena Junior College before he received scholarships to play football, basketball, baseball, and track for The University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA).*

***Whereas,** From 1942 to 1944 Jackie Robinson served as a second lieutenant in the United States army, stationed in Fort Hood, Texas, and where he was honorably discharged in 1944 after refusing to move to the back of the military bus.*

***Whereas,** Jackie Robinson relocated to Austin, Texas, where he served at Samuel Huston College (now Huston-Tillotson University) as a physical education instructor and coach of the men’s basketball team—A team that went undefeated under Robinson’s leadership.*

***Whereas,** The President of Samuel Huston College, Dr. Karl Downs, was the officiant at the Jackie Robinson wedding to the former Rachel Annetta Isum.*

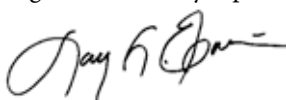
***Whereas,** In 1970 Jackie Robinson served on the then Huston-Tillotson College Board of Trustees where he signed the restated Articles of Incorporation.*

***Whereas,** In 1945 Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in baseball by signing with the Brooklyn Dodgers’ farm team, The Montreal Royals, making Robinson the first African-American to play Major League Baseball.*

***Whereas,** in 1947 Jackie Robinson earned Rookie of the Year honors for the National League, won six World Series titles, and earned many major league records while playing for the Brooklyn Dodgers.*

***Therefore,** be it resolved, that Huston-Tillotson University joins the nation and the world in celebrating the monumental contributions Jackie Robinson made. Jackie Robinson’s life’s works honor the University family and the Texas community. We offer our sincere gratitude to Jackie Robinson and his family during the recognition and celebration.*

Signed on this day, April 15, 2013



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

By Terry S. Smith

# Baseball Team Home Field Holds Significant History

Today, the Huston-Tillotson University baseball team plays its home games on a field in East Austin that was in its earlier existence referred to as the College Athletic Park. This article documents some of the history of the park now known as Downs Field, located at 2812 12th Street, near the railroad tracks and on the banks of the flood prone Boggy Creek. There has been a recent move by individuals within the City hierarchy to secure an Austin Historical Marker for Downs Field to honor this longstanding “field of dreams.”

Records of the Samuel Huston College Board of Trustees special meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21, 1938, show that the following discussion and actions were approved:

1. “... discuss the selling of the College Athletic Park to the Austin Public School Board with the probability of the college using the park for its future athletics, gratis.”
2. “... that a committee be appointed to negotiate with the Austin Public School Board relative to the sale.”
3. “... the above committee was given plenary power to act for the Trustee Board, the final sale papers to be signed by all Charter Trustees of Samuel Huston College.”
4. “... that the proceeds of the sale of the Athletic Park be used only for the Expansion Program of the college.”
5. “... By common consent the committee was ordered to begin negotiations with the Public School Board at the office of Superintendent A.N. McCallum Dec. 22, 1938 at 11:00 a.m.

Travis County records show that a deed of sale was executed Jan. 13, 1939, wherein “That Samuel Huston College, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Texas, acting herein by and through its President, Dr. S.E. Grannum, hereunto duly authorized by a resolution of the Board of Trustees of Samuel Huston College, hereto attached and marked ‘Exhibit A’ for identification, for the purpose of concurring in the conveyance of the hereinafter described property by The Board

of Education for Negroes of the Methodist Episcopal Church in executing deed to the hereinafter described property to the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Free Schools and in consideration of \$10,000.00 cash paid... Volume 605 page 526.”

This Samuel Huston College Athletic Park was described as “8.37 acres out of Outlot 30, Division “B.” An additional 1.54 acres was deeded to the Board of Trustees of the Austin Public Free Schools on March 3, 1941, by Mrs. Ella May Westling.

The Samuel Huston College Athletic Park was later named Downs Field in memory of Dr. Karl Everett Downs who served as President of Samuel Huston College from 1943 to 1948.

The April 10, 1949, minutes of the deliberations of the City Council, City of Austin, describe the April 10, 1949, “... dedicatory of Downs Field baseball field for Negroes is located at the end of East 12th and Springdale Road, has an area of 572 feet by 480 feet, is enclosed, and a permanent seating capacity of 600. Members of the City Council along with representatives of the Samuel Huston College and members of the Recreation Department acted as hosts for the occasion. The field is named for the late President of Samuel Huston College. After the dedication ceremony, a game was played between the Austin Black Pioneers, and the Waco Tigers. Approximately 400 persons witnessed the activities.”

Downs Field has served the needs of Austin citizen of African heritage from its construction through today. Documents show that in 1949 approximately 20,045 participants and 8,318 spectators were in attendance at various events. Noted athletes such as Cool Papa Bell, Willie Wells, Satchel Page, and hundreds of Negro League players used the venue. Additionally, the baseball teams for Samuel Huston College and its successor institution, Huston-Tillotson University created many memorable moments on the field.



The University continues its activities on Downs Field under the direction of Alvin Moore, who has served as the HT baseball coach since Aug. 1981. In 2009 the University signed an agreement with Austin Parks and Recreation that stipulates HT’s continued use of the field “... for a five (5) year period from the date of execution, renewable for three (3) additional five (5) year periods upon consent of both parties.”





## Greetings from the Alumni Affairs Director

This has been another extraordinary year for our alma mater. HT continues to be at the cutting edge in academic accomplishments and our alumni are persistently making outstanding contributions to our communities. It is an honor to have the opportunity to tell our story to anyone who wants to “Discover HT.”

As we strive to meet the 21st century challenges of providing an outstanding education for the next generation of graduates, I invite you to consider making a generous gift to the University. Our Planned Giving and Matching Gift Programs offer a variety of options that will benefit everyone today and in the future.

I will be reaching out to you even more for your ideas and involvement. Our alumni personify the HT legacy. Your voices are valuable and our stories are priceless.

Best wishes,

La Juana R. Napier  
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HTIAA Greetings:

On behalf of the international body, I would like to congratulate the recent alumni inducted into the Huston-Tillotson International Alumni Association. You, as all graduates, ex-students, and some friends, are now officially members. We welcome you to our ranks.

You reached one of your challenges: To become alumni of our University. However, the next challenge is not to forget to become an active member of the local chapter in your area. If there is not a local chapter in your area, take the challenge, reach out to the alumni,

## Words from the International Alumni Association President

develop a chapter, and become strong for our University.

The road has been long, but our accomplishments were many. I would like to convey my deepest and sincere thanks and appreciation to the executive board, chapter presidents, committee members, volunteers, young alumni, and fellow alumni for your strong support, efforts, hard work, time, and talents.

Let's try to do our part this next year to give more to ensure that our University never faces what many other historically black colleges and universities (HBCU) have faced in the past.

Many alumni say that they don't have a lot of money to give to the University, thus they don't give any amount. What about giving back to the community that nourished you and helped you to grow into a productive citizen? What about honoring those who came before you and helped to keep the doors of the University open, so that we might have an opportunity for an education?

I am asking all alumni, ex-students, and friends to submit data to the Director of Alumni Affairs' Office. I hope to reach out to all alumni

to become an active and financial member of your local or international chapter. I am asking you to add Huston-Tillotson University to your list of giving. Although we accomplished many things, we look forward to even greater accomplishments during the upcoming year.

In the upcoming year, we will have the opportunity to implement many new ideas and build upon the success of the past. We will continue to look for innovative ways to build on and increase our support and contributions to the University.

Continuous effort is the key to unlocking our potential. I am honored and count it a privilege to serve as your president. Thank you, again, for giving your valuable time, your never-ending service, and your generous contributions. It is up to us as alumni, ex-students, and friends to set an example to the world that we believe our institution is worth supporting. If we don't, why should anyone else?

In Union, Strength!

Dr. Thomas O. McDowell  
International Alumni President

## Tennis Star Hatchett Kyle Earned a Place in History

Past yearbooks and historical documents draw attention to the accomplishments of scholars who attended Samuel Huston and Tillotson Colleges. The rivalry between the two institutions was fierce, whether competing in academic, music, or sports competitions. The competitors were not rising stars; they were stars and none as noted as tennis player Celestine Hatchett Kyle. The current HT tennis court sees occasional play from students enrolled in kinesiology individual sports courses. Back in the day, the local tennis court was visibly worn thanks to Kyle, who blazed a trail of firsts long before tennis greats Venus and Serena Williams and before African Americans even showed an interest in the sport.

Kyle's passion for tennis predated Althea Gibson, the first African American female to win a Grand Slam title when she captured the French Open title in 1956. Gibson also won the Wimbledon Championship and United

States Open tournaments in 1957 and 1958. Navasota, Texas, is where Kyle got her start

and was introduced to tennis. A local coach and teacher constructed a tennis court for students across the street from Navasota Colored High School where Kyle was enrolled. She was the 1938 class president, excelled academically, and was drawn to the game of tennis. Her abilities on the court earned her entry into the Class 3-AAA tennis singles competition where she captured titles during her sophomore through senior years and won the Doubles Championship each year she competed with her partner Alice Marie Jones. Her tennis play gained the attention of the Tillotson College coach, which was a blessing since her parents were unable to finance her college education. She received a full tennis scholarship and started a reign of victories in the southwest that ultimately matched her against Gibson. She also excelled in basketball as a member of the Tillotson team.



Kyle earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Tillotson and a Master of Arts degree from Prairie View A&M University. She taught at Dunbar High School and retired from the Lubbock Independent School District after a 32-year career.

Kyle recalls the names of the professors who impacted her life— Mrs. Upshaw, Mrs. Mary Roberts, and tennis coach and college treasurer Mr. Arthur Royster. She reminisced about her love for the campus and the many walks to Beard Hall. "Everybody looked out for each other."

## The Bond of a College Friendship Now 50 Years Strong

The college experience creates life-long friendships that usually begin with a roommate assignment or a class schedule that is similar. For 1961 graduates Emma Henderson McPherson and Kathryn Strickland Page, a bond was established because they were both chemistry majors in many of the same classes. One lived a few doors from the other in the residence halls. However, they connected and have been close friends for more than 50 years. They have shared the joys of life such as birthdays, weddings, and graduations, as well as the trials such as the loss of loved ones. For the most part, life has been good. McPherson established a career until her retirement from the United States Geological Survey. Her studies and investigations continue to be listed with the agency. She has been married to her husband, Clifford, also a graduate of Huston-Tillotson, for 30 years. Page enjoyed a career in the medical field. Her husband graduated from the University of Texas and established his career in engineering before passing in 2012. The four enjoyed many gatherings and travelled around the world together.

Retirement means lots of time with grandchildren and family, including the HT family. In addition, McPherson takes every opportunity she can to visit her mother who is 92-years old and lives in East Texas. McPherson and Page make it a point to attend annual HT reunions where they can talk and laugh about how it used to be at HT. Vesper service was mandatory even though they tried to skip the weekly ritual by hiding in the closet. Shorts and pants were not part of the permissible attire for women, and it goes on and on. They are passionate about their alma mater. They consider themselves examples of supportive alumni. Page has served on the HT Board of Trustees for the past few years to ensure that "HT is here for future generations." Page established an endowed scholarship for the "sons and daughters," as in the words of the HT Alma Mater, to come and experience what she experienced. "We are the example" of giving back, they both agreed.

## HT Student Edna Oddessa Humphries Becomes the First UT African American Graduate

The first African American to receive a bachelor's degree from the University of Texas at Austin is Edna Oddessa Humphries who attended Huston-Tillotson. The information was researched for inclusion in an article titled, "The First Black Graduates of the Nation's 50 Flagship State Universities" by Robert Bruce Slater as listed in *The Journal of Blacks in Higher Education*. Humphries began matriculating at HT in 1956 before transferring to UT to complete her Bachelor of Science degree in 1958 in education. She later enrolled at Wichita State University, Wichita, Kansas, to earn a master's degree in administration and supervision.





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## Austinite Irene E. Hill Thompson Proud of Her Family's HT Roots

East Austin is full of history and no one knows that history better than 90-year old Irene E. Hill Thompson. Not only can Thompson talk about the past, she can back it up with her collection of articles and photographs. A visit to her home on a hot summer day was met with finger sandwiches, apple cider, dessert, and jazz music—featuring Lena Horne, Nancy Wilson, and other greats—playing in the background. That is just how company is greeted when entering the Thompson home. Family pictures line the walls, with each one carrying its own story. The photograph of her mother and father are special as she begins the walk down memory lane. Her parents lived on Austin's Washington Avenue where she was born. Neighborhoods were an extension of the family and securing a better life was a priority. Thompson remembers how the African American community protected young people from racism.

Thanks to the efforts of The United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ and the creation of Tillotson and Samuel Huston colleges, the dream of a bachelor's degree was a reality. In addition, the college choices made Austin the destination for many who came from small, rural towns no longer in existence. After African Americans received their education, they settled in the area. Thompson enrolled at Tillotson College, which was an all female institution at the time, at age 15. Samuel Huston College was the choice for males. Three generations of Hills have attended what is now Huston-Tillotson University. Her brother James Hill was an active member of the HT Board of Trustees before passing in 2012. Thompson was protected from racism, but she chose to participate in sit ins. Thompson realized at an early age that politics drive change. She has souvenirs and pins from Democratic Conventions and recalls when Former President Lyndon B. Johnson visited the HT campus. She remembers accompanying

her mother to the voting polls. The college experience provided lasting memories in addition to launching her career.

Thompson is enjoying life and her charity work with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She retired from the Austin Independent School District after 34 years of service as an administrative secretary and an attendance officer. Serving as the first female attendance officer was tough but nothing that she could not handle.

As the afternoon turned to evening, and it was time to turn off the apple cider's slow seep, close photo albums, and place scrapbooks back in their proper places. The hours of reminiscing were over and it was time to depart. "You know, my nephew, Derek, just graduated from HT." Goodbye moved from the kitchen to the den, to the hallway, and finally to the car. As we reflected upon the experience, we knew one thing for sure, we would return again and again.

# Making a Gift to the University

As a non-profit organization, Huston-Tillotson University depends on contributions and other gifts to supplement tuition revenue. Income received by the University is applied to academic programs, co-curricular activities that enrich our students' education, scholarships and other forms of financial aid, general operating expenses, and the maintenance of campus facilities.

You can support Huston-Tillotson University through outright contributions, planned giving, or pledges. Please use the form below to indicate your giving preferences or to request additional information. Gifts and correspondence about giving options should be addressed to the Office of Institutional Advancement, Huston-Tillotson University, 900 Chicon Street, Austin, TX 78702-2795. You may also telephone 512.505.3073 or send a fax to 512.505.3196 for more information.

*We appreciate the confidence you show in Huston-Tillotson University with every gift you make!*

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Alumni, please identify your class year: \_\_\_\_\_

## OUTRIGHT GIFTS

*Enclosed is a gift of:*

☐ \$25   ☐ \$50   ☐ \$100   ☐ \$200   ☐ \$300   ☐ \$400   ☐ \$500   ☐ other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ The United Negro College Fund campaign
- ☐ In memory of \_\_\_\_\_
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- ☐ General college operating budget

## NOTICE OF PLANNED GIVING ARRANGEMENTS

I have included Huston-Tillotson University in my estate plans through

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## PLEDGES

- ☐ Please contact me about making a pledge for ongoing support of the University.
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  - ☐ I wish to be invoiced in four (4) equal installments of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to fulfill my pledge.
- All pledges obligations must be fulfilled within 12 months of pledge date.*
- ☐ My employer will match my gift.

*Huston-Tillotson University is recognized under Section 501 (c ) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a nonprofit organization. Appropriate information for your tax purposes is available from HT.*

***Huston-Tillotson University thanks you for your contribution.***



# CLASS UPDATES

## CLASS OF 1944



**Dr. Wilhelmina Perry** received the 2012-2013 Outstanding Alumni of the Year Award presented by UNCF. Her portrait hangs on the Wall of Fame at the UNCF New York City headquarters.

## CLASS OF 1948

**Coleta Byrd** announced her retirement as an educator with the Seguin Independent School District.

## CLASS OF 1962



**Lynn Ray Ellison, Ed.D.** was a four year letterman in both track and baseball at Huston-Tillotson College from 1958 to 1962. After leaving HT,

Ellison had a career in public and college education that spanned nearly 40 years. He was the first African American elected in Texas City, Texas, as a Commissioner where he served from 1978 to 2000. He was also one of the first in 1997 to hold a County of Galveston executive position. As an activist, he organized a group of former students who had attended black schools in Texas that closed due to desegregation to petition the 80th Texas Legislature for recognition on the bases of their achievements and legacy. In March 2009, House Bill 200 was passed by the Texas Legislature. A Texas historical marker was erected and dedicated in front of the George Washington Carver Historical and Cultural Museum in Austin, Texas, citing the schools' place in Texas History.

On May 11, 2013, Ellison was honored by his community for his many

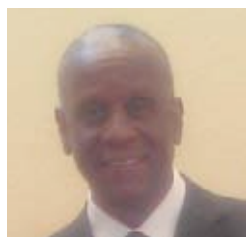
achievements and milestones as an educator, elected official, and public servant.

## CLASS OF 1971

**Delphia York Ridley** was married and also moved to the next phase of her career journey by taking a position as Government Associate Director of External Affairs at the Smithsonian's National African American Museum of History in Washington, D.C.

**Shelly Ross, III** is an attorney at Shelly Ross, III & Associates PC in Houston.

## CLASS OF 1973



**Ernest Smallwood, Jr.** recently released *32 Years of Non-Disclosure on Adoption: A Shocking Revelation*. The book speaks to

Smallwood's life and revelation at age 32 that he was adopted. He is retired after enjoying careers as a Financial Analyst for Dun & Bradstreet, Human Resource Generalist for E-Systems, former Chief Justice of the 5th Court of Appeals, and President and Chief Executive Officer of Smallwood Keller & Lewis Inc., a diversity recruiting firm for attorneys.

## CLASS OF 1976



**Mike Box**, an economics major, began his career as an agent right out of college. He continued to evolve and expand his Austin business, Mike Box Insurance

Agency, with integrity and with a commitment to customer service. He retired this year.



**Herb Kimbrell** recently retired after 32 years with the Houston Fire Department. Kimbrell worked his way up the ranks from firefighter to spending his last years of service working in the community promoting and recruiting for HFD.

## CLASS OF 1978



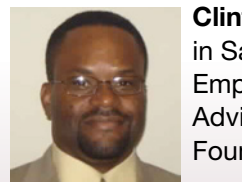
**Sheryl Jefferson** serves as President of the Houston Alumni Chapter and is pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership at Prairie View A&M University. She provided insight into her career path during HT's career presentation held during homecoming weekend.

## CLASS OF 1988



**Patrick D. Love** is employed as the Deputy Chief in the Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) of the Department of Justice in Washington, D.C.

## CLASS OF 1989



**Clinton Ingram**, based in San Antonio, is an Employee Relations Advisor for Financial Foundations Cell.

## CLASS OF 1991

**Victor Nivens** has been employed with H-E-B for the past 20 years. He is currently in the position as Director of Human Resources based in San Antonio.

## CLASS OF 1993

**Stephanie Edwards** has released her third novel, *A Mother's Love*. Writing under the pen name, Sophie Jones, she is known for her Neo Metro Romance novels, stories for those who love and live on the go. Her novels, *Twisted Lies*, *Twisted Lies 2: The Lies Untwisted* and *A Mother's Love* are rooted in her very own experiences and the experiences of those who have impacted her life.

## CLASS OF 1994



**Christopher Salone** was appointed Associate University Bursar for the Office of Student Accounts at American

University in Washington, D.C. He previously served as the Bursar/Director of Student Account Services at the Maryland Institute College of the Arts in Baltimore, Maryland.



**Larry Whiteside** has been named Chief Information Security Officer (CISO) and Director of Enterprise Information Technology Security, Risk

and Compliance at Spectrum Health Systems, a Grand Rapids, Michigan, based nonprofit dedicated to improving the health of families and individuals. He was formerly CISO at Visiting Nurse Service of New York.

## CLASS OF 1995

Attorney **Sharon Moses-Burnside** released *Empty Arms*, *A Woman's Journal* as a diary designed to assist the writer with thoughts and feelings in a way that helps one to move forward and out of the abyss of pain.



**Ursula Anderson Williams** completed master's degrees in city regional planning and transportation planning. She is currently the Program Coordinator for

Maritime Transportation Management and Security Program at Texas Southern University (TSU) in Houston, Texas.

## CLASS OF 1999



**Katrina Bailey** is an Assistant Principal with the Round Rock Independent School District.

## CLASS OF 2000

**Nathaniel Thaganyane** is currently the Manager in the Office of the Chief Whip of the African National Congress in the North West Provincial Legislature in the Republic of South Africa. He is married, the father of two children, and is pursuing a master's degree in governance and political transformation from the University of the Free State in the Republic.

## CLASS OF 2003



**Belinda Mays** is a Senior Application Analyst at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics in the Dallas/Ft Worth Area. She rendered the tribute to the Class of 1963 at the 2013 Commencement Convocation. She is married to alumnus Anthony Mays and they have a daughter. She is also a motivational speaker.

## CLASS OF 2004



**Ka'Stacieon L. Clark** followed his writing, music, and singing passion to release a CD titled, "Love at First Sight". He currently resides in Dallas, Texas.



**Marlene Rodriguez** completed a master's degree in social work from Texas State University.

## CLASS OF 2005

**Dimpho A. Gaobepe** was appointed Senior Director for Corporate Governance and Communication in order to support the members of the legislature to perform their oversight and lawmaking roles in South Africa's Northwest Provincial Legislature from 2007 to 2009. He was also appointed the Deputy Chairperson of Invest Northwest an investment promotion agency. "I am still part of the (HT) school...and HT is the best university. The education one receives at HT is internationally recognized."

## CLASS OF 2006

**Kevin Callahan** graduated with honors to earn the Master of Arts in government at Texas Woman's University. "I completed my program in one calendar year, three full semesters, which is unusual and may actually be unrivaled according to my department chair. Thank you (HT faculty) for adequately preparing me for graduate studies." Callahan returned to Japan to teach, where he lived after graduating from HT. He plans to pursue a doctorate degree.

## CLASS OF 2007



**André Price** is a Project Manager at Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) in Austin. He was accepted into Texas State University and will begin work on a master's degree in public administration.



**Alex Rancier** is completing his studies at the University of Texas at Austin College of Pharmacy.

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**Chris Tolbert** established his own law firm, The Chris Tolbert Law Firm, in Waco, Texas. He was formerly an Assistant Public Defender at the New Mexico Public

Defenders Office.

### CLASS OF 2009

**James Ellis**, Los Angeles Alumni Chapter president, will participate in the Southern California Golf-A-Thon Invitational to play 100 holes of golf in one day. Ellis also spearheads the Chapter's HT golf scholarship tournament.

**Ross Chapman** will begin his first year at Appalachian School of Law (ASL)

in August 2013. He was prompted to attend law school by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of his employer, Skyline ULTD, a government contractor, with offices in Round Rock and Washington, D.C. Chapman will remain with the company as a consultant before becoming general counsel upon obtaining his law degree.



**Korbi Orr** is employed as a Technical Mobility Trainer (oil and gas) at Addison Group, one of the nation's largest energy services companies. She

travels domestically and abroad, providing extensive training on multiple

proprietary applications and software. She also started her own technical consulting company.

### CLASS OF 2010



**Meghan C. McDonald** obtained her Master of Arts degree in sociology from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee.

### CLASS OF 2011

**Tanisha Coppage** was crowned Miss Round Rock Plus America 2013 and earned a delegate position for the Texas Plus America Pageant.

# Weddings

Compiled by Ashley N. Smith



**Marcellus Crayton**, '00, and the former **Ebone Ward** eloped on a beautiful.



**Marquesa Chatman**, '05, joined hands in holy matrimony with **Grant James** on a gorgeous spring afternoon on March 3, 2013.



**Victory Orland Whitney**, '11, criminal justice major not only made a commitment to serve his county but made the ultimate commitment to **Kiara Sada Whitney** in 2012.



The former **Brittney Ford**, '08, married **Maurice MiShaw** on March 9, 2013.



Accounting major **Maisha**, '09, married **Ugochukwu Kingsley Anenye** May 19, 2013.



Alumna **Tiffany Wright**, '02 and **Ricardo D. Wells, Jr.** exchanged wedding vows in Austin in July 2012.



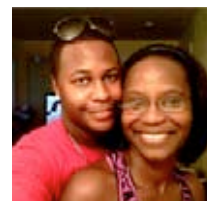
**LaTavia Pennick**, '09, and **Rafeal Williams**, '11, jumped the royal blue broom October 1, 2011.



**Holland Moore-LaCour**, '07, married her best friend **Alex Rancier**, '07, on June 2, 2012



The wedding bells rang on May 19, 2012, for **Kia LaFall**, '06, and **Anthony Butler**, '09, as they joined hands for the first time as Mr. and Mrs. Butler.



The former Miss Huston-Tillotson University **Gail Maduro**, '09, married **Russell Johnson**, '12, business administration major in August 10, 2009.



**Divina Ormsby**, '07 and **Richard Northcote**, '08, joined in matrimony in Dec. 2011.



**P** psychology adjunct professor and former Vice President of Student Affairs, **Dr. Clarence Bibby** departed this life on Aug. 30, 2012. Bibby, originally from Atlantic City, New Jersey, relocated to the Austin area in 1988 to obtain his doctorate in educational psychology from The University of Texas. He served in positions with the City of Austin and as HT's Director of the Upward Bound Program from 1985 through 1988 and Vice President of Student Affairs from 1988 until 1991.



**Dr. James Hill**, Class of 1953, and a member of the HT Board of Trustees passed on Sept. 2, 2012. He earned his bachelor's degree in education from HT, a master's degree

in educational psychology, and doctorate in educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin. He enjoyed a long career in education as a high school counselor, mathematics teacher, and band director with the Abilene School District. He served as deputy commissioner with the Texas Education Agency and as director of the southwest field office for Educational Testing Services (ETS) before becoming an associate vice president for administration and public affairs in 1993 at the UT. He retired from UT

as vice president for community and school relations from 2000-07. He received many awards and special recognition throughout his career, including the Austin Area Urban League/Whitney M. Young, Jr. Award, the Ex-Students' Association Legacy Award, and a commendation for his long and dedicated service as a member of the Texas state agency coordinating committee. He was a founding member of the Texas Alliance of Black School Educators.

The late **Patrick H. Murphy** attended Huston-Tillotson College (University) and graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in music. He was married to Judge Harriett M. Murphy for 45 years and together they had one son, Charles Murphy.

After completing college, Murphy joined the Army during the Korean War. After his discharge, he returned to Austin and obtained employment with the United States Postal Service. He was one of the first African American postal workers in Austin to be promoted to a supervisory position. In 1989 he retired after 33 years of service. Murphy also devoted many volunteer hours to the Austin community. His involvement included the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. the Links, Inc., and he gave his time to the Barbara Jordan Elementary School as a mentor. Murphy had a great love for music. So, on May 8, 2013, his wife established in his memory, the Patrick H. and Harriett M. Murphy Scholarship Fund. The \$5,000

Scholarship fund is available for sophomore and above HT music majors



**Joyce E. Adejumo**, owner of Mitchie's Gallery, who was responsible for most of the framed artwork that adorns the campus buildings, passed on May 27, 2013.

The Gallery was a labor of love in honor of her son Fred Leon "Mitchie" Mitchell who passed in 2007 after complications from injuries related to a car wreck.

Adejumo established the Mitchie Mitchell Foundation to provide academic scholarships to high school students. She also worked tirelessly to bring attention to DWI issues.

*We apologize for the error in the last Ram Magazine that listed Mr. Herbert Willard McGuin and Ms. Susie E. Sansom-Piper as deceased. Mrs. Piper is "very much alive and still active." We sincerely apologize for the error.*

*For a complete listing of loved one who have passed within the last few years, visit [htu.edu](http://htu.edu)*

# 2013–2014 Calendar

Visit the [www.htu.edu](http://www.htu.edu) website under the Public Relations sections for details on the events listed.

October 2 ..... Graduate and Professional School Fair

October 9 ..... Poetry on the Patio

October 19 ..... **University Day**

October 20 ..... University Day at Wesley United Methodist Church

October 25 ..... **Charter Day Observance**

October 26 ..... Alumni Volleyball Reunion (4:00 p.m.)

October 27 ..... University Day at Simpson United Methodist Church

November 8 ..... HT Fall Board of Trustees Meeting

November 17 ..... “Great American Smokeout”

November 21 ..... Student Thanksgiving Dinner (5:00 p.m.)

November 21 ..... Thanksgiving Worship

November 21 ..... Campus Christmas Tree Lighting

December 5 ..... Christmas Worship

January 9-10 ..... Spring New Student Orientation

January 20 ..... Martin Luther King Jr. March and Festival

January 30 ..... Bishop E.T. Dixon Lecture

February 15 ..... **Homecoming 2014**

February 22 ..... **University Day**

February 22 ..... Community African American Heritage Festival

March 1 ..... **President’s MASKED Scholarship Gala**

March 10-15 ..... Spring Break

March 20 ..... Journée Internationale de la Francophonie

March 21 ..... HT Annual Board of Trustees Meeting

April 9 ..... Poetry on the Patio

April 15 ..... Jackie Robinson Day

April 17 ..... Community Easter Egg Hunt

April 22 ..... Earth Day

April 24 ..... ATCP Certification Celebration (6:00 p.m.)

April 27 ..... James R. Wilson Intercollegiate Athletic Banquet (6:00 p.m.)

May 8 ..... President’s 50-Year and Class of 2014 Reception (6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

May 8-11 ..... **Alumni Reunion Weekend**

May 9 ..... 26th Annual HT Select Shot Golf Tournament

May 9 ..... Honors Convocation

May 10 ..... **Commencement Convocation (8:30 a.m.)**

June 19 ..... Juneteenth Parade

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The Board of Trustees,  
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*University*

cordially invite you to the  
**Charter Day Convocation**

*Friday, October 25, 2013 at  
10:00 a.m.*

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