Houston-Tillotson University is at this place in history as a result of discoveries, visions, and insights made 136 years ago. When George W. Richardson founded Samuel Huston College in Dallas, Texas, at St. Paul’s Methodist Church with six scholars; and Jeffrey Tillotson founded Tillotson Collegiate and Normal Institute in Austin, Texas, they could only imagine the possibilities. Today, Huston-Tillotson University takes pride in a number of accomplishments, including its record enrollment of a diverse student body.

Many innovative initiatives, such as the Day of Discovery for Central Texas executives and decision makers and visits to target alumni-rich Key Cities allow the University to participate in outreach at even higher levels. New undertakings, include significant enhancements to the Dickey-Lawless Science Building, a dedicated nuclear science laboratory equipped with Geiger-Muller counters and computers; launching of the Center for Academic Excellence; and the implementation of Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID). In addition, the establishment of a Leadership Seminar whereby student learning extends to the workplace environment of elected officials and key corporate executives supports unique and creative ways that faculty are engaging students. These endeavors, along with the continued success of the W.E.B. DuBois Honors Program place the University in a competitive global position.

This Ram issue not only highlights the University’s 135 anniversary but also shares many accomplishments during the past two years while showcasing numerous firsts in a special segment. Among our many reasons to celebrate are the fact that we are the oldest institution of higher education in Austin; the first university in the area designated as a tobacco-free campus; and home to a national science winner. There are many areas of discovery at HT! I invite you to continue to engage and support our efforts.

President Larry L. Earvin (center) pictured with students Christopher J. Woodard (left) and Tyrus Smith.

Larry L. Earvin, Ph.D.
President and CEO
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Tom Joyner, acclaimed by many as one of the most influential and inspirational personalities in the country, was all that radio listeners imagined when he stepped into the role as Huston-Tillotson University’s Commencement Convocation speaker. The audience of more than 2,000 that came to witness the conferring of degrees for a record graduating class with its 120 members, cheered Joyner who also received HT’s honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree. Graduates broke into the popular “Oh, Oh, Oh” Joyner jingle when he stepped to the podium. Joyner integrated life’s lessons and imparted sound advice humorously while encouraging students to gain knowledge from events such as weather disasters that have impacted African American communities disproportionately, the May anniversary of the Freedom Riders who fought segregation laws, and President Barack Obama’s strategic plan to capture Osama Bin Laden. Joyner encouraged graduates to learn from Obama’s leadership style: “Don’t back down (surround yourself with people who will work your plan), don’t talk trash (unless you’re in a spades game); wait for it (perfect your plan), win with grace and dignity (taking the high road is the right thing to do), and keep some pictures to yourself (stop taking pictures of yourself in compromising positions for short-lived fame).”

Joyner said that he wanted graduates to have a response to those questioning their entry into the workforce. He wanted each one to start making money immediately, so he gave graduates a hug and a crisp $5 bill as they crossed the stage. “When storms, problems, illnesses, accidents come your way...learn from them, apply what you learn, and I can almost guarantee a better outcome,” he said. Joyner is the founder of REACH Media Inc., the Tom Joyner Foundation, BlackAmericaWeb.com, and host of the leading nationally syndicated morning radio show “The Tom Joyner Morning Show.” The Tom Joyner Foundation was started in 1998 to assist African American students at historically black colleges and universities with scholarships to help pay educational costs. The Foundation has raised more than $55 million to date for this cause. He is in the process of establishing partnerships with historically black colleges and universities in order to offer online degrees.

“Break new ground, soar above the clouds, take chances, think outside the box, be ahead of the trend, kick the door, and always be willing to step up your game.”
‘All Around Good Guy’ Receives HT’s Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree

President Larry L. Earvin awarded the honorary Doctor of Laws degree to HT friend and neighbor Congressman Lloyd A. Doggett. Referring to Doggett as an “all around good guy” for his unwavering support of Austin and Huston-Tillotson, Earvin included in the degree presentation ceremony a signed resolution and the ceremonial hood with the University colors.

Congressman Doggett

Doggett was elected to Congress in 1994 and now represents the 25th Congressional District where he currently resides and which is home to HT.

He serves on the House Budget Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee, which has jurisdiction over all tax and trade measures as well as Social Security and Medicare. Doggett facilitated a $1.2 million grant from the Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration (EDA) for the restoration of what is now the Anthony and Louise Viera-Alumni Hall, the second oldest building on the HT campus.

He is a native Austinite who matriculated at the University of Texas in Austin. He graduated first in his class from the College of Business Administration before graduating from the UT School of Law with honors.

Top Ranking Graduates Recognized During Honors Convocation

Magna cum laude graduate MATTHEW L. MORRIS (right) returned to HT as the Honors Convocation speaker that was held on Friday, May 6, 2011, in King-Seabrook Chapel. HT saluted its summa cum laude (3.75-4.0 grade point average) graduates, members of the Dean’s List and Honor Roll, top seniors by major, and honor societies.

Morris, who graduated in 2008 with a degree in history, shared messages from his classmates based on “what, if anything, you wish someone would have told you while you were still at Huston-Tillotson.” Advice ranged from taking advantage of opportunities; building strong networks; learning from mistakes; attending conferences and workshops offered; absorbing the classroom experience; and taking risks.

Morris completed his master’s degree in sociology from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York, New York, the week following the program. The honors recognition and celebration featured musical performances by the HT Jazz Ensemble directed by Javier Stuppard and the concert choir under the direction of Gloria H. Quinlan. Members of Alpha Kappa Mu, Beta Kappa Chi, Golden Key International, Kappa Delta Pi, Pi Gamma Mu, and Sigma Tau Delta were also recognized for their academic accomplishments.
Student Takes First Place in National Competition

During a recent conference held in Atlanta, Georgia, SIKHONGI SOLOMON PHUNGWAYO captured first place in the chemistry category during the 68th Annual Joint Meeting of Beta Kappa Chi Scientific Honor Society and the National Science Institute competition. The society encourages the advancement of scientific education through original investigations, the dissemination of scientific knowledge, and the stimulation of high scholarship in the pure and applied sciences.

Phungwayo, originally from Soweto, South Africa, is a senior chemistry and biology major. He completed extensive research in neutron activation analysis while working in an internship at the J.J. Pickle Research Campus Nuclear Engineering Laboratory. He is one of two undergraduate research assistants in Austin working under the auspices of the Office of Naval Research (ONR) Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) grant administered through the University of Texas at Austin in partnership with Huston-Tillotson.

Among the 16 institutions competing at the institute, HT’s SAMMY MUDEDE received second place in the Computer Science, Engineering, Physics, Mathematics and Earth Science oral competition for their presentation entitled “Cryptography Evolution.” Finally, Aaron Sampson, a first-year computer science major, was elected vice president for the Southwest Region. Dr. Carolyn Golden, HT assistant professor of computer science, serves as the Beta Kappa Chi advisor.

Phungwayo’s interest in the area was piqued when HT joined the collaborative undergraduate educational effort supported by the ONR to attract students into fields of nuclear science and engineering. Huston-Tillotson, Florida Memorial University, and Texas Southern University comprise the partnership with UT. He and other HT students attended nuclear science seminars, participated in field trips to the UT nuclear reactor, and presented papers during HT’s Dr. Joseph Jones, Jr. Research Day.

Current world events such as the earthquake in Japan that impacted the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear plant and unrest in countries such as Pakistan with nuclear reactors and weapons make Phungwayo’s work critical. He collected samples for study purposes and trace elements in order to determine fluctuations, what happens to isotopes, how the reactions would impact the public, and the consequences once exposed. “To me it’s groundbreaking (research) and exciting,” Phungwayo said.

The upgrades to the Dickey-Lawless Science Building enabled Phungwayo to conduct his own research for his award-winning paper. His paper, “Undergraduate Research Opportunities in Neutron Activation Analysis for Local, Regional and International Students,” has been accepted for publication. “HT has everything I need in its nuclear laboratory,” according to Phungwayo.

Phungwayo earned the Anthony and Louise Vaeer Scholarship after studying one year at a California community college. He had always dreamed of studying in the United States and had a plan that included making top grades in order to secure numerous scholarships. The money from his father’s death funded his college for one year. While waiting for scholarship offers, he had a chance meeting with a recruiter at a community college recruitment fair which guided him to Huston-Tillotson. The recruiter, Helen C. Ingram, who is actively involved in recruiting as a member of the alumni chapter, is an HT graduate. Phungwayo left the community college after one year and will graduate from HT in May 2012.

Phungwayo’s exhaustive college life includes shadowing Timothy Merrill George, M.D., Medical Director of the Pediatric Neurosurgery, Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas, while preparing to take the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and Graduate Record Examination (GRE). His first plan is medical school, but, again, financing it is an issue. His second plan is to build upon the work from the internships to secure a master’s degree in nuclear engineering in order to earn the funds to pay for medical school.

Phungwayo is president of three campus organizations: International Students Association, Beta Kappa Chi, and the...
junior class. He is a mathematics, chemistry, biology, and English tutor and academic coach. He is the National Black Engineers Association (NBEA) Huston-Tillotson Chapter program planning chair and associate editor of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Delta Chapter Sphinx magazine.

“It’s obviously not possible to do what I do,” Phungwayo said. “God’s grace, prayer, and an intense passion sustain me.”

*“Mudele was awarded the African American Leadership Forum (AALF) scholarship presented by the Sodexo Employee Network Group created to inspire and develop leaders. More than 150 students applied for the $2,500 awards.

Phungwayo and his fellow classmates presented papers at the Dr. Joseph T. Jones, Jr., Sixth Annual HT Undergraduate Research Day Symposium as follows:

Common Oral Bacteria
MICHAELLA R. DAVIES and JELISA REED
Microbiology Advisor: Dr. Kathy Schwab
Determined the different types of bacteria in the mouth of each subject.

Medical Cannabis
DAOUDA CISSE and ALEXANDRIA BLEDSOE
Biology Advisor: Dr. Kathy Schwab
Analyzed the different chemical components of medical marijuana, its neurological effects as well as its effectiveness on the illnesses for which it is prescribed.

Bedbugs
RAVEN MILLS and ASHLEY HADDEN
Biology Advisors: Mr. Dean Keddy-Hector and Dr. Kathy Schwab
Explain about bed bugs and their transmission of Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C.

Jack the Ripper – Forensic Science Research
JASMINE STONE
Biology Advisor: Mr. Dean Keddy-Hector
Researched the crimes committed by “Jack the Ripper” to draw conclusions about his identity.

Circumvention of Multi-Drug Resistance of Cancer Cells by Chinese Herbal Medicines
WHITNEY YOUNG and NIKESHA SMITH
Biology Advisors: Dr. Kathy Schwab and Mr. Dean Keddy-Hector
Showed how Chinese herbal medicines help in the resistance of cancer cells.

Virtual Tour of Huston-Tillotson University
JARRETT LINDSEY, MARCEL MCCLAIN, and AARON SAMPSON
Computer Science Advisor: Dr. Carolyn Golden
Provided a virtual tour of the campus.

Ram Roll Call
RAFEAL WILLIAMS and KARLIE ALLEN
Computer Science Advisor: Dr. Carolyn L. Golden
Created an automated check-in software system for the HT residence halls.

Care and Preventive Injuries
MICHAEL MCCLENDON
Kinesiology Advisor: Dr. Rozena McCabe

The Detrimental Effects of Sugar and Caffeine on Urine Formation and Kidney Function
DIKIBUJIRI DIRI, VINCENT JOB, and FREDBA ANYA
Biology and Chemistry Advisors: Dr. Kathy Schwab and Mr. Dean Keddy-Hector
This project looked at the effects of sugar and caffeine on urine formation and on the long-term effects that different fluids have on the kidney.

Composition of Trace Elements in the Canadian Arctic Aerosol, with a Focus on the Short-Lived Isotope of Selenium
SIKHONGI SOLOMON PHUNGWAYO, PROFESSOR SHELDON LANSBERGER, and ALEX BRAND (HT Professor of Nuclear Physics-UT Ph.D. Student)
Biology and Chemistry Advisors: Dr. Kathy Schwab and Mr. Dean Keddy-Hector
Nine main elemental sources in Arctic aerosols: Al, As, In, La, Mn, Sb, Se, Si, and V, as reported in a study by Ping Yang, a prominent nuclear engineer, focused on the concentration of Selenium (Se) because of its abundance and short shelf life.

Cryptography Evolution
AKILAH JAMES and STEPHAN SPEARS
Computer Science Advisor: Dr. Carolyn L. Golden
Techniques were highlighted while illustrating how messages were encrypted and decrypted in earlier times, how they are currently being encrypted and decrypted, how a person can create his own cryptography, and how cryptography can be enhanced.

Uncovering the Homoerotic Images in Frankenstein
MARTIN FELL
English Advisor: Dr. Julie Hudson
This research told how Mary Shelley used coded language to hide the homoerotic images throughout the Frankenstein published masterpiece and why.

Postmodernity and the Hero
ZACHARY HALLER
English Advisor: Dr. Katherine Oldmixon
Attempted to prove the theory that four candidates existed and functioned as a hero in the poem “Omeros” by Derek Walcott.
Audio Production as an Integrated Method in Music
KENNETH DAVIS, JR.
Music Advisor: Dr. Gloria Quinlan
Examined the basic foundation in audio production play in providing hands-on experiences on the topics of pitch, resonance, and many other aural topics too complex to conceive without amplification.

Religious Disagreements
MARCEL MCCLAIN
Advisor: Dr. James Kraft
Studied whether a disagreement with a cognitive peer reduces the confidence one has in the justification of one’s belief.

Solution to the Bohm Vigier Equation with Quantum Trajectories
UGOCHUKWU ANOKWURU
Physics Advisor: Mr. Brad A. Rowland
Examined that tobacco use was best decreased through implementing tobacco-free campus policies. Huston-Tillotson University is a tobacco-free campus.

The Black Intelligence Test of Cultural Homogeneity Revisited: A Multicultural and Y Generation Perspective
HT INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY CLASS SECTION 2: FRANK FRAZIER, BRIANNA ALVARADO, IRA SPRIGGS, MYRON APLON, LATARIA TYLER, IMELDA CASTILLA, CALVIN MCGHEE, CASEY RODRIGUEZ, CAROL JOLIVET, LAUREN MARTINEZ, AND OTHER STUDENTS
Advisor: Dr. Debra L. Murphy
HT’s Introduction to Psychology class pilot tested a “Y Generation Black/Hispanic Intelligence Test of Cultural Homogeneity” to update the original Black Intelligence Test of Homogeneity (Williams, 1972) on which whites scored significantly lower than blacks, supporting that language and cultural bias in test content cannot be dismissed as a factor in the racial/ethnic gap in achievement scores.

The "Free HT" Tobacco Policy Initiative
THE HT-COMMUNITIES PUTTING PREVENTION TO WORK STUDENT TEAM AND STAFF
BRITNEY GLENN*, QUINTON LAW, LATOYA GLOVER, AND ICYE WALKER
“Special recognition to Britney Glenn for representing HT at the First Texas Undergraduate Statewide Research Day at the Capitol held on February 14, 2011. Students represented Huston-Tillotson and showcased their research findings to the public and legislators. The program focused on how research produced by undergraduate students can transform Texas positively. The theme was “Transforming Texas Through Undergraduate Research.” (www.cpupc.org/)
Advisor: Dr. Debra L. Murphy
Examined that tobacco use was best decreased through implementing tobacco-free campus policies. Huston-Tillotson University is a tobacco-free campus.

Agenda-Setting Theory in Contemporary Social Media
LACOURTNEY DAVIS, D’ANDREA HARKLESS, MICAH JOHNSON, LAUREN MARTINEZ, AND ETIENNE MAURICE
Advisor: Dr. Carol Adams-Means
Examined whether there is a relationship between the public agenda (opinion) and the media’s agenda regarding salient issues of the day.

HT Cheerleaders Capture Hearts at Cheer Competition
A first ever NAIA Division Cheer Championship held locally placed the HT squad in the spotlight. The performances garnered third place finishes in the Partner In Stunts and Cheer divisions.


Congratualtions HT Track and Field NAIA All Americans!

NAOMI ONYEBUCHI
(pictured) captured first place with a throw of 51 ft, 11 in. during the 2010 NAIA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in Marion, Indiana, at Indiana Wesleyan University.
HT Adds Softball to the Sports Lineup

Right around the time that Huston-Tillotson began in 1875, women’s softball was making its presence known. Whether aiming for the Women’s College World’s Series, World Cup of Softball, the Olympics, or a chance to play professionally, softball has remained popular since its inception in Chicago, Illinois, in 1895.

In 2009, Huston-Tillotson officially added women’s softball to the sports roster with Coach Samantha Gonzalez leading the team into history. “It’s exciting but at the same time it’s nerve wracking,” Gonzalez added. Ultimately, the goal for the team is to win the conference and bring a ring home, and with the way the team is building, that might happen sooner rather than later. During the 2009-10 season, the team finished seventh among the eight teams in the Red River Athletic Conference with 5-31 overall and 5-23 conference records. During the 2010-11 season the team finished fourth with 15-26 overall and 10-11 conference records.

Players’ hometowns range from Central Texas to the Rio Grande Valley with some parents attending every game. The crowd support “has been great,” says Gonzalez, even though the fields are not close to campus.

Gonzalez earned her bachelor’s degree from Sterling College, Kansas. She was a four-year softball starter who earned All District, Pitcher of the Week, and numerous other honors. Coaching was not on her radar, but, when she had the opportunity, she was ready to take advantage of it. “I take great joy in knowing that I’m helping someone go to college,” she said.

Gonzalez is building a program and leaving a legacy.

Marketing Students Take on State Farm Advertising Account

Marketing students prepared a campaign for State Farm to enter their first District 10 Conference Advertising Federation National Student Advertising Competition (AAF/NSAC). Meeting the criteria set by State Farm to grow their 18-25 year old client base, students, under the guidance of marketing professor Kathryn Davis, conducted the research to prepare the marketing/advertising campaign. The team of Brittney Bradley, Matt Abadie, Gabriel Gibbons, Tinashe Kupenga-Maposa, Victor Rodriguez, and Jamal Carrington completed a 32-page plan book and 20-minute presentation. Students received matching financial support from the Austin Ad Federation Board’s Advertising Education Scholarships to defray competition costs. GSD&M provided Adobe Suite software to help students prepare their presentation.

Two Journals Advance HT Research Agenda

Logos and the Huston-Tillotson University Research Journal contain the collective, collaborative work of students engaged in intense and complex research.

Logos was developed over years of study under the direction of James Kraft, professor of philosophy and religion. The 2011 edition examines whether religious disagreements with a cognitive peer reduces confidence in the justification of one’s belief. More than 15 student authors contributed articles to the publication that is now registered and collected by the Library of Congress. Kraft stated, “I am simply amazed by the power of student thinking.”

The inaugural 2006 Huston-Tillotson Research Day was accompanied by the Huston-Tillotson University Research Journal that promotes scientific inquiry and research. The compilation of works from students ranged from global warming to mental illness and started a presentation trend that is now a spring staple on the calendar.
HT Campus Now Tobacco Free

Huston-Tillotson is the first university in Central Texas to designate its campus as tobacco-free and only one of a handful of universities in the state with such status. More than 80 percent of faculty, staff, and students endorsed the tobacco-free initiative. According to Travis County statistics, tobacco use causes more deaths than AIDS, alcohol, crack, cocaine, heroin, car accidents, fires and violence combined.

Remember, whether visiting or a resident, HT is a tobacco-free campus.

Latino-Based Fraternity Joins the HT Greek Family

Sigma Lambda Beta International Fraternity, Inc. received its HT charter during 2010 making it the first Latino-based fraternity established on campus. The social fraternity, founded in 1986 on the University of Iowa campus, believes in the principles of fairness, opportunity, and equity for all men, regardless of race, culture, or ethnicity. The HT charter members of Sigma Lambda Beta are VICTOR MONTOYA (left), PEDRO HERRERA, FERNANDO HERNANDEZ (right), JOSH REYES, MICHAEL MESA, and CHRIS YUEN.

Pre-Alumni Council Wins National Honor

Huston-Tillotson’s Pre-Alumni Council won the UNCF 2011 National Pre-Alumni Barbara Marshall Council of the Year award during the 65th National Alumni Council (NAC)/53rd National Pre-Alumni Council Leadership Conference (NPAC) held recently in Birmingham, Alabama.

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

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

Choir West Coast Tour Takes in Hollywood

The HT Concert Choir, under the direction of Gloria Quinnlan, scheduled a West Coast tour for the first time in more than 15 years. Choir members visited and performed at the Susan Miller Dorsey and Crenshaw high schools in Los Angeles as well as at the Breath of Life Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Inglewood; New Covenant Baptist Church, Norwalk; and Holman United Methodist Church, Los Angeles. Their April 2011 travels also took them to Universal Studios, where they met “Tonight Show” host Jay Leno (below, center).

Criminal Justice Major Receives a Scholarship from NOBLE

GRACE K. WILLIFORD was the recipient of the first scholarship presented to HT by the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Central Texas Chapter. Williford was selected to receive the scholarship based on academic achievement and her submission of the required essay on “Bridging the Gap Between Minority-Based Communities and Law Enforcement Agencies.”
The History of Charter Day

Tillotson College and Samuel Huston College

The roots of Tillotson College date back to 1875 and build upon the work of the Freedmen’s Aid Society of the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Church (now the United Church of Christ). The roots of Sam Huston College go back to 1876 when the Reverend George Warren Richardson, a Methodist minister from Minnesota, leased St. Paul’s Methodist Episcopal Church of Dallas, Texas, as the site for a school for the African American youth of the city. In 1878, the school was moved to Austin, Texas, and housed in what is now Wesley United Methodist Church.

Huston-Tillotson College and Huston-Tillotson University

Trustees of Samuel Huston College and Tillotson College met jointly on January 26, 1952, and agreed to plans for merging the two institutions on the site of Tillotson College (then known as “Bluebonnet Hill”). The merger was consummated and the new Charter of Incorporation for Huston-Tillotson was signed on October 24, 1952. The merged institution adopted “In union, strength” as its motto. The institution changed its name to Huston-Tillotson University effective February 28, 2005.
A four-day October 2010 celebration with a focus on health and wellness dominated the Huston-Tillotson landscape during the 135th anniversary for Austin’s oldest institution of higher education. Activist and author Susan L. Taylor, health advocate Kenneth I. Shine, HT alumus J.D. Phillips, world-renowned musical artists Carmen Bradford and Melba Joyce, and members of a 135-voice choir, spoke, preached, sang, and performed during the celebration that exhibited pride, purpose, and passion.

Hundreds of alumni from around the country returned to their alma mater to share in the progress of the century-old institution. They were joined by supporters from Capital One Bank, St. David’s Foundation, University Federal Credit Union, Wells Fargo Bank and YPS in the milestone recognition. Austin Mayor Lee Leffingwell presented President Larry L. Earvin with an official proclamation and brought greetings during the opening symposium. University officials also received congratulatory wishes from the United States Senate, Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison; State of Texas, Governor Rick Perry; Texas Senate, Senator Kirk Watson; Texas House of Representatives, Representative Dawnna Dukes; and United States Congress, Congressman Lloyd Doggett who brought greetings in person during the Charter Day Convocation.

The celebration included a health and wellness symposium, a site location ceremony for the new HT community health and wellness center, the annual Charter Day Convocation, Center for Religious Life donor remembrance, programs at First United Methodist Church and Wesley United Methodist Church, and historical exhibits at the Downs-Jones Library and the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center. The University has experienced record enrollment, increased graduation rates, infrastructure enhancements, and completion of a successful Southern Association of Colleges and Schools reaffirmation under the leadership of Earvin.

The struggles of Huston-Tillotson, founded to educate freed slaves, and the challenges associated with advancing underserved populations with limited or no access to higher education provided the motivation for the celebration. “135 years is significant and a reason to celebrate,” said Earvin. HT, a symbol of hope, with roots dating back to 1875 for Tillotson College and 1876 for Samuel Huston College, was founded by The United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ, respectively, to educate freed slaves. Its diverse student population continues its legacy and promise of access to education for all. Academically top-ranking students in each major were recognized as part of the celebration.

Charter Day keynote speaker Taylor validated the spirit of HT’s legacy by reminding everyone of the promise of what the future holds. “The wellness that we want to see in our communities begins with us being fit, focused, organized, disciplined, and armed with a plan of action,” Taylor said. She reminded everyone that there are enough resources available to solve the world’s problems if everyone becomes involved. She created the National CARES Mentoring Movement to address the urgency of connecting with youth in order to “guide struggling black children to academic and social success.” She asked everyone to create his or her own wellness ritual by beginning the day giving thanks.

1875
Rev. G.J. Tillotson establishes Tillotson College

1876
Samuel Huston College established in Dallas

1877
Tillotson Collegiate and Normal Institute is chartered

1878
Samuel Huston College is moved to Austin

1879
Allen Hall, first building on the Tillotson campus, is constructed

1913
Students produce exterior cement blocks of the Old Administration Building, now Anthony and Louise Vlaer-Alumni Hall

1930
Dr. Mary E. Branch named Tillotson College’s first woman president

1944
Jackie Robinson appointed as men’s basketball coach of Samuel Huston College and also serves as athletic director
At the symposium on Oct. 23, Shine, Executive Vice Chancellor for Health Affairs, University of Texas, struck a chord with the campus community when he stated, “The more educated you are, the healthier you are.” Symposium panelists Earl Maxwell, President and CEO, St. David’s Community Health Foundation; Robert I. Bonar Jr., President and CEO, Executive Vice President, Physician Enterprise; and Timothy Merrill George, M.D., Medical Director of the Pediatric Neurosurgery, both from Dell Children’s Medical Center of Central Texas, with panel moderator Ashton Cumberbatch, Vice President for Community Advocacy, Seton Family of Hospitals, shared statistics and facts that impact healthy living and healthy aging.

Later, Earvin shared the health and wellness center vision at a special building rendering unveiling and site location ceremony that was held on the campus athletic field. The new facility will house the Intercollegiate Athletics and Kinesiology departments, and serve as a venue for campus events as well as house a community health clinic to serve the Austin community, in particular the East Austin community.

The return to Austin of Grammy-nominated Carmen Bradford and Melba Joyce, a mother-daughter duo, captured the essence of the celebration. Against the backdrop of the 135-voice choir, under the direction of Gloria Quinlan, Bradford and Joyce garnered standing ovations at the Friday concert held at the First United Methodist Church. Bradford, who left Huston-Tillotson to join the legendary Count Basie Orchestra, mesmerized the audience with her music, charm, and special commentary with and about her mother, Melba Joyce. The duo was accompanied by alumnus James Polk and his trio. Bradford continued her performance on Saturday at Jazz on Bluebonnet Hill with HT’s Jazz Ensemble under the direction of Javier Stuppard.

Phillips provided a fitting reminder of HT’s legacy during the closing worship service at Wesley. He recalled his own personal story, his lack of college readiness, and the embarrassment of returning home from Huston-Tillotson. Today, he has four college degrees: a Doctorate in Ministry (1974) from Texas Christian University, a Master of Arts (1972) from the University of Texas at Arlington, a Master of Theology (1970) from Southern Methodist University’s Perkins School of Theology, and a Bachelor of Arts (1967) from Huston-Tillotson College (now University). “My greatest degree was a BA from HT,” Phillips said. “Through it all, I have learned to trust in Jesus. I’ve learned to trust in God. I’ve learned to depend on His work.”
President’s Mankind Assisting Students Kindle Educational Dreams (MASKED) Gala hits $1 Million Mark

Moments in time have been captured during the University’s MASKED Scholarship Gala. The eight events that featured artists such as Regina Belle, Jennifer Holliday, Najee, Pieces of a Dream, Will Downing, and Johnny Gill in addition to celebrity guest appearances from Earvin “Magic Johnson, Judge Mablean Ephriam, and Emmanuel Lewis have showcased the University and generated more than one million dollars.
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2010 performer Will Downing.

2010-2011 Mr. and Miss HT Russell Bouyer and Breaion S. King.
Huston-Tillotson officials announced the unveiling of the new logo (right) and redesigned www.htu.edu site. The logo clarifies the University’s distinct Austin, Texas, location and 1875 founding placed next to the most noted campus landmark – the bell tower. The words, highlighted in maroon, are positioned above a line that represents the hillside nature of the campus located on what was once Austin’s second highest hill.

Complementing the new logo is a redesigned Web site that showcases the academic offerings, campus programs, and community activities in an easy-to-navigate format with search capabilities. The new site contains pertinent information about the University and includes features such as a net price calculator and student profiles. Home page sections contain items of interest to prospective students and HT constituents with a one to two-click navigation to detailed background pages. Users can easily access the site using the University’s Quick Response (QR) code.

The year-long development and implementation process included individual meetings, focus group sessions, and surveys of hundreds of constituents in order to determine items of importance for both the logo creation and Web site redesign. “Austin’s appeal and location clarity were factors that were expressed in every session,” said Linda Y. Jackson, HT’s Director of Public Relations and Marketing. “The University’s history that dates to 1875, making HT the oldest institution of higher education in Austin, was another important, unique feature that surfaced.” The new logo design helps clarify the University’s mission. The new tagline “Discover HT” and “Discover HT – Right Now” for Enrollment Management surfaced during the process.

Huston-Tillotson, an historically black institution, has a student population comprised of 72% African American, 19% Hispanic, 6% Anglo, and 3% international students from 12 countries. Enrollment hit a record high of 901 for the Fall 2010 semester. In addition the 2011 graduating class made history as the largest graduating class since the 1952 merger of Samuel Huston and Tillotson colleges.

Both the new logo and Web site were designed by TWG Plus and Vuepoint Creative.
J.J. Seabrook Bridge Named in Honor of Former HT President

Several buildings, streets, and landmarks in Austin bear the Seabrook name. However, a new structure honoring the legacy of Dr. John Jarvis Seabrook was dedicated this year. Drivers crossing the bridge at the intersection of IH-35 and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard now cross the J.J. Seabrook Bridge that was officially dedicated on King’s January 17, 2011, birthday observance.

Seabrook, a college president, minister, professor, defender of justice, and civil rights leader, died of a heart attack in 1975 after passionately arguing the renaming of 19th Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard before the Austin city council. The city council approved the renaming of the street in the late ’70s, and in 2010 approved the renaming of the bridge proposed by local businessman Bob O’Dell.

Huston-Tillotson’s chapel-humanities complex, completed in 1974, was named to honor two presidents of the merged Huston-Tillotson College – Dr. John Q. Taylor King, Sr. (1965-1988) and Dr. John Jarvis Seabrook (1955-1965). King-Seabrook Chapel houses a 392-seat auditorium and a stage adequate for dramatic and other productions.

Before his demise, Seabrook held the title of HT President Emeritus.

Disability Fair Provided Something for Everyone

Nearly 20 agencies participated in HT’s first Disability Fair designed to provide community resources to those with disabilities and disabling conditions. Career and volunteer options, civic engagement opportunities, and networking services were a few of the topics addressed.

The University completed several campus upgrades in order to accommodate students with disabilities and established the Office of Disability Services (ODS) to address broader needs. Personnel in ODS confidentially assess students individually in order to provide alternatives and solutions to disability needs.

A wheelchair lift is one example of providing full campus accessibility for students with physical disabilities.

Middle School Student Finds $500 Prize Egg

The Easter season is a perfect time to invite prospective students of all ages to campus to participate in the University’s annual Easter egg hunt. Faculty, staff, and alumni donated school supplies, coins, and prizes for the annual Easter Egg hunt sponsored by HT’s University Ambassadors. Students stuffed and placed thousands of eggs in the plush green grass. Special thanks to the volleyball team for the substantial plastic egg donation, alumna LaVita Y. Gill for the candy donation, and HT Public Services Librarian Marcia Aitlano for the donation of school supplies.

KHALIFA WATSON, 13, a student at Decker Middle School, found the prize egg with the $500 scholarship offer. Watson will be eligible to retrieve her scholarship upon graduating from high school and choosing to enroll at HT.
M’Kenzie Flakes and Christopher J. Woodard
Crowned as Queen and King

M’KENZIE FLAKES and CHRISTOPHER J. WOODARD were crowned Miss and Mr. Huston-Tillotson University for the 2011-2012 academic year.

Flakes, a sophomore from Port Arthur, Texas, is a music major, a member of the concert choir, a group leader of Silent Mime Ministries, and a Peer Advisor. She is the daughter of Garland and Delena Flakes.

Woodard, from Angleton, Texas, is a junior kinesiology major. He is a Religious Life Leader and founding president of the HT Gentleman’s Club. He is the son of Vernessa Brown and Howard Woodard.

Both will represent the University in a national competition as well as local and state events and activities during their reign.

The pageant that announced the winners based upon oratory, talent, poise and projection, question and answer, and the student vote featured the last walk and presentations and by 2010-2011 Queen Breaion S. King and King Russell Bouyer.

Brittney S. Glenn and John Mosley Named
2011 Homecoming Queen and King

BRITTNEY S. GLENN and JOHN MOSLEY, both age 20, were crowned Huston-Tillotson’s 2011 Homecoming queen and king, respectively. Glenn is a senior psychology major from Dallas, Texas, where she attended South Oak High School. She is president of the HT Psychology Club, and a University Ambassador. Upon graduating Glenn plans to pursue a master’s degree in psychology. She is the daughter of Kenneth Glenn and James Loretta Evans.

Mosley is a junior criminal justice major from Corpus Christi, Texas. He is involved in campus activities and is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. His parents are John and Francis Mosley, Sr.

Both candidates were selected by popular vote among the student body.

The annual homecoming festivities drew thousands of alumni and friends back to Central Texas. Current students showed their HT pride and spirit by starting the homecoming celebration with a community service project. Hundreds of volunteers gathered on campus during the United Way/Capital Area Day of Service before beginning their assignments.

“I believe in giving back,” said Russell Bouyer. “Helping other people is just second nature.” Students chose to clean sections of Austin’s Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. “This gives you an incredible feeling that no amount of money can give,” said Bouyer.

Other homecoming activities included worship at Greater Mount Zion Baptist Church; a comedy show featuring comedians Lav Luv and Billy Sorrells; the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Festival, which attracted nearly 15,000 to campus; talent show; and the ever-popular pep rally on the traditional catfish Friday before the Saturday basketball game. The women under new coach Tanesha Barefield were victorious against Wiley College, 83-74. The men, under new head Coach Elwood Plummer, were defeated 76-61. Homecoming 2012 will be held on February 12.
Asia Haney Named Miss UNCF

Asia Haney, 20, was crowned Huston-Tillotson’s Miss UNCF recently. Haney is a third-year student majoring in business administration with a concentration in marketing. She is a member of the Pre-Alumni Council, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, a Residence Hall Assistant, a member of the Phi Beta Lambda honor society, and earned Dean’s List honors. After graduating from HT she plans to complete a master’s degree in business administration.

She was born and raised in Dallas, Texas, and is a proud member of Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, where she also worked as a child care provider during summer camps. Haney is the daughter of Marilyn and Wilbert Haney.

She will represent the University at the national United Negro College Fund pageant in February in Orlando, Florida.

The reigning queen, Catrice E. Smedley relinquished her crown during an elaborate program after fulfilling her title for nearly two years. Smedley received a decorated residence hall room courtesy of Jacque Patterson-Holmes and Wal-Mart, and a wardrobe for appearances. She represented the University at numerous functions throughout the year.

Huston-Tillotson, the oldest institution of higher education in Austin, Texas, is a charter member of the United Negro College Fund, which is the nation’s oldest and most successful minority higher education assistance organization. It was 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. UNCF administers more than 400 programs, including scholarship, internship and fellowship programs, mentoring, summer enrichment, and curriculum and faculty development programs.

President’s MAP and WALK Places Men and Women on the Road to Success

The President’s Male Achievement and Persistence (MAP) and Women Advancing in Leadership and Knowledge (WALK) are a set of experiences grounded in the best practices in student retention, student success, and student engagement. The goals are to (1) increase student involvement in existing academically-based and educationally purposeful experiences; (2) engage students in specialized learning opportunities; and (3) create a student success platform for first-year African American students.

Students are invited to join MAP and WALK in order to instill confidence to succeed. The programs are especially designed to help high-risk students through the college experience by educating all students according to their needs and preparing students for success through critical thinking, ethics, problem-solving, and self-reliance skills and tools. The three components are Writing Skills and Critical Thinking, Citizenship and Social Responsibility, and Diversity and Aesthetics.

Students in the programs see tangible evidence of academic success.
Every student at Huston-Tillotson has a story, or, in some instances, a testimony. Some of the stories are inspirational and full of hope while others are jaw-dropping, filled with tragedy and triumph. Kimberly Reynolds’ story is one of victory.

Reynolds talks about her future in terms of a career filled with overseas travel and adventure, maybe employment with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI), or stepping into the classroom to teach. She has options. She graduated from HT in May 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in elementary education. The road to HT was long with plenty of curves. It started in 1993 when Reynolds enrolled at Texas A&M, Commerce, and later HT to pursue a degree in education. With 30 hours remaining, the opportunity of a lifetime happened. She landed a job in the telecom industry that included travel to Hawaii, Canada, and many other exciting places. She was respected as one of a handful of females in the telecom field of hard hats and steel-toed boots, executing complicated wiring assignments while suspended from a telephone pole. “People couldn’t believe that someone like me was doing that kind of work,” she said. Reynolds was able to buy a house, purchase and pay off her car and other debts, expand her wardrobe, and help family members. Life was good.

The thought of happiness while surrounded by adverse circumstances reminded Reynolds of her journey. Migraine headaches would creep up under stress. Only a few people knew that Reynolds’ brother was killed, another brother died of gastrointestinal issues, another of a heart attack, and her niece was killed by a stray bullet at a park in Dallas, Texas. “I have been through it all,” said Reynolds. “I don’t know how I maintained, but I have.”

Completing her degree was always in the back of her mind, but it was difficult with “crazy shift work” and everything that was going on. Life changed after September 11, 2001, when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center and the corporate decision was made to move the telecom headquarters overseas. The seven years of technical experience didn’t complement Reynolds’ unfinished education degree. Who would accept her transfer credits since starting at the beginning was not an option? Reynolds had to make some hard decisions.

She devoted nearly 70 hours a week to caring for her mother while preparing to enter Huston-Tillotson to finish her degree. A transcript audit placed her in a position to complete her degree in a few years. Reynolds’ sister moved into her house while she moved into an Allen-Frazier Residence Hall room. Students saw Reynolds as a mother figure who could impart sound advice. In some cases she provided unsolicited counsel to help students manage their situations. She cherished the mother/daughter relationship because her mother “meant the world” to her. Reynolds’ mother slipped into a coma after complications from a second hip-replacement surgery and died October 15, 2009.

No one’s smile was as big as Reynolds’ during the May 2011 Commencement Convocation when her name was called to receive her diploma. “I have my good days and bad days. You can’t give in. We all have to push forward,” Reynolds concluded.
Rent-A-Text Program to Provide Students an Affordable Alternative to Rising Education Book Costs

Textbook rental services are available to students through the on-campus Follett bookstore and the University’s ongoing partnership with the Follett Higher Education Group. Rent-A-Text offers students a rental option on textbooks, creating savings that represent 50 percent or more off the price of new textbooks.

The textbook rental program:
• Is available to students in-store and online with in-store pick up;
• Allows students to choose a preferred form of payment, including financial aid and campus cards;
• Allows students the freedom to highlight and take notes all within the normal wear and tear associated with coursework; and
• Gives students the choice to buy their textbook at the end of the term if they want to keep the book.

The program is based on Follett’s comprehensive pilot program that saved students nearly $2 million on their course materials in just one semester at seven schools. More than 90 percent of students surveyed who rented textbooks expressed satisfaction with the pilot program.

For more information, visit www.rent-a-text.com or www.facebook.com/rentatext.

Students Visit the Nation’s Capitol and the Texas Capitol

Pictured are students Maigan L. Thomas, Christopher Phipps, Kristina McClendon, and Santana M. Lowery from Dr. Rosalee Martin’s Social Welfare Policy Class with Houston Representative Yvonne Davis (center) during the Second Annual Texas Indigent Defense Summit held at the Texas State Capitol and sponsored by Senator Rodney Ellis.

MICHAEL HIRSCH (right) accompanied a group of students to Washington, D.C. to visit the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law and the nation’s capital during the annual Public Interest PreLaw Institute. Pictured are (left to right) students Veronica Nemesubo, John Mosley, Grace Williford, Bridgett Lee, Kassandra Evans, Texas Representative Sheila Jackson Lee, Albert Johnson, Margarita Gamez, Papa Diallo, Professor John Brittain with the David Clarke School of Law and former Dean of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern, and Hirsch.

Center for Academic Excellence Reaches Students for Success

Obtaining a college degree is a reality filled with challenges as students are guided to their career choice. The Center for Academic Excellence (CAE) provides students with the tools needed to succeed.

CAE offers a wealth of information to aid students as they transition academically to the university setting. Peer learning consultants, academic advising, placement testing, academic success tips, faculty resources, and first-year programs are a few of the support programs and services available to students.

CAE can help students succeed by offering resources and services that promote academic skill development. The Center also houses the AVID program. Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) is a college readiness system that provides necessary tools designed to accelerate academic performance.

The transition from secondary to post-secondary is one that requires academic support as it relates to organization, time management, study skills, etc. Many parts of the AVID program are embedded in the First Year Seminar Course that all freshmen are required to take to aid in their transition to University life. The AVID Program uses research-based methods which provide meaningful academic support to help students succeed. The AVID curriculum is driven by the writing, inquiry, collaboration, and reading (WICR) methods.
Huston-Tillotson University officials announce the reintroduction of the Bachelor of Arts in Communication for the Fall 2011 semester. The updated communication major integrates contemporary applications across multiple platforms for the next generation of media professionals. Also included in the reintroduction is a new communication center that will be housed on the third floor of the Agard-Lovingood Building. Funds from the Student Aid Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA) facilitated by U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett were used to develop the communication degree program and campus location.

The major, under the University’s College of Arts and Sciences within the Department of Humanities and Fine Arts, is a 33-semester hour program of courses devoted to telecommunications technology, media, information, and program content that extends beyond what society has understood as media while preparing graduates with the ethical responsibility and the knowledge to discern their role in the future of media. An advisory panel of academic, broadcast, and industry professionals crafted the components of the new curriculum. “Students interested in studying communication at Huston-Tillotson University will be offered every opportunity to develop their skills in media in order to meet the challenges of contemporary media and remain competitive in a highly competitive field,” said Dr. Carol Adams Means, Huston-Tillotson Associate Professor of Communication Arts. Adams Means earned her master’s and doctorate degrees in journalism from the University of Texas, Austin, Texas. She has taught television, communications, and media courses at several universities. She currently serves as president of the Texas Association of Broadcast Educators (TABE), an organization that promotes the recognition, welfare, and progress of education in broadcasting and electronic communication.

Huston-Tillotson University offers Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degrees in English, communication, history, music, criminal justice, political science, psychology, sociology, education, kinesiology, biology, chemistry, mathematics, business administration, computer science, and computer information systems. A minor can be earned in most of the disciplines, including religious studies and African and African American Studies.

Business administration, education, kinesiology, criminal justice, and English are the five most popular majors. Criminal justice was added as a major in 2003.

The new Communication degree not only strengthens the University’s course offerings with a comprehensive multimedia degree path for students specifically interested in the subject but seeks to attract and place more minorities in the field.
Students Collect Food for the Community

Students participating in a friendly competition led by members of Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society collected 343 pounds of non-perishable food items. The collection benefited Caritas of Austin in order to feed the local homeless population, working poor individuals and families, and newly-relocated refugees. University Ambassadors collected the largest amount of items, followed by students in the Male Achievement and Persistence (MAP) program, computer science majors, Psychology Club, Pi Gamma Mu, and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Counseling Center Collects Shirts for Souls

The Counseling and Consultation Center displayed decorated shirts in the Davage-Durden Student Union to honor the hundreds of women who have lost their lives to domestic violence. The campus community donated shirts that were decorated by students. According to the Domestic Violence Resource Center, one in three women experiences domestic violence in her lifetime. On average, more than three women and one man are murdered by their intimate partners in this country every day.

Agbomah Becomes a United States Citizen

Newly elected Student Government Association President EKITU KENNETH AGBOMAH completed the requirements to become a United States citizen at a naturalization oath ceremony in July in San Antonio, Texas. Agbomah, originally from Nigeria, is a computer science major.

Students Clean Up King Boulevard

Students representing 16 different campus organizations joined Texas State Representative Dawnna Dukes during her Twelfth Annual Martin Luther King Boulevard Clean Up as part of the Hands on Central Texas “MLK Day of Service.” Despite the rain and gloomy weather, students collected bags of trash to beautify the neighborhoods between Airport Boulevard and Springdale Road.

“Everybody can be great, because everybody can serve.” — Martin Luther King, Jr.
Religious Life and Campus Ministry Leader Receives a Scholarship from UMC

The United Methodist Church Bishop James E. Dorff awarded senior TYRUS SMITH the Board of Education and Campus Ministry Southwest Texas Annual Conference Merit Scholarship Award at the gathering in San Antonio, Texas.

Smith, a kinesiology major, serves as Huston-Tillotson’s Religious Life and Campus Ministry intern and has been active in religious life in various capacities since his first year. He manages the University’s weekly chapel service under the guidance of University Chaplain Donald Brewington. He has served as a United Methodist Black College Fund Ambassador, which, along with a range of duties, included making presentations before thousands at annual conferences. Smith maintains his membership at Bethel United Methodist Church, San Antonio.

Huston-Tillotson with its 136-year history as an historically black university was founded by The United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ.

Communication Major Receives UCC Scholarship

KLIPHTON J. TAYLOR, communication major, received the United Church of Christ Daniel Hand Scholarship. Taylor also submitted an article about Juneteenth that was published as part of The United Methodist Church June e-newsletter release.

Two Degrees, Two Universities Benefit Students

Taking advantage of HT’s Pre-Engineering Program with Prairie View A&M University meant substantial rewards for two HT students. Hassan Sidibeh earned a scholarship to complete his last two years at PVA&M to earn the Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering after completing three years as a mathematics major at HT.

The cooperative dual-degree program in mathematics and engineering affords students the opportunity to combine educational experiences for the Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics from HT and the Bachelor of Science in engineering from PVA&M. To be eligible, students must complete at least 75 semester credit hours of course work at HT with a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher.

PVA&M offers chemical, civil, computer, electrical, and mechanical engineering.

Five Students Receive Urban Scholarships

Five students received monetary awards from the Urban Scholarship Fund, established by the Texas state legislature in conjunction with SBC, Verizon, and Sprint United Telephone Company. The fund is administered by the Texas Association of Developing Colleges (TADC) for full-time students who meet the established criteria. KWANNA GREEN-SMITH, MAAGAN GRIGGS, ISELA GUZMAN, MAIGAN THOMAS, and CHAD WILLIAMS were the 2010-11 recipients and represented the largest group of HT students to receive the scholarship.

KWANNA GREEN-SMITH, MAAGAN GRIGGS, ISELA GUZMAN, MAIGAN THOMAS, and CHAD WILLIAMS
Central Texas Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF)

**DR. ANNE CIRELLA-URRUTIA**, French instructor, served as president of the Central Texas Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of French (AATF). Nationally, AATF is the largest association of French teachers with the Texas chapter representing teachers at all levels. The association seeks to promote the study of French and other languages, implement state classroom standards, improve French training for classroom teachers, encourage study abroad, integrate technology into instruction, and encourage teacher development.

**National French Week**: La Semaine du Français, celebrated on the HT campus, is one of AATF’s major programs. The group also held the spring meeting on campus.

Texas Association of Broadcast Educators (TABE)

**DR. CAROL ADAMS-MEANS**, Communication, serves as president of the Texas Association of Broadcast Educators (TABE). Throughout the state of Texas, TABE promotes the recognition, welfare, and progress of education in broadcasting and electronic communication.

Adams-Means also received a fellowship from Dow Jones and Western Kentucky and was selected to participate in the 2010 UNCF/Mellon Faculty Seminar – Legacies and Treasures: “Exploring the Archival Collections of Black Intellectual Scholar Activists.” Thirteen applications, representing nine historically black colleges and universities, were received and reviewed. The year prior, seven HT faculty attended the Faculty Resource Network’s National Symposium, “Challenge as Opportunity: The Academy in the Best and Worst of Times” held in Atlanta, Georgia.

**PAULA BATTISTELLE, ROSALEE MARTIN, DEANNA MERCER, GLORIA QUINLAN, JANICE B. SMITH, SHAWANDA STEWART, AND JANICE L. SUMLER-EDMOND** attended. Sessions ranged from social activism to preparedness and retention.

Huston-Tillotson University faculty are Fulbright Scholars, Sam Taylor Fellows, and other recognized scholars. Among the 42 faculty, 28 (nearly 80%) have the terminal degree in their teaching field.

In addition to their specialized areas, they extend their reach into the community as leaders of various organizations and associations.

**Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS)**

**DR. MICHAEL HIRSCH**, sociology, serves as president of the Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology (AACS). He has been a member of the AACS for several years and his writings were accepted for print in its *Journal of Applied Social Science*. Hirsch joined the HT faculty in August 2003. He also serves as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The AACS seeks to provide common meeting ground for individuals interested in the application of sociological knowledge as well as to promote and enhance understanding.

**Fulbright Scholars Scheduled for the Fall Term**

The Fulbright Scholar program, named after former Senator J. William Fulbright and established by Congress in 1946, is the largest and one of the most prestigious international faculty exchange programs. Each year since 2006, HT has received a Fulbright scholar in order to enhance the existing curriculum and create an infrastructure that will support international and intercultural exposure.

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YIFAN ZHU, foreign language, from Shanghai, China, and ALOYSIUS NJONG, business, from Cameroon, West Africa, completed their 2009-2010 assignments.

Faculty Continue to Guide HT Toward Research Opportunities

Research internships are an integral part of the Huston-Tillotson experience. Intense projects as close as the nearest HT laboratory or as far away as Alaska await students.

DR. HERSHALL J. SHELLEY, computer science professor, (above right) facilitated the Extensible Undergraduate Research in Communications Applications (EURECA) program in order for students like Sammy Mudede (left) to gain exposure to mechanical, electrical, and computer engineering.

Professors Earn Fellowships/Recognition

DR. ALAINE HUTSON’S proposal, “Is There an African Diaspora in the Middle East?” was selected for the Henry C. McBay Research Fellowship. This highly competitive program, with a monetary prize, is managed by the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and designed to provide research support critical to faculty disciplines as well as professional development. Hutson, history, was also selected by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) to participate in the seminar “Teaching About Islam and Middle Eastern Culture” at the American Center of Oriental Research (ACOR) in Amman, Jordan. She was one of 12 full-time faculty selected in a national competition for the seminar.

HUTSON, DR. JAMES KRAFT, philosophy and religion, and DR. ROSALEE MARTIN, sociology, won the Sam Taylor Fellowship for 2009-2010, with its $2,000 prize for each. The fellowships are awarded to faculty from the Division of Higher Education of The United Methodist Church for Texas.

Authors Continue Their Book Promotions

DEAN KEDDY-HECTOR, professor of biology, was recently added to the Global Raptor Information Network, Raptor Researcher Database. This is a project developed by Lloyd Kiff of the Peregrine Fund and aimed at facilitating access to research literature and world-wide communication among researchers who study birds of prey. Keddy-Hector is currently completing a revision of his original Aplomado Falcon profile originally published in 2000 in the Birds of North America series.

DR. ROSALEE MARTIN, sociology, was a contributing author to a new book of poems entitled Many Paths Many Feet.

DR. D. ROZENA MCCABE, kinesiology, wrote and edited “Chapter 8 Preparing to Teach Health and Physical Education in Texas” as part of “Preparing to Teach Texas Content Areas, the TExES EC-6 Generalists and ESL Supplement.”

DR. KATHERINE DURHAM OLDMIXON, English, served as editor of Reflections, the newly released compilation of poems by members of the Austin Poetry Society. Oldmixon, who serves on the board of directors and editorial board, was instrumental in completing the anthology in celebration of the society’s 60th anniversary. She was also featured in the Bellevue Literary Review.

DR. JANICE SUMLER-EDMOND, history, continued the promotion and book signing of the newly released fascinating, intriguing biography entitled The Secret Trust of Aspasia Cruvellier Mirault: The Life and Trials of a Free Woman of Color in Antebellum Georgia.

Sumler-Edmond was recently awarded the Mellon Foundation Fellowship and travelled to Austria to attend the Salzburg Global Seminar Session 480, “The Rule of Law in a Globalized World: Why it Matters.”

She joined the HT faculty in 2002.

Two new projects from the Department of Humanities and Fine Arts highlighted the University.

900 Chicon is an online magazine that is live, public, and ready to read. It features the work of HT faculty, staff, and students. http://htu.edu/academics/special-programs/900-chicon/
Laura Smith Reintroduces A Student Led Newscast

The inaugural edition of HT News aired on Austin’s community television station, Channel/Austin, during the 2010 summer. The newscast was produced by communications arts students in Dr. Laura Smith’s class.

Guest Lecturers From Diplomats to Judges Enter the Classroom

Diplomat, entrepreneur, and philanthropist AMBASSADOR SADA CUMBER was the guest lecturer in Papa Diallo’s Comparative Government class. Cumber was appointed by the White House as the first United States Special Envoy to the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), a 57-member international governmental organization. Cumber has founded 11 companies in the technology sector as well as an international strategic advisory company, and an investment advisory/wealth management firm. Cumber was born in Karachi, Pakistan, came to the United States in 1978, and became an American citizen in 1986.

Faculty Resource Network Provides Development

DRS. MARTIN (left); GLORIA QUINLAN, music; MS. PAULA BATTISTELLI, English; DR. JANICE SUMLER-EDMOND, history; and instructor MS. SHAWANDA STEWART, English, joined faculty from around the world at the Faculty Resource Network’s National Symposium held in Atlanta, Georgia. Topics such as “Pedagogy, 21st Century Learners, and Social Activism,” “A Smooth Transition: Preparedness and Retention of First Year Students,” and “The Retention and Development of Faculty” were addressed. Attendees not pictured are DR. DEANNA MERCER and instructor MRS. JANICE B. SMITH, education.

More Faculty and Staff Earn the Doctorial Credentials

ERIC BUDD completed his doctorate and was named Chair of the Education Preparation department.

Staff ANDREW B. LOFTERS, who serves as the Austin Pre-Freshman Engineering Program (AusPreP) Site Director, completed his doctorate in educational administration from the University of Texas at Austin.

Congratulations Drs. Budd and Lofters.

Dr. Joseph Jones, Jr., Enhances the Science Building Before Retiring

DR. JOSEPH JONES, JR., the first Dean of the College of Arts Sciences, made significant improvements during his five years at HT. He guided the Dickey-Lawless Science Building upgrade that included major floor to ceiling enhancements. The most drastic change included vent hoods in order to ensure a more secure environment for faculty and students. Additionally Jones facilitated the collaborative educational effort between the University of Texas at Austin, Florida Memorial University, and Texas Southern University funded by the Office of Naval Research and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. The efforts resulted in a dedicated nuclear science laboratory set up and equipped with Geiger-Muller counters and computers, and with software and nuclear science modules used for training and demonstrating used sealed radiation sources.

Jones officially retired December 31, 2010. University officials honored his accomplishments by renaming the annual research day the Dr. Joseph H. Jones, Jr. Research Day.

Dr. Katherine Durham Oldmixon and Mr. Bryce North, English, were accepted as participants for the New York University Faculty Resource Network Winter 2010 seminar in Puerto Rico. The seminar was entitled “Literature and the Environment.”


Laura Smith Reintroduces A Student Led Newscast

The inaugural edition of HT News aired on Austin’s community television station, Channel/Austin, during the 2010 summer. The newscast was produced by communications arts students in Dr. Laura Smith’s class.

Guest Lecturers From Diplomats to Judges Enter the Classroom

Diplomat, entrepreneur, and philanthropist AMBASSADOR SADA CUMBER was the guest lecturer in Papa Diallo’s Comparative Government class. Cumber was appointed by the White House as the first United States Special Envoy to the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), a 57-member international governmental organization. Cumber has founded 11 companies in the technology sector as well as an international strategic advisory company, and an investment advisory/wealth management firm. Cumber was born in Karachi, Pakistan, came to the United States in 1978, and became an American citizen in 1986.

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Vicki Vernon Lott Named as Provost and VP for Academic and Student Affairs

VICKI VERNON LOTT, Ph.D., has been named Huston-Tillotson’s Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs. She will serve as the chief academic officer and provide leadership for nearly 100 faculty and staff and 900 students throughout the Business Administration, Computer Science, Education and Kinesiology, Social Sciences, Natural Sciences and Mathematics academic units, student support services, residence life, and student activities.

Lott served in a similar capacity at Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee; was executive assistant to the president at Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia; and program director, assistant to the Chancellor, and associate professor of music at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) as well as the United States Commission on Civil Rights, Tennessee Advisory Committee. She is currently a member of the Corps of Committee Chairs for SACS.

She is the co-author of several textbooks and articles and has presented on numerous occasions on topics such as A Critical Thinking Approach to Reading Comprehension for Underprepared Students, and Keeping It Real: A Critical Thinking Approach to Racial Harmony. She also holds a membership in Toastmasters International, Inc.

Lott earned her bachelor’s degree in music from St. Norbert College, DePere, Wisconsin, and a master’s degree and doctorate in music education from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge.

She joined Huston-Tillotson University on January 17, 2011.

Roderick L. Smothers Named as New Chief Advancement Officer

RODERICK L. SMOTHERS, Ph.D., has been named Huston-Tillotson’s Vice President for Institutional Advancement. Smothers, who brings 17 years of higher education experience, will guide the University’s fundraising efforts in addition to directing the programs and initiatives within the offices of alumni affairs, communications/marketing, grants/sponsored programs, and development/major gifts.

Smothers’ extensive experience in higher education includes positions in academic affairs and student affairs as well as advancement and development. Most recently, he served as Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Development at Langston University, Langston, Oklahoma, where he was responsible for public relations, major and planned giving programs, sponsored programs, the university’s capital campaign, the establishment of a foundation and foundation board, and the university’s community and economic development initiatives. Through his work with non-profit organizations, federal agencies, and foundations, he has secured more than ten million dollars in corporate and private funding. Additionally, he has written and/or influenced grants totaling 50 million dollars.

Smothers earned three degrees from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana – a doctorate in educational leadership, research and counseling, Master of Public Administration with a concentration in higher education administration, and a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology. He also served in the United States Air Force Reserves and has a certification in fundraising management from the Fund Raising School at the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University.

The Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), American Association of Governing Boards (AGB), American Society of Public Administration (ASPA), Lions Club International, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., are a few of the organizations in which he provides leadership and service.

He joined Huston-Tillotson on January 3, 2011.
Elwood Plummer Returns as Men’s Basketball Coach

ELWOOD PLUMMER has returned as the men’s head basketball coach. Plummer was HT’s associate athletic director from 1988-1990, and men’s head basketball coach and assistant professor from 1979 -1988. Plummer lettered in basketball during his years at Phillis Wheatley High School. He was also a two-time all conference player at San Antonio College from 1962-1964. He was an outstanding shooting guard at Jackson State University where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1966. Plummer also has a master’s degree in health, physical education and recreation from Prairie View A&M University. He coached Prairie View to its first Southwestern Athletic Conference Tournament Title and its first NCAA Division I berth in 1998. Plummer was inducted into the Texas Black Sports Hall of Fame in 2006 and the Prairie View Interscholastic League Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2008.

HT President Receives Core Values Award

LARRY L. EARVIN, Ph.D., received the Core Values Award for Perseverance presented by Atlantic Trust. The award recognizes Austin citizens who embody the nine core values taught by First Tee. First Tee of Greater Austin is a non-profit mentoring program committed to enriching the lives of young people through the game of golf.

Under Earvin’s leadership golf was reintroduced as part of the HT intercollegiate athletic program. Earvin has also guided the University through successful 2002 and 2009 reaffirmation of accreditation visits; facilitated several grants for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) initiatives; established the William Edward Burghardt DuBois Honors Program for academically gifted students; moved HT from college to University status effective February 2005; supported the creation of the Male Achievement Program (MAP) for male students and launched the Women Advancing in Leadership and Knowledge (WALK) program; improved graduation rates; and in 2008, after nine years of enrollment increases, moved the University to its highest enrollment to date. The University is currently implementing a master plan to refurbish existing buildings and construct a new health and wellness complex.

Earvin also received the Community Partnership Award presented by the University of Texas at Austin during its annual Community Leadership Awards ceremony. Other HT recipients included W. Charles Akins, A.L. Mackey, Bertha S. Means, and Edward Roby in the Community Leadership Circle Awards category. Retired professor General G. Marshall was also honored in that category.

Faculty and Staff Take the Lead in Giving

During the 2010 holiday season, HT faculty and staff were the first group to provide toys for children affected by the sickle cell disease. Linda Thomas-Wade – one of the founders of the Sickle Cell Association of Austin, Marc Thomas Foundation – is the wife of Thomas, who lost his courageous battle with Sickle Cell in 1997. Pictured are Thomas-Wade (left) and La Juana R. Napier, HT’s Director of Alumni Affairs.

Voices from HT and Prairie View A&M University joined for a friendly vocal session during the choir’s spring tour. PV Choir director A. Jan Taylor (pictured) and HT director Gloria Quinlan showcased individual and combined talents during the session.
DONATIONS

The cash contributions directed to Huston-Tillotson provide the means to improve existing programs, develop new initiatives, and support student scholarships. These are a few of the donations captured.

Approximately $150,000 was received from the Margaret E. Grigsby, M.D. estate in memory of her mother, Jennie Lee Hankins Grigsby, in order to establish an endowed scholarship.

A $50,000 endowed scholarship was established by the Raba and Georgia Warren estate for deserving students.

Sembradores de Austin presented an $8,000 check to the University at its annual gala. This brings the Sembradores de Austin Endowed Scholarship corpus to over $90,000. The organization seeks to raise funds for first-generation college students. Alexis A. Mendieta, Eloisa L. Nava, and Richard A. Perez were 2010-2011 scholarship recipients.

Members of the Town Lake Chapter of the Links presented a $3,000 check to HT to fund scholarships. Pictured is Shawne A.V. Dickerson, Scholarship Committee Chair of the Town Lake Chapter of the Links, presenting a $3,000 scholarship donation to Terry S. Smith, Executive Assistant to the President.

U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett announced $872,713 in federal funds for Huston-Tillotson as part of the Historically Black College and Universities Program and Student Aid Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA).

The funds will be used to strengthen academic support for students, to improve the campus learning environment through library renovations, to develop a communications degree program, and to increase student retention through development of leadership programs.

Artists to Activists Enrich the Classroom Experience

Faculty and their gateway to opportunities and experiences meet in the classroom for an enriching encounter for students. The following are a few of the guest lecturers.

DOMINIQUE MWANKUMI traveled from London, England, to honor HT’s Semaine de la Francophonie led by French instructor Anne Cirella-Urrutia. Mwankumi is a well-known writer and illustrator of children’s books.

A once-in-a-lifetime Tibetan performance orchestrated by James Kraft, professor of philosophy and religion, was sacred and authentic for the audience. The Buddhist monks from the GadenShartse Monastery in India, who seldom venture outside the Tibetan/Indian region, received special permission from the Dali Lama to give the performance. Students in Kraft’s class completed a 500-word essay on the experience.

The School of Business and Technology sponsored members from the National Urban League’s Black Executive Exchange Program (BEEP) during a day-long visit.
AusPrEP Attracts its Largest Class

3M, A Glimmer of Hope Foundation, Huston-Tillotson University, KLE Foundation, Kodosky Foundation, National Instruments, TG, Time Warner Cable, and the University of Texas at San Antonio donated more than $100,000 to support HT’s Austin Pre-Freshman Engineering Program (AusPrEP) in its 21st year.

Approximately 161 middle and high school students, the largest group to date, challenged themselves by mastering math and science applications that also include robotic applications during the summer program that also featured field trips and guest lecturers.

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

Primary courses included Logic, to stimulate the intellect and force young minds to evolve to a higher level of reasoning; Physics, to explore and analyze ideas; and Statistics, to understand and interpret numerical significance. Huston-Tillotson University has operated AusPREP since 1990.

Pictured is RASHARD MUHAMMAD, Year Three, student.

Retired Teacher Gives Generously to HT

M. MAXINE K. BOLES credits Tillotson College for establishing a “good foundation” for the quality of life that she now enjoys. Her love for Huston-Tillotson is shown through the establishment of the Chester R. and Maxine Kelly Boles Endowed Scholarship and contributions of more than $250,000 throughout the years.

Mrs. Boles received her Bachelor of Science degree in home economics and natural sciences in 1944. She began her professional career as a fifth grade teacher in Marlin, Texas, later accepting a position as a home economics teacher at O.J. Thomas High School in Cameron, Texas, and also taught combined third and fourth grades in the Vado, New Mexico, school district.

She met and married the late Master Sergeant Chester R. Boles and lived in Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Fort Hood, Texas, where she taught grades one through six in a “one room” schoolhouse. When Sgt. Boles was transferred to Korea, Mrs. Boles enrolled at New Mexico Highlands University at Las Vegas, New Mexico, where she received two master’s degrees—one in elementary education and one in clinical psychology. Mrs. Boles and her husband settled in Fort Hancock, New Jersey, where she retired after 36 1/2 years as a teacher in the Middletown, New Jersey, public school system.

Her commitment to HT is rooted in her support of education and, in particular, historically black institutions, which provide tremendous opportunities for students.

Mrs. Boles was recognized at the International Alumni Association’s Annual Banquet in May for her support of the Dallas Alumni Chapter and Huston-Tillotson University.

HT Graduate Honors the Memory of her Parents

1971 graduate DELPHIA A. DUCKENS, ESQ. established an endowed scholarship with an initial gift of $15,000 as part of her birthday celebration. The scholarship was established in memory of her mother and father, Dessie and Chester York.

During Reunion Weekend 2011 alumni chapters donated $53,000 with members donating more than $233,000 to HT. Prior to the Reunion Weekend, MICHELLE HARRIS (left) and BOBBIE WARING, Dallas Alumni Chapter, presented a $6,000 check to President Larry L. Earvin during their annual pledge brunch.

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Greetings from the Alumni Affairs Director

I begin by expressing my thanks to alumni for your ever increasing involvement and support. As you are aware, incoming Fall semester and May graduating classes have reached record numbers. I appreciate your continued recruitment efforts and your sustained financial support regarding the growth and expansion of Huston-Tillotson University.

As the University prepares for the groundbreaking and construction of the anticipated Health and Wellness Center, I invite you and your friends to be among the first to make a lasting gift toward this effort. With your support, our efforts are limitless and our success is infinite.

HT has contributed priceless resources to the world and valued alumni in the past 136 years. As others discover what you treasure, we can stand on the hill and know that our future will be elevated even higher in the next 136 years.

I look forward to continually serving as the liaison between you and our University.

Sincerely,

La Juana R. Napier
Director of Alumni Affairs
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As I step across the threshold as the Huston-Tillotson University International Alumni Association (HTIAA) president starting June 1, 2011, to 2013, I will stay focused on our motto “In Union, Strength.”

I constantly think about the roots of Tillotson College dating back to 1875, Samuel Huston College dating back to 1876, and the reason for the merger. Both schools shared mutual interests, values, and constituencies. However, neither school enjoyed a wealth of material or financial resources. The consummations of the merger and signing of the charter on October 24, 1952, gave us strength! We must continue to build on our union.

As new ideas are shared with others, new words and terms are developed and used daily; these new terms should always be used to stimulate productivity or growth in all areas, including finances. Yes, the dollar is very high in the priority list to pay for a good education! Smile! The most common are lack of communication and hidden agendas. Again, we all share mutual interests, values, and constituencies as referenced above on October 24, 1952.

During the last several years, the economy has really hurt some of us financially. The way to survive is through our 1952 adopted motto “In Union, Strength.” If we all unite and give a little, it will help our education system in an awesome way. I am so excited about working to support our great institution. Huston-Tillotson University has roots in history long before I was born. I need your support and for you to serve as an “Ambassador for HT.” Spread the word. HT is alive and well, but we still need your financial support to help give our students a better education.

May God bless each and every one of you. I look forward to working with you in harmony as your president!

JOHN D. MAYS
President
HTIAA
Class of 1972

Weddings

The scenic HT campus, the place where they both met as undergraduates, was the backdrop for the TARASHA SKIDMORE and CARROLL D. HAYWOOD wedding photographs. The former Skidmore is a 2000 chemistry major and Haywood is a 2003 political science major.

KEYA DRIVER, ’08, education, and BYRON WALLACE, ’11, business administration, were joined in matrimony in a July 2011 ceremony.


The former DIANNA PENN, ’04, biology, married RONALD BROOKS, ’00, education, in a June 2009 campus ceremony.

Business administration major TERRENCE BROOKS, ’09, married Javanne in an August 2010 California outdoor wedding.

MARCUS and TIFFANY JONES exchanged vows in June 2011. Marcus earned his degree in business administration.

The former APRIL DAVIS married JEREMY BRISCOE in June 2010. April is a 2006 sociology major and Jeremy majored in business administration.

The former JACKIE MOORE, ’07, and ALVIN ROLLIE exchanged vows during an outdoor June ceremony in Round Rock, Texas.
in 1943, has been a member of the HT International Alumni Association for more than 50 years and has served, during the majority of that time, in various leadership positions as part of the Austin alumni chapter. He served as chair of the Ways and Means and Economic Development committees. In addition, Douglas is the sponsor and coordinator of an annual golf tournament fundraiser that has generated more than $130,000 throughout its history. Douglas also provides leadership for the Austin chapter’s annual Blues and Jazz Concert that attracts a stellar lineup of musicians during the concert held at Doris Miller Auditorium in support of HT.

His matriculation as a college student under Dr. Mary E. Branch as Tillotson’s president included involvement in numerous student organizations. Douglas was also an accomplished athlete in several sports. During the period of segregation, Douglas was a trailblazer on several fronts as the first African American hire. He was the first African American officer hired in Austin’s fire prevention unit and later state fire unit that ultimately opened doors for other minorities in the field. He built an honorable 32 years of distinguished service in the fire fighting unit.

Douglas is married to the former Morene Turner and has two daughters, Brenda and Marva. He received the Villager newspaper’s Austin Living Legends award in 1999 and the City of Austin Community Service Award in 2010.

CLASS OF 1947
Family and friends gathered in 2011 for the 90th birthday of WILLIE MAE “ANKIE” KIRK. Mrs. Kirk, mother of former Dallas Mayor and current United States Trade Representative Ron Kirk, was guest of honor at the celebration at the Sheraton Austin Hotel that attracted 350 friends including City of Austin elected officials. In lieu of gifts, guests were asked to donate a shirt to the Salvation Army for the homeless.

CLASS OF 1957
Alumnus JAMES R. WILSON was inducted into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Hall of Fame in the Meritorious Service Category at a ceremony in April in Kansas City, Missouri.

Wilson, a 1957 HT graduate who lettered in four sports, completed a 44-year career with HT as a physical education professor and athletic director before his retirement in 2004. Huston-Tillotson University’s intercollegiate program was built upon the foundation established by Wilson.
the formation of eight men’s and seven women’s athletic programs. Today, the University offers men’s and women’s basketball, soccer, cross country, track and field; men’s baseball; and women’s softball and volleyball. The University’s annual athletic banquet was named in honor of Wilson’s coaching, officiating, academic, and athletic accomplishments.

Wilson is respected in the officiating arena, officiating Texas high school championships, Lone Star, Southwest, and Big Twelve conference events. His character, leadership, and respect from colleagues, coaches, and athletes solidified his induction into the Hall of Fame.

One of the first African American athletes during segregation in the early 50s, he was a pioneer for change and inclusion. He was awarded the Shorty Alderson Award for his outstanding contributions to football officials and high school football in 1993.

The Hall of Fame consists of a division for each sport currently or formerly sponsored by the association and a division for general meritorious service to the NAIA. The NAIA Hall of Fame is divided into three categories: athlete, coach and meritorious service.

**CLASS OF 1960**
Huston-Tillotson faculty, staff, and students attended the retirement celebration for **ORA B. WILSON** who completed 41 years of service at HT. Wilson worked in several positions during her term at HT before retiring as the Title III Coordinator and Assistant Professor and Coordinator of Distance Education. The celebration included remarks by Dr. Joseph T. McMillan, Jr.; Dr. Lenora Waters; Ms. Ethel Dilworth; Mrs. Harriet Buxkemper, Mrs. Lavon Marshall, and Coach James Wilson to name a few.

**CLASS OF 1963**
Alumnus **ROBERT G. STANTON**, Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar, shared his life’s story as part of the White House Blog during Black History Month. Stanton, appointed by President Barack Obama to his current position, began his career in government with the National Park Service.

Stanton earned his Bachelor of Science degree from HT in 1963. During his junior year he secured a summer internship with the National Park Service that subsequently placed him on a career path from intern to director before retiring in 2003. He was the first African American to serve as director.

Stanton was instrumental in securing a $525,000 matching grant from the Department of Interior, National Park Service, for the restoration of Huston-Tillotson’s second oldest building on campus. The administration building, now named the Anthony and Louise Viera - Alumni Hall, was completely restored in 2006 and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and designated with a Texas Historical Marker as a Texas Historical Site. The building was constructed between 1913-1914 as a project of the industrial training program.

He received the Outstanding Alumnus Award presented by the National Alumni Council of the National Negro College Fund in 2008 for his contributions to Huston-Tillotson, the community, and UNCF.

Stanton credits the late Stewart Udall, Secretary of Interior from 1961 to 1969, in a November 2010 article in The Progressive for providing opportunities for African Americans to join the National Park Service. Udall died on March 20, 2010. The Department of Interior main building in Washington, D.C., was named and rededicated in Udall’s honor.

Stanton also served on the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. (NCNW) Steering Committee that planned the tribute and celebration for Dr. Dorothy I. Height (left). Height earned her bachelor’s and master’s degrees from New York University before becoming the leader of the United Christian Youth Movement of North America, working at the YWCA of Harlem, becoming president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and becoming the fourth national president of the NCNW.

She worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to ensure the passage of the Civil Rights Act and was an advisor to every United States president before her death in 2010.

Stanton said, “The erection of the national memorial in honor of the life and legacy of Dr. (Mary McLeod) Bethune would not have been realized without the leadership and perseverance of Dr. Height. Over a period of 14 years, Dr. Height never wavered from her goal for building the memorial which was the first commemoration of a woman of any race and a person of color on the federal land in the nation’s capital.”

Stanton received an honorary degree from Huston-Tillotson in 2000. ▶

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CLASS OF 1966
Longtime activist ORA E. HOUSTON received the Captain Louis W. White Service Award for Outstanding Civic Engagement sponsored by the Austin Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The award was presented at the fifth annual Juneteenth celebration in honor of Houston’s years of dedication, commitment, and service in the community.

CLASS OF 1978
RHONDA GAIL COOK HOPSON graduated summa cum laude with a Doctorate of Philosophy in Theology from Covenant Bible College and Seminary of Tallahassee, Florida, on July 31, 2011. She became an ordained minister in 1995 and is currently the associate pastor of Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ in Beaumont, Texas.

CLASS OF 1983
Alumna and Head Lyndon Baines Johnson High School (Austin, Texas) Girls Basketball Coach for the past 18 years, RENEE HENDERSON BROWN guided the Jaguars to their first University Interscholastic League’s Conference 4A championship game. The Jaguars lost the title to an undefeated Canyon team.

CLASS OF 1990
JOE E. LEONARD was appointed by President Barack Obama as the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, Agricultural Department. Leonard previously served as executive director of the powerful Congressional Black Caucus.

CLASS OF 1996
The gunman who walked into the Texas State Capitol changed the landscape of the building forever. State Trooper HUSAIN ROUSEL wrote in a signed statement that he heard gunshots, saw a pistol, and empty shell casings while patrolling the Rotunda. Rousel, a 1996 graduate, confronted accused gunman Fausto Cardenas on the Capitol south steps. Cardenas was charged with making a terrorist threat. Scanners are now permanent fixtures at all Capitol entrances.

CLASS OF 1998
BRIAN ARMSTRONG was promoted to Texas Southern University’s Executive Director of Enrollment Management. He previously served in various positions including Assistant Director of Student Financial Services, Director of Recruitment, Assistant Dean of Student Services in the School of Communication, and Executive Director of Recruitment. Armstrong received his Bachelor of Arts degree in government from HT. He earned a master’s degree from Texas State University, San Marcos, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in educational administration from TSU.

CLASS OF 1999
Writer, composer, and Christian artist GEORGE B. POWELL was honored by the City of Austin and Mayor Lee Leffingwell for his musical contribution. June 23, 2011, was proclaimed George Powell Day. Powell performed one song for the mayor and city council members and received a proclamation that captured the honor. He and his group, George Powell and Friends, recently released their latest CD, “The Music of My Life.”

CLASS OF 2003
Communications major ALTA Y. MOTEN-ALEXANDER was selected to join an elite network of more than 2,500 women as members of Leadership Texas Class of 2010. The longest-running women’s leadership development program in the United States seeks to advance the power of leadership and legacy through programs that connect, inspire, empower, and honor women.

CLASS OF 2010
MATHEW K. BET was awarded a scholarship to pursue a master’s degree in computer information systems from Prairie View A&M University. He earned the Bachelor of Science in computer information systems from HT.

CLASS OF 2011
Business Administration majors JEREL A. ALLEN, DEONTE L. COX, CHLOE J. JORDAN, and ERWIN MADRID will enroll at Clark Atlanta University this fall to pursue the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree. Classmates ANGELA BROWN will attend Sam Houston State University, NATHALIE D. BULLOCK will enroll at Texas A&M at San Antonio, BREAANNA M. CARTER will attend the University of Texas at Arlington, and CHIP H. NZIRAMASANGA will attend the University of Texas at Austin. All will pursue the MBA.
The telephones and e-mails lit up when the words “Huston-Tillotson” were seen on the sweat shirt of Bill Kalahurka, featured in the January-February 2011 AARP Bulletin. Bill is the father of adjunct professor William P. Kalahurka. The article, “Boomers Get Their Groove Back,” captured volunteerism among older populations.

The following individuals and/or chapters were recognized for their alumni advocacy during Reunion Weekend 2011.

**Practical Endeavors**  
**MICHELLE MOOREHEAD HARRIS**

Honorable Mention  
**OLGA SHARON DOUGLAS**  
Alumni who have successfully ventured into a career other than that reflected by his/her major.

**Academic Achievement**  
**ANTHONY T. MAYS**  
Alumni who have excelled in the academic arena or made a significant impact in education

**Outstanding Alumnus**  
**MR. AND MRS. ALVIN HARRIS**

Honorable Mention  
**CLARICE SMITH**  
Alumni who has worked diligently and has made an impact on the local chapter.

**Chapter of the Year**  
**DALLAS INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOC.**  
**HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOC.**  
Chapter performing events and activities, giving and recruiting for the benefit of the University

**Outstanding Young Alumnus**  
**APRIL SHAW**  
Alumni who is not over 32 years of age and has been/is active in the local chapter to promote HT and contribute to the success of the chapter.

**Alumni Service**  
**LOUIE CARRINGTON**

Honorable Mention  
**YVONNE RICE**  
Alumni who has made significant service contributions to the chapter and/or to HT.

**Recruitment**  
**APRIL SHAW**  
Chapter or individual who is recognized for their extraordinary recruiting efforts.

**Gold Leaf Award**  
**CONNIE SHAW**

**UNCF Outstanding Alumnus**  
**OCTAVIA SMITH**

**CLASS OF 1931**  
**E.E. HILL** celebrated his 105th birthday. He wrote the following to La Juana R. Napier, director of alumni affairs:

“So let me thank you again for making the visit. It may not mean too much to the institution, but I shall ever be grateful to even think of someone coming that distance just to talk to me. So, again I want to express my kindness to the three of you for taking time off just to visit with me.”

**CLASS OF 1959**  
Family and friends gathered in Dallas for **CECIL EARNESTINE KELLEY ANDERSON’S** 100th birthday celebration.

**HATTIE LEE BLOCKER** celebrated her 100th birthday on September 11, 2011 in La Grange, Texas. She earned her degree in education while working odd jobs such as ear-piercing and hair-pressing to pay for tuition. She went on to become the cofounder and president of Dorie Miller Elementary School, turning it from a windowless two-room building with no indoor plumbing to a modern school serving 410 students. This hard-working mother of seven is proud to see her great-granddaughter Brittnee Wiechecki attending HT.

**MATTIE LEE HORNBSY REED** joined the centenarian club on August 11, 2011. After receiving a degree in education from Tillotson College, Reed went on to teach high school in the Bell County area. She later moved to Temple where she has resided for the more than 60 years. She has devoted her life to God, her husband, and her children.
ALUMNI

MICHAEL ADAMSON, ’08
Austin, Texas – Recent graduate Michael Adamson passed in 2010. His funeral was held in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Adamson was a business administration major who worked for Applied Materials.

HARRIETT BALL
Houston, Texas – Creator of the Knowledge is Power Program (KIPP), Harriett Ball died at age 64 after suffering a heart attack. The most successful charter school concept in the country was based upon her inspiration. KIPP schools grew to 99 schools in 20 states and the District of Columbia after Ball trained co-founders Dave Levin and Mike Feinberg. Her host of original songs, chants, and games are hallmarks of encouragement and learning. She received her teaching degree from HT and taught in Austin and Houston for 35 years.

JOHN O. BELLE, ’49
Austin, Texas – John O. Belle, a retired principal, departed this life at age 89. He was married to Joe Helen, who reports that since his passing several thousand dollars have been contributed to the University in his name.

JUNE HARDEN BREWER, ’44
Austin, Texas – Professor Emeritus and English Department Chair June Harden Brewer, 84, departed this life in June 2010. She taught at HT for 35 years before retiring to direct the Dos Culturas Honors Programs, which united black and Hispanic students. She also launched Borders Learning Community to mentor African American boys. Brewer was a native Austinite. She attended Kealing Junior High School, L.C. Anderson High School, earned a bachelor’s degree from HT, a master’s degree from Howard University, and a doctorate from UT.

KENNETH LARUE BROWN
Austin, Texas – A musical celebration featuring more than 20 performers highlighted Kenneth Larue Brown’s life and legacy.

LILLA E. CLEVELAND, ’40
Detroit, Michigan – Lilla E. Cleveland inspired many children during her life as a teacher. She passed at the age of 93. Cleveland earned her undergraduate in home economics before completing a Master of Arts from Wayne State University. The majority of her career was spent in the Detroit Public School District. She was a life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

LAURA OLIVER CURTIS, ’67
Houston, Texas – Laura Oliver Curtis passed in April 2011. She is survived by her twin sister. Curtis earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1967.

ALBERT FLOWERS, JR., ’98
Albert Flowers, 65, passed on June 10, 2011. He enjoyed a 31-year career in law enforcement.

ROY DELANO HERBERT, ’54
Austin, Texas – After a brief illness, Roy Delano Herbert died peacefully at the age of 81. He graduated with summa cum laude honors. He also served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and was a longtime employee of Western Republic before joining One America Center. He also established his own janitorial service.

MELVIN DOUGLAS HOUSTON, ’69
Beaumont, Texas – A life that included military service and careers as an educator, coach, teacher, and administrator, ended at the age of 73. He earned his Bachelor of Science in education at HT before obtaining a master’s degree in administration from Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas. He enjoyed coaching, teaching science and biology classes for the Woodville and Port Arthur Independent School Districts. His coaching career included 88 football wins, seven district championships, and one bi-district championship. He was named District Coach of the Year three times.

DORIS L. MERCER JOHNSON, ’49
Austin, Texas – Doris L. Mercer Johnson passed earlier this year.

VELMA ESPER MURPHY JONES
St. Louis, Missouri – Nurse Velma Esper Murphy Jones lived to age 91 before passing in September 2010. She began her nursing career in 1946 after attending Samuel Huston College and graduating from the Homer G. Phillips Hospital School of Nursing. She entered the field through the World War II cadet nursing program and was a pioneer, serving as the first black registered nurse and head obstetrics/gynecology nurse at Barnes Hospital. Her niece Debra L. Murphy is HT’s professor of psychology.

MARVIN GORDON KIMBROUGH, ’52
Austin, Texas – Professor Emeritus Marvin Gordon Kimbrough, 78, departed this life in September 2010. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree with summa cum laude honors. Kimbrough taught at HT for 39 years and also served as chair of the Division of Humanities from 1978 to 1999. She marked her retirement with a poem entitled “Happiness is Thirtysomething Years at HTC.” She also taught at Paul Quinn, Butler, and Wiley colleges in Texas.
and Albany State University, Georgia. A regular at HT’s Poetry on the Patio, Kimbrough was a professional writer, earning Texas Writers League’s Prized Pen Award as well as the Salute to African American Writers. The Public Broadcast System (PBS) featured her collection “On Writing Hat Poems” that was also animated by Francisca Talenta and screened at the Guggenheim Theatre of New York. Kimbrough was also a member of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. She earned her master’s degree and doctorate from the University of Texas at Austin.

FANNIE MAE MURPHY LAWLESS, ’37 St. Louis, Missouri – Fannie Mae Murphy Lawless, a resident of Austin, Texas, departed this life at the age of 94. She graduated from Samuel Huston College with a Bachelor of Arts degree and pursued a career as a primary school educator. She taught in the Austin Independent School District as well as districts in Falfurrias, Texas, and Chicago, Illinois. Lawless was director of HT’s Davage-Durden Student Union and was active in the community. She was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a member of the Fort Worth Retired School Employees Association. She was named Huston-Tillotson University’s Outstanding Alumnus of the Year Award.

MAY ALICE MAYS AND MITCHELL MAYS, SR., ’51
Austin, Texas – Brother and sister, May, 100, and Mitchell Mays, 98, completed life’s journey in 2010. May, a graduate of Samuel Huston College with a degree in music, traveled extensively before settling to teach in Manor, Hutto, and Taylor High Schools as well as schools in Travis County. Mitchell, a 1951 graduate, was a decorated veteran before establishing careers in hotel, restaurant, and railroad industries. He established Mays Real Estate Company.

EVELYN ANENETTE SCOTT MEeks, ’53
Fort Worth, Texas – Evelyn Anenette Scott Meeks passed to her reward in June at age 76.

Meeks graduated in 1953 with a bachelor’s degree in elementary education before earning her master’s degree in education from Prairie View A&M University and supervisory certification from Texas Woman’s University. She was a devout member of St. Christopher Episcopal Church and earlier of St. Simon Cyrene Episcopal Church.

Meeks worked for 42 years in the Fort Worth Independent School District at Como Junior High School as a social studies teacher, magnet coordinator, and director for the Morningside Middle School Pre-International Baccalaureate Program. She was a member of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., served on the board of the Fort Worth Zoo, volunteered at Jubilee Theatre, was member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., a member of the Fort Worth Retired School Employees Association, and was named Huston-Tillotson University’s Outstanding Alumnus.

She also captured a naming opportunity with a financial contribution in honor of her favorite teacher, Chrystine Sellers Shackles.

ERNIE MAE MILLER
Austin, Texas – A student in the late 1940s, blues/pop piano great Ernie Mae Miller passed at the end of the year after a long illness at age 83. She established a career as a vocalist, saxophonist, and pianist. She recorded a live album, “At the New Orleans,” which displayed a range from Billie Holiday-styled vocals to swinging Dixieland. Her music “Little Girl Blue” was later covered by Janis Joplin. She worked until age 80 as a regular at TGI Friday’s at the Radisson Hotel. In her youth, she toured nationally and played Harlem’s famed Apollo Theater.

Gloria V. Pierce
Austin, Texas – Gloria V. Pierce, age 81, transitioned peacefully in March. She attended Austin public schools during her formative years and graduated from Anderson High School with honors. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in biology with a minor in chemistry both with summa cum laude honors from Tillotson College. She served as president of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. for two years. Pierce earned her master’s degree in bacteriology from UT. She was employed for 34 years at the Texas Department of Health Laboratory and broke several race and gender barriers in her field.
OBITUARIES continued

HT Family Mourns the Loss of Dr. John Quill Taylor King, Sr.

Huston-Tillotson officials are deeply saddened by the passing of DR. JOHN QUILL TAYLOR KING, SR. on August 3, 2011. He served as president of Huston-Tillotson College (now University) from 1965 to 1988, making him the longest serving president. He joined the Huston-Tillotson faculty as an Instructor of Mathematics and Business Administration immediately after earning his Bachelor of Science degree in 1947. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics from Fisk University, Nashville, Tennessee, in 1941; a master’s degree in mathematics from DePaul University, Chicago, Illinois in 1950; a doctorate in mathematics from the University of Texas, Austin, Texas, in 1957; and a Doctor of Law degree from Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, in 1970. He rose to the ranks of president after serving as Professor of Mathematics and Dean of the College.

The King-Seabrook Chapel, completed in 1974, was named in honor of King’s civic and professional accomplishments. He earned five degrees during his lifetime and was named HT’s Chancellor and President Emeritus.

During his tenure, he established endowed professorships, including the Marcet Alice Hines Endowed Professorship named in honor of his late wife who served as a member of the faculty for 18 years. He also facilitated new construction projects and campus renovations, increased faculty and staff compensation, and guided the institution to enrollment increases.

King’s family owned King-Tears Mortuary, Inc., in Austin.

EMMA BERTHA HAYNES SNEED
Seattle, Washington — Emma Bertha Haynes Sneed departed this life in November 2010 at age 76. She graduated from Huston-Tillotson College in 1955 and began a career in education with the Washington State Tacoma Public School system. She earned a Master of Arts in education from Seattle University in 1979 and became a principal for the Puyallup Tribal National of Puyallup, Washington.

J. LEONARD SMITH, ’50
Austin, Texas — A graduate in three years as a member of the Samuel Huston College class of 1950, J. Leonard Smith, passed peacefully at the age of 80. He was active in various organizations and a leader as a student, having joined Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. He was active in the alumni association, served as a member of the HT Board of Trustees, and was a member of Highland Heights Lodge #200.

CARRIE BEATRICE MILLER YANCY, ’47
Austin, Texas — A Tillotson College graduate, Carrie Beatrice Miller Yancy passed at the age of 91. She also earned a master’s degree from Prairie View A&M University and completed post graduate work at the University of Texas at Austin. She taught in the Austin Independent School District until her retirement. Yancy was a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

PETER W. SNEED, ’63
Austin, Texas — Peter W. Sneed passed peacefully in September 2010 after a gradual decline in health. He earned his bachelor’s degree and served in the military during World War II. Sneed retired from the Austin Independent School District and Gary Job Corp.

GERALD MARK THOMPSON, ’81
Austin, Texas — Gerald Mark Thompson earned his Bachelor of Science degree in 1981 after graduating from Stephen F. Austin High School. He was employed by the United States Department of Treasury and the Mary Lee Foundation. Thompson was a proud member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

DEBORAH ANN WARREN, ’06
Austin, Texas — Deborah Ann Warren departed this life on Mother’s Day weekend. The 2006 criminal justice major was also owner of Babydoll’s Collection.

TIFFANY VAN ZANDT, ’07
Austin, Texas — Tiffany Van Zandt’s life journey ended last year. She was a 2007 criminal justice major.
RAVEN M. LOFTERS

Austin, Texas – Raven M. Lofters, 20, daughter of Andrew Lofters, Austin Pre-freshman Engineering Program (AusPreP) program site director, fought a courageous health battle before receiving a double transplant. She died on Aug. 11.

ALMENA LOMAX

Los Angeles, California – Almena Lomax, mother of UNCF President and Chief Executive Officer Michael Lomax, died this year at age 95. Considered a noted journalist and civil rights activist, Almena was a journalism trailblazer who was featured in the New York Times and Atlanta Journal Constitution. She founded the Los Angeles Tribune and served as editor and chief writer for two decades.

ERIC MITCHELL

Atlanta, Georgia – Former Austin City Council Member and long-term University friend Eric Mitchell completed life’s journey after a battle with brain cancer. Mitchell was known for his outspoken, no nonsense nature. He fought to transport East 11th and 12th Streets from the blocks of abandoned houses and prolific drug activity to a thriving corridor of homes and businesses.

HUSBAND OF BERTHA JONES PAMILTON

Fort Worth, Texas – Bertha Jones Pamilton, a 1951 graduate, shared with the HT family that her husband passed away.

EARLDON F. SCALES

Phillis Walls Cooke, ’70, and members of the DC/Baltimore Metro Area Alumni Chapter surprised EARLDON F. SCALES (above left) with a Huston-Tillotson Certification of Recognition during his 94th birthday celebration. HT Trustee Rev. Zan Holmes, Jr. presented the certification and praised Scales for his lifetime of accomplishments. Pictured are Scales with his wife Zephy Scales and Cooke (center). Scales passed in October 2010.

MOTHER OF DONNIE SCOTT

Austin, Texas – The mother of graduate and long-term employee Donnie Scott, transitioned to another life after a coma and life support. Scott retired from HT in 2005.

REGGIE WILLIAMS

San Antonio, Texas – Reginald D. “Reggie” Williams, brother of Alumni Affairs Director La Juana R. Napier, passed away in April at home in San Antonio. He was a proud 1978 graduate of Texas A&M University.

WILLENE ROSS WILSON

DEDICATION

A special dedication was held during the University’s 135th anniversary celebration to mark the donation and naming of the Center for Religious Life. A crowd of family and friends, including Wilson’s cousin Charles Taylor, joined Donald Brewington, university chaplain, during a reception and dedication service that featured the unveiling of the Wilson portrait and plaque in the entryway. Wilson, who lived across the street from the campus, willed her property to the University. She passed in 2006, two days after her 87th birthday. Taylor attended Huston-Tillotson from 1951 to 1953. Other HT graduates included Wilbert Taylor, 1955; nephew Warner L. Ross, Jr., 1972; niece-in-law Gloria W. Ross, 1967.

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OBITUARIES

DR. WILLIAM ASTOR KIRK, former professor of government, died on Friday, August 12, 2011. Kirk, a frequent Central Texas visitor, had returned to Austin in May 2011 as the special guest of honor at the University’s graduation reception for the Class of 2011 and Class of 1961.

Kirk joined the HT faculty in 1947 after obtaining his master’s degree in political science from Howard University, Washington, D.C., that same year. Before his retirement from the HT in 1961, he had earned a doctorate in public administration, public law, and economics from the University of Texas at Austin and studied at the London School of Economics and Political Science, London, England. He was HT’s first Fulbright Scholar. The Fulbright Scholar program, named after former Senator J. William Fulbright and established by Congress in 1946, is the largest and one of the most prestigious international faculty exchange programs.

Kirk served as Regional Director of the United States Office of Economic Opportunity (later renamed Community Services Administration) in addition to positions as an adjunct professor at several institutions. As president of Organization Management Services Corporation (OMSC), Kirk served as interim chief executive officer for the General Board of Church and Society of The United Methodist Church; the Family United Methodist Church; the Family Crisis Center of Prince George’s County, Maryland; the Hotline and Suicide Prevention Center of Prince George’s County, Maryland, and Pennsylvania Pocono’s Maryland Corporation for Enterprise Development, to name a few.

He was the author of several books, including the national award winning Ending Institutional Discrimination Within United Methodism (2010). He also authored The Politics of Ending Church Discrimination (2010), One Life: Three Professional Careers – My Civil Rights Story (2008), and Desegregation of the Methodist Church Polity: Reform Movements that Ended Racial Segregation.

Your loss is our loss.
The following is a list of deceased individuals within the past few years through June 2011.
We appreciate the calls, email, and notifications. We apologize for omission or incorrect listing of any names.
You and your families are in our prayers.

Mrs. Evelyn A. Meeks
Mr. Joseph L. Evans
Mrs. Ruth Natalie Carter
Mr. Alfred Marshall
Mrs. Dorothy Warren
Mr. Cecil Sadler
Mrs. Laura O. Curtis
Ms. Suzanne Widmar
Mrs. Shirley Downs
Ms. Gloria V. Pierce
Ms. Ruth Carroll
Mr. Warren D. Bailey
Mrs. W. R. Banks
Mr. Horace Bagley
Mr. A. W. Bate
Mrs. Clarissia G. Battles
Mrs. Dorothy Baylor
Mr. Lewis C. Baylor
Mrs. Dorothy J. Ahart
Major Warren D. Alexander
Mr. Cursie Alexander
Mrs. Doris Alton
Ms. Mildred Anderson
Mr. John Anderson
Mrs. Essie Powell Askew
Mrs. Ella Bailey
Mr. Jimmie Beal
Ms. Jeanne Beard
Lieutenant General George S. Bell
Mr. Kevin C. Bernee
Mr. Martin W. Bigham
Mrs. Ruby L. Boulware
Mrs. Marie Bradley
Mr. Ernest Brown
Ms. Tonie L. Bryant
Mr. Willard Bulter
Mr. Keith E. Calvert
Ms. Irma A. Carter
Ms. LaFray McCall Carter
Mr. Otis C. Catching
Mr. Kevin C. Catching
Ms. Elsie Graham Cato
Rev. Earl Chase
Rev. Curtis Clark
Mrs. Merle Wilson Clark
Mr. Don H. Clark
Mrs. Laura P. Claybon
Mrs. Lillie T. Clement
Ms. Lola S. Clifton
Mr. T. Collins
Ms. Mayme L. Comeaux
Mr. Lovin good Conner
Ms. Pearl Cordice
Ms. Sharon R. Crane-Ray
Ms. Hammond Carolyn Crayton
Mr. Tommy Curvey
Ms. Patricia Davis
Ms. Mabel S. Davis
Mrs. Leola Dixon
Mrs. Leola Graves Dixon
Mrs. Eunice Dodson
Mrs. Ira Ann Grant Durden
Mr. Marion Eady
Mrs. Bessee Clark Epps
Mr. Lassie Farris
Mrs. William Farris
Mr. Romney Fennell
Ms. Helen F. Ford
Mrs. Oletha Foster
Mr. James T. Fowler
Mr. Ulysses Fowler
Ms. Bernice Robinson Franklin
Ms. Dorothy Franklin
Mr. Charles Frazier
Mrs. Essie S. Freeman
Mr. Howard Freeman
Ms. Juanita Taylor Friday
Mrs. Earline Fuller
Mr. Robert Gardner
Mr. Robert Garrett
Ms. Camella Love Gibson
Mr. Otho Gibson
Mr. Charles G. Gill
Ms. W. A. Gordon
Col. (Ret) Jean G. Gray
Dr. Arilula A. Griffin
Mrs. Eliza Hardie
Mr. John H. Harper
Mrs. Beverly A. Harper
Mrs. Mary C. Harris
Mrs. Odessa L. Harris
Mrs. Cletol S. Harris
Rev. Bettye Harvey
Mrs. Ernestine Hatchett
Mr. Leo E. Haynes
Dr. Vennie Dotson Haynes
Mr. Erving Hicks
Ms. Jessie M. Hicks
Ms. Shirley K. Hicks
Ms. Lillian Hightower
Ms. Ruth Hightower
Dr. Helen Holden-Miller
Mrs. Airy Bell Hooper
Dr. Uline Hughes-Applin
Ms. Clara Hunter
Ms. Carrie B. Hurt
Ms. Patricia A. Inyang
Mr. Alphonso Irving
Mrs. Patsy R. Jackson
2011 Sports Update

An athletic program with coaches who qualify as Olympic officials in their sports, who played on world championship teams, or who earned the state's highest honors are the hallmark of the Intercollegiate Athletic program. The annual James R. Wilson Athletic Banquet provides an opportunity to recognize HT athletes for their sports and academic accomplishments. The athletes and their highlights are as follows:

**MEN’S BASEBALL**
Coach Alvin Moore

- **First Year Award**
  - Anthony Banda
  - Peter Castillo
  - Preston Castillo
  - Tiffany Brown
  - Raúl Gómez
  - Jeovonte Knight
  - Anthony Luna
  - Marc Magallanes
  - Ryan Martinez
  - Gabriel Mercado
  - Josh Oliva
  - Oscar Rodríguez
  - Rolando Ruiz
  - Ryan Simpson
  - Brandon Tooley
  - Michael Whitfield
  - Brandon Williams
  - Jordan Williams

- **Second Year Award**
  - Michael Bryant
  - Bryan Castillo
  - Christopher Cruz
  - Brandon O’Bryant
  - Vincent Rodríguez

- **Third Year Award**
  - Austin Cook
  - Michael Mesa

- **Fourth Year Award**
  - Jamel Carrington
  - Christ Garcia
  - Michael Harris
  - David House
  - Howard Limuel, IV
  - Jimmy Naumann

- **Most Improved**
  - Preston Castillo

- **Most Valuable Player**
  - Howard Limuel, IV

- **Highest Grade Point Average**
  - Howard Limuel, IV

- **Coaches Award**
  - Howard Limuel, IV

**CHEERLEADERS**
Coach Howard Ware

- **First Year Award**
  - Maila Baker
  - Patrick Bousqeto

- **Second Year Award**
  - Asia Brown
  - Brianna Johnson

- **Third Year Award**
  - Jordan Jones

- **Fourth Year Award**
  - Jerald Ardoin

**MEN’S BASKETBALL**
Coach Tanesha Barefield

- **First Year Award**
  - Eric Cray
  - Jacque Moore
  - Brianna Smith
  - Shaniqwa Thomas
  - Maurice Callis
  - Lawrence Joiner

- **Second Year Award**
  - Felicia Gaines
  - Porsch Revely

- **Third Year Award**
  - Kandice Smith
  - Keveita Williams

- **Fourth Year Award**
  - Brittany Jones

- **Most Improved**
  - Eric Cray

- **Most Valuable Player**
  - Kandice Smith

- **Honorable Mention**
  - Porsch Revely

- **Champions of Character Award**
  - Kandice Smith

- **Coaches Award**
  - Keveita Williams

- **Most Improved**
  - Catalina Rodriguez

- **Most Valuable Player**
  - Cesar Silva

- **Honorable Mention**
  - Porsch Revely

**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**
Coach Amanda Smith

- **First Year Award**
  - Marci Arce
  - Samantha Mendez

- **Second Year Award**
  - Sarah Lindell

- **Champions of Character Award**
  - Isela Guzman

- **Coaches Award**
  - Evelyn Guzman

- **Most Improved**
  - Diana Ramirez

- **Honorable Mention**
  - Alba Mendoza

**WOMEN’S TRACK AND FIELD**
Coach Howard Ware

- **First Year Award**
  - Darus Butler

- **Second Year Award**
  - Alexa Alcón

- **Third Year Award**
  - Whitney Young

- **Most Improved**
  - Jasmine Stone

- **Most Valuable Player**
  - Whitney Young

- **Champions of Character Award**
  - Jamie Hopkins

- **Coaches Award**
  - Jamie Hopkins

**WOMEN’S SOFTBALL**
Coach Samantha González

- **First Year Award**
  - Megan Alvarez
  - April Atkins

- **Second Year Award**
  - Karissa Garcia
  - Debra Martinez
  - Amanda Pecina

- **Third Year Award**
  - Roxanna Rodriguez
  - Roxanna G. Rodríguez

**WOMEN’S VOLLEYBALL**
Coach Ronnie Kaase

- **First Year Award**
  - Britania Alvarado

- **Second Year Award**
  - Cesar Silva

- **Third Year Award**
  - Pedro Zamarripa

- **Fourth Year Award**
  - Carlos Silva

- **Champions of Character Award**
  - Marco Guiterrez

- **Coaches Award**
  - Cesar Silva

- **Highest Grade Point Average**
  - Catalina Rodriguez

- **Most Improved**
  - Tito Ricon

- **Second Year Award**
  - Thieerno Sene

- **Honorable Mention**
  - Red River Conference

**MEN’S SOCCER**
Coach Arick Lassiter

- **First Year Award**
  - Yuliana Jaramillo

- **Second Year Award**
  - Victoria Johnson

- **Third Year Award**
  - Diana Ramirez

- **Fourth Year Award**
  - Devon Brown

- **Champions of Character Award**
  - Valeria Uranga

- **Coaches Award**
  - Jemail Johnson

- **Most Improved**
  - Santiago Torres

- **Most Valuable Player**
  - Jemail Johnson

- **Highest Grade Point Average**
  - Jimmy Naumann

- **Honorable Mention**
  - Red River Conference

- **First Team All Conference**
  - Red River Athletic Conference

- **Second Time Team All Conference**
  - Red River Athletic Conference

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**WOMEN’S SOCCER**
Coach Rebecca Devine

- **First Year Award**
  - Diana Ramirez

- **Second Year Award**
  - Halydee Moran

- **Third Year Award**
  - Sarah Lindell

- **Fourth Year Award**
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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.
Make your mark on the HT campus with a personalized brick on Union Plaza and Walkway.

THREE EASY WAYS TO ORDER:
1) Complete this order form and mail it with your payment to:
   Union Plaza and Walkway
   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 ________________________________
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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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**Introducing Huston-Tillotson University Key Cities**

President Larry L. Earvin, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Roderick L. Smothers, Director of Alumni Affairs La Juana R. Napier, Director of Admission Shakitha Stinson, and other Huston-Tillotson University staff have teamed with key Huston-Tillotson University supporters for an event in your community.

Plan to visit www.htu.edu for dates and times of events in your area. Thank you Fort Worth, Texas for hosting the first Key Cities event on October 21, 2011.
TENTATIVE REUNION WEEKEND 2012 REGISTRATION FORM

On-site registration begins Thursday, May 3, 2012 (Holiday Inn – Highland) from 3 p.m. – 7 p.m.
http://htalumni.htu.edu/

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

First Name: ___________________________ Last Name: ___________________________
(As it will appear on name badge)

Address: ___________________________ City: __________ State: __________ Zip code: __________

Email: ___________________________ Telephone: (____)__________________

Registration (May 3, 2012) 3:00 -7:00 p.m. $30 $40 $ 
Register for the weekend to receive your gift from the association.

Golf Tournament (May 4, 2012) 8:00 a.m. Shotgun $75 $75 $
Opening Luncheon (May 4, 2012) HT campus Noon-2:00 p.m. $25 $30 $
Ram’s Gala (Semiformal or Old School) (May 4, 2012) 8:00 p.m. $35 $40 $
Annual Alumni Awards Banquet (May 5, 2012) Doors open at 7:30 p.m. $60 $65 $

Make checks payable to: HT International Alumni Association
Mary Frazier, Treasurer
P.O. Box 1775
Kyle, TX 78640
For more information, call Mary Frazier at 512.376.5825.
All tickets will be held for pick up during on-site registration.

TOTAL $

Additional Weekend Activities

Thursday, May 3, 2012
• Campus Tour/City Tours (Transportation provided); 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Friday, May 4, 2012
• Honors Convocation – King-Seabrook Chapel
• International Alumni Association General Membership and Election; 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 5, 2012
• Commencement Convocation – HT Athletic Field with reception to follow; 8:30 a.m.

☐ I would like to reserve a table of ten for the Awards Banquet on Saturday, May 5, 2012. My table guests are
Must be filled out completely, if reserving a table

GROUP NAME: ___________________________

____________________________________
____________________________________
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Please list any special meal requests.

Please NOTE: Registration will end on Friday. NO TICKETS for the banquet will be sold at the door.

Note: Luncheon and banquet tickets must be presented to the catering staff in order to receive meals.

Contributions to the University should be mailed directly to Huston-Tillotson University, Attn: La Juana R. Napier, Director of Alumni Affairs, 900 Chicon Street, Austin, TX 78702.

John D. Mays
PO. Box 203522
Austin, TX 78720

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There will be no REFUNDS

Cutoff date for early registration is April 23rd.
Events and Observations

View the Calendar of Events at www.htu.edu for details on the events listed below.

**CELEBRATING A 136 YEAR ANNIVERSARY LEGACY**

### 2011

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### Homecoming 2012

**February 11, 2012**

5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mary E. Branch Gymnasium

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2010-2011 Tuition Comparisons
of Selected Private, Not-for-Profit Institutions+

Huston-Tillotson continues to offer a competitive tuition rate for those seeking the bachelor’s degree. The following chart outlines tuition rates in Central Texas among private institutions as well as rates nationally among historically black colleges and universities.

Gifts in all forms help the University keep tuition competitive and provide needed resources to attract W.E.B. Dubois Honor Scholars, athletes, and choir members, as well as provide resources to students in need. Your gifts are appreciated and make a difference.

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| NATIONAL AVERAGE | $ 26,273 |

NOTES:
+ Source: Chronicle of Higher Education (October 28, 2010)
Huston-Tillotson University
President's Ninth Annual
President's Masked Gala

March 3, 2012
Dinner | Silent Auction | Entertainment | Dance
Community Service Award Presentation
Featuring
1875

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President's Masked Gala

Name:
Company Name:
Address:
City: State ZIP:
E-mail Address:
Daytime Telephone:

[ ] Please reserve ________ general seating at $125 per person.
Enclosed is my check for __________________ made payable to Huston-Tillotson University.

[ ] Enclosed is my check for (please select one): [ ] $2,500 [ ] $5,000 [ ] $10,000 [ ] $25,000
for reserved seating for my party of ten (10). (Add your guest list on a separate sheet.)
Respond by February 16, 2012, in order to secure a program listing.

[ ] I am registered online at www.htu.edu.
[ ] I am unable to attend, but I will support deserving students.
Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation of $ __________________

Please charge $ ______________ to my: [ ] American Express [ ] Discover [ ] Mastercard [ ] Visa
Account Number _______________ Exp. Date _______________
Name on Card __________________Signature____________________

Mail in enclosed envelope or fax to 512.505.3196