

## Finding Aids-Dr. Melva K. Wallace Collection



**Creator:** Dr. Melva K. Wallace, Huston-Tillotson University

**Title:** Dr. Melva K. Wallace Collection

**Dates:** 2022-Present

**Extent:** 1 Document Box

**Abstract:** The collection contains programs that has Dr. Wallace appearance, included Inauguration, Charter Day Observance, Commencement, Fall Opening Convocation, speeches, and more.

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### Biographical Notes:

Dr. Melva K. Wallace proudly serves as the seventh President and CEO at Huston-Tillotson University since 2022. For more than two decades, she has made waves in the world of education, blending her passion for leadership with a tireless commitment to change. Under her visionary leadership, HT has skyrocketed from being unranked to claiming the

prestigious title of the #3 HBCU in the country by Niche.com, and it is now recognized as the top HBCU for students earning the most immediately after graduation.

Dr. Wallace has dramatically transformed HT into a thriving hub of academic excellence.

In 2011, Dr. Wallace co-founded the Shreveport Charter Foundation, which built the Magnolia School of Excellence, Shreveport's first new school in over three decades. She later helped expand the school system with the opening of Magnolia Upper Campus in 2016, a project that now serves over 1,000 students in the Shreveport area.

Through her efforts, she has boosted fundraising, increased student enrollment (both domestically and internationally), and sparked a surge in online learning opportunities. As a 2016 Presidential Leadership Scholar, Dr. Wallace had the unique honor of studying leadership under three former U.S. Presidents—George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, and George W. Bush. Her remarkable accomplishments also earned her the 2018 ATHENA Award, the highest honor in Louisiana for women excelling in their careers and supporting others in reaching their leadership potential.

Dr. Wallace served as board member for numerous esteemed organizations—such as Centenary College of Louisiana, Christus Shumpert Hospital, Ballet Austin, and Austin PBS. She also holds the role of Board President for Extensions of Excellence and is a founding board member of the Higher Education Leadership Foundation, which has trained over 500 HBCU leaders across the nation.

In 2023, she was honored by the United Negro College Fund as one of the top women presidents in the nation. That same year, Austin Business Journal named her one of Texas' 100 most influential professionals, surpassing figures like Elon Musk and 50 Cent. She is also a sought-after speaker and mentor, guiding young women across the country as they advance in their careers in fields ranging from medicine to finance.

### **Scopes and Contents:**

- Huston-Tillotson University Charter Day Observance, 2023. 2 copies
- Huston-Tillotson University Commencement & Honor's Convocation Program, 2023
- Inauguration of Dr. Melva K. Williams. March 24, 2023. 3 copies
- President's Golden Gala. March 25, 2023.
- Huston-Tillotson University Strategic Plan 2024-2034: From First to Foremost
- Huston-Tillotson University Commencement & Honor's Convocation Program, 2024

- President's Fall Opening Convocation, 2024. 3 copies
- Huston-Tillotson University Sponder Programs Annual Report, Second Edition. 2024
- Huston-Tillotson University President's Fall Opening, 2025. 9 copies
- Huston-Tillotson University Pinning Ceremony, 2025
- "Moody Foundation gives \$150M to Huston-Tillotson." Austin American Stateman, September 19, 2025. Vol 155, No.42. 5 copies
- Huston-Tillotson University Sesquicentennial Charter Day Observance Program, 2025
- Huston-Tillotson University Commencement Program, 2026
- Speeches
- HT season's greeting, 2025. 6 copies.

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