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## About This Edition

Award winning *Freeman Honors*, is the bi-annual newsletter of the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College at Texas Southern University. It connects the students, faculty and office personnel of the College with its many benefactors and partners in education within the University.

The College anticipates that this connection will reflect and cultivate the relationships in a family whose members are dedicated to maximizing the preparation of College students for service as citizens and as leaders in a global society.

## Spring 2019 Salutatorian is Honors Scholar Divonte Lumpkin



*Divonte Lumpkin with Dean Jemison Pollard*

The Salutatorian at the Spring 2019 Commencement at Texas Southern University on May 18, 2019 is a Thomas F. Freeman Honors College scholar. **Divonte Lumpkin** graduated Summa Cum Laude with a B.B.A. in Accounting with a 3.974 GPA. In addition to being a Freeman Scholar, Divonte also represented the TSU Basketball team. He received the TSU Athletics Presidential Award for having made the greatest contribution to the TSU sports program, recognizing excellence in performance, leadership, sportsmanship and community service. Upon graduation, Divonte will join Deloitte U.S. in Houston as an Audit and Assurance Intern. The Honors College wishes him well.



The list of Honors College scholars who graduated in the spring of 2019 is on Page 5 of this newsletter.

**See May 2019 Graduates -- on Page 5**

## Dean's Message



*Dr. Dianne Jemison Pollard*

The Spring 2019 semester saw the first graduating senior scholars culminate their honors academic curriculum by writing a 40-page thesis in their discipline. Assigned faculty fellows mentored the scholars as they met completion deadlines throughout the 2018-2019 academic year. The scholars presented their thesis before a panel of Honors College faculty in April. The Thomas F. Freeman Honors College joins many other universities in requiring undergraduate scholars to write a research thesis.

The Honors College had its first fundraiser, under this leadership, in the University Museum on March 23, 2019. The keynote speaker was the Honorable Teta Banks, National Chairperson of the United Nations Association. The college raised over \$7,000.00 to assist with the programs in the college. Plans are underway to have a major fundraiser in 2019-2020, spearheaded by the Friends of the Honors College Advisory Board.

The Honors College will have a new home on the 3rd floor of the new Library Learning Center scheduled to open in late summer 2019. The move coincides with our 10th anniversary as a college. The Honors College was founded in 2009.

Please enjoy the Spring 2019 edition of *Freeman Honors*.

Dr. Dianne Jemison Pollard

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## Spring 2019 Opening Meeting

On Saturday, January 26, 2019, Honors scholars met with the Honors College staff to discuss the new semester. **Ms. Renuka Nair** outlined the process for the scholars to complete Honors curriculum requirements and introduced the junior scholars to the Course Augmentation Proposal (CAP) discussing examples of potential topics and projects. **Dr. Hector Miranda** spoke about the Senior Thesis and handed out the guidelines and deadlines to the senior scholars. **Dean Jemison Pollard** discussed the Spring 2019 calendar and highlighted the attendance at the two Frederick Douglass lectures. Scholars were also informed about the Black History Month Parade sponsored by Honors Faculty member **Prof. Dorris Robinson** and the Houston Sun newspaper. (Scholars **Darlise Goodlow** (Senior/Marketing) and **Alexis Shavers** (Junior/Biology) represented TSU and the Honors College at the parade on Saturday February 16, 2019.)

## Freshman Induction Spring 2019



*Left to right: Igor Vouffo, Fernando Raymundo, Ana Martinez, Aubri Ford, Sierra Cothorn, Kaitlyn Ceasar, Danaisha Twillie, Tavia Pearson, Jennifer Guzman, Mari Davison, Mariah Campbell, Taylor Adams*

On Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Walter J. McCoy auditorium, the Honors College proudly inducted 12 freshman students into the College. Dr. Thomas F. Freeman, founding dean of the Honors College and Distinguished Professor of Forensics, led the 12 freshman scholars in the Honors Induction Pledge. The new scholars followed and pledged to uphold the five Core Values of the College: Honesty, Integrity, Community, Creativity and Excellence. The freshman inductees are: **Taylor Adams** (Biology), **Mariah Campbell** (Journalism), **Kaitlyn Ceasar** (Biology), **Sierra Cothorn** (Biology), **Mari Davison** (Mathematics), **Aubri Ford** (Biology), **Jennifer Guzman** (Music), **Ana Martinez** (Pre-Pharmacy), **Tavia Pearson** (Biology), **Fernando Raymundo** (Pre-Pharmacy), **Danaisha Twillie** (Business Management), and **Igor Vouffo** (Chemistry). The event was well attended by families and friends of the scholars in attendance.

## Call to Alumni: Make Contact with the Honors College

We are continually updating our database of alumni of honors units at Texas Southern University. The database includes information on those past students who have been in the Honors College, Frederick Douglass Honors Program, and other honors activities or units that may have preceded them. If you are one of these alumni, please provide the information to the Honors College by contacting **Mr. Shandon Neal**, at [Shandon.Neal@tsu.edu](mailto:Shandon.Neal@tsu.edu) or 713.313.1180 or **Mr. Chizara Nwakanma** at 713.313.6725.

## Black History Month Program Features Ms. Brandi Brown of HYPE Freedom Schools



*Left to right: Dr. Willie Capers, Mari Davison, Ms. Renuka Nair, Ms. Brandi Brown, Igor Vouffo, Dean Jemison Pollard, and B.J. McCaskill*

more scholar and Mr. Honors College **B.J. McCaskill** recited the Langston Hughes' poem, "I too." After the student presentations, invited guest speaker **Ms. Brandi Brown**, co-founder and Executive Director of HYPE Freedom /Schools introduced the attendees to the history of HYPE Freedom Schools. She also spoke about internship opportunities that were available at the schools for the Honors scholars. The event was well attended, and scholars came away with a renewed appreciation for Black History and an opportunity to participate in a paid internship with the HYPE Freedom Schools.

On Wednesday, February 20, 2019, Honors Scholars celebrated Black History Month with a program presided by senior scholar **Tori Jiles** (Political Science). The event featured two of our scholars: **Mari Davison** (freshman, Mathematics), and **Igor Vouffo** (freshman, Chemistry). The scholars each selected an African American inventor and highlighted his or her life and the invention he or she is known for. They also spoke briefly but eloquently about what Black History means to them. Sopho-



*Ms. Brandi Brown*

## Golden Key International Honor Society at TSU



Golden Key International Honor Society (GK-TSU) is active on the campus of Texas Southern University. Acceptance into the honor society is by invitation through the National Headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia. A student must be in the top 15% of their class in all fields of study in 8 countries. Membership is made up of sophomores through graduate school. Twenty-six scholars at the university have accepted the invitation and will be officially inducted into Golden Key in Fall 2019.

The Honors College, which serves as the home of GK-TSU, hosted a "Meet and Greet" for the twenty-six scholars on Thursday, May 9, 2019. Serving as president and vice president for one academic year are: Ms. Kala Renae Jones and Ms. Angela Casey Smith, respectively.

Golden Key is the largest Honor Society in the world with more than 2.5 million members in 400 chapters at major universities in 8 countries, Australia, Canada, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa, The Bahamas and the United States.

Mr. Shandon Neal and Ms. Renuka Nair serve as advisors.



## Fredrick Douglass Lecture Series

The Frederick Douglass Lecture Series is a required attendance event for the Honors College Scholars. Two lectures are presented each semester and each has a community and/or global focus.

### Dr. Gary Bledsoe—February 12, 2019

In celebration of Black History Month, our first lecture for the semester was given by **Dr. Gary Bledsoe**, Acting Dean of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law, and President of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Dr. Bledsoe shared with the Honors Scholars why the world needs more people like them. He began his lecture by stating that **Dean Jemison Pollard's** father, **Rev. T.J. Jemison, Sr.**, was important during the Civil Rights Movement. Rev. Jemison led the first bus boycott in Baton Rouge, La. in 1953 and gave the blueprint to his friend, **Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.**, who led the nationally known bus boycott in Montgomery, AL. in 1955. Dr. Bledsoe underscored that the world is changing and the youth, as the future, must embrace it, while understanding the competition that crowds the road to success. Intellect, he said, drives the world. He compared the popularity of Bill Gates in China to that of Michael Jordan in America. He explained the importance of knowing one's history and heritage, and observed that instead of studying history, Americans are trying to erase it.

Program participants were **Mr. Lorin Shirdon** (Senior/P3, Pharmacy), who delivered the invocation, **Miss Bose Anifowose** (Sophomore, Pre-Pharmacy) gave the occasion, **Mister Godswill Sam** (Junior, Political Science) introduced the speaker, and **Dr. Thomas F. Freeman**, the founding dean of the Honors College, delivered the closing remarks.

Also in the audience was, **Prof. Dorris Robinson**, Professor of Honors Political Science.



*Frederick Douglass Lecture featuring  
Dr. Gary Bledsoe*

### Dr. Claudius Claiborne—April 9, 2019



*Frederick Douglass Lecture featuring  
Dr. Claudius B. Claiborne*

**Dr. Claudius B. Claiborne**, Interim Dean of the Jesse H. Jones School of Business, and Honors Faculty Fellow, started his lecture on "Innovation and Culture" with a soft jazz tune. With the audience's undivided attention, he offered his thoughts on what constitutes an innovator in today's world, and likened it to the role of French culture in the birth of jazz. Dr. Claiborne began his lecture with an interesting statistic. He asked the Honors scholars to look around the room because someone in the room will become a millionaire. Each young mind, as ambitious as the next, commented "me" in his or her mind. Dr. Claiborne stated that as dedicated scholars, each mind has the potential to change something about the world: to create something better, something new. Using innovations in jazz composition as an example, Dr. Claiborne explained that artists like Miles Davis, who experience something so profoundly life changing, as submerging oneself in a new culture, are able to mold something already known to create something completely new. This is innovation. It is what makes the world different and it is up to the youth to initiate that change. Dr. Claiborne advised that we cannot depend on the older generation because they hold on to obligations of old ways. Innovation, like jazz, begins with a whisper. "You,"

said Dr. Claiborne, "are the innovators. So, let's begin."

Program participants were, **Mr. Keyse Musse** (Senior, Music), who delivered the invocation, **Mr. Dorian Fernandez** (Senior, Biology/Pre-Medicine) introduced the speaker, and **Dr. Thomas F. Freeman** delivered the closing remarks.

Also in the audience was, **Dr. Mayur Desai**, Professor of Management Information System and Honors Faculty Fellow.



## May 2019 Honors College Graduates



*Standing (l to r): Dr. Hector Miranda, Isaac Cerda, Darlise Goodlow, Aaron Dallas, McKenzie Jones-Channel, Suzonne Goudeau, Jaida Lewis, Anish Patel, Ms. Renuka Nair, Jayla Jimerson, Divonte Lumpkin, and Mr. Shandon Neal  
Seated (l to r): Dean Jemison Pollard and Dr. Thomas Freeman*

On Tuesday May 7, 2019, the Thomas F. Freeman Honors College celebrated its 14 Spring 2019 graduates, who had successfully completed Honors curriculum requirements including the senior thesis, at a luncheon with family and friends of the graduates. **Dean**



*Honors graduate Jamalia Henry (left) with Dean Jemison Pollard and Dr. Thomas Freeman*

**Jemison Pollard** presided over the Honors Graduation Recognition Ceremony/Luncheon held in the Heartman Collection in the Robert J. Terry Library. May 2019 Class Salutatorian and Honors Graduate **Divonte Lumpkin** shared about his journey through TSU and the Honors College, and reflected upon how he kept himself motivated to be his own driving force and succeed despite the odds against him. Student Government Association President and Honors Graduate **Aaron Dallas** delivered inspirational thoughts with those present, offering invaluable advice to his fellow classmates on their next steps as Honors alumni and global citizens. The luncheon and ceremony concluded with **Dr. Thomas F. Freeman**, the founding dean, leading the graduation pledge. The graduates pledged to continue to uphold the core values of the Honors College (Honesty, Integrity, Community, Creativity, and Excellence). Each graduate was honored with the special Honors College stole, a certificate of completion, as well as TSU Alumni memorabilia as tokens of appreciation. The May 2019 graduates are: **Isaac Cerda** (Electrical and Computer Engineering), **Aaron Dallas** (Finance), **Jordan Davis** (Health Administration), **Darlise Goodlow** (Marketing), **Suzonne Goudeau** (Mathematics), **Jamalia Henry** (Marketing), **Tori Jiles** (Political Science), **Jayla Jimerson** (Journalism), **McKenzie Jones-Channel** (Maritime Transportation and Security Management), **Jaida Lewis** (Chemistry), **Divonte Lumpkin** (Accounting), **Holly Mills** (Chemistry), **Anish Patel** (Computer Science and Mathematics), and **Vu Pham** (Biology).

Honors Faculty mentor **Dr. Monica Rasmus**, and the senior thesis panel member **Iris Lancaster** (Honors Faculty Fellow) and **Dr. James Herbst** (Honors Faculty) were also present to support the graduating seniors.

Congratulations to our graduates as they embark upon the next chapter in their lives.



## Honors Research and Recruitment Trip to Baton Rouge



*Dean Jemison Pollard (fourth from left) with Thomas F. Freeman Honors Scholars and the staff and students from the Dolores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College at Southern University*



*Honors Scholars on their way to Southern University, Baton Rouge*

Several of the Honors College Scholars hail from Louisiana therefore, as we desire more academically prepared students we look forward to attending the schools where our scholars have graduated. In this case, Baton Rouge is also the home of **Dean Jemison Pollard**. She attended Southern University Laboratory school from 2nd to 12th grades before moving on to Fisk University.

On this trip we recruited at Baker High School, Scottlandville High School and Southern University Lab. Our scholars were able to talk about the benefits of the Honors College

curriculum and the many offerings at Texas Southern University.



*Research presentations at Southern University*

Additionally, we exchanged research with the scholars of the Delores Margaret Richard Spikes Honors College. **Dean Diola Bagayoke**, professor of Physics, welcomed the scholars, along with **Dr. Deadra James Mackie**, Biology professor. We discussed both programs and were pleased that our programs are quite similar. We both require our seniors to write a research thesis and the thesis becomes their first publication. Southern also recognizes the thesis topics in the commencement program. Freeman scholar, **Vivian Adeoye** (Junior, Biology), presented on the topic, "The Role of Transplantation Immunology in Medicine." **Reine Yandouma** (Junior, Pre-Pharmacy), presented on the topic, "Ebola Subunit Vaccine." Both topics were received well as many questions were asked during the Q&A. After the presentations, we toured the Honors College Building and purchased items at the Southern University Book Store.



*Mr. Shandon Neal (center) with Honors Scholars*

The scholars went bowling and Clint Emeh was named the champion and 1st place winner. The scholars went to the Mall of Louisiana and culminated the trip with dinner at Ralph & Kacoo's.

Great trip!



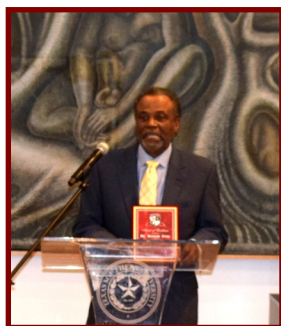
## The Hon. Teta Banks, Keynote Speaker at Spring Luncheon



*Provost Dr. Kendall Harris with the Honorable Teta Banks*

The Honors College held a Spring Luncheon on Saturday, March 23 in the University Museum. How individuals and communities can engage in humanitarian and global issues was the central theme addressed by the keynote speaker, Honorable Teta Banks. Dr. Banks is the national chairperson of the United Nations Association of the USA (UNA USA). Dr. Banks engaged the audience as she challenged us to learn more about the larger issues that so many of the member countries of the United Nations face including environmental justice and other Global Goals that are tied to the United Nations 2030 agenda for sustainable development.

A tribute was given to Dr. Thomas F. Freeman, founding dean of the Honors College. Two Debate Team scholars, **Kiara Chatman** (Sophomore, Finance) and **Fatima Alonso** (Freshman, Chemistry), shared thoughts on Dr. Freeman's outstanding contributions to the University as they choreographed a musical step to the delight of the audience.



*Dr. Richard Pitre*

The Honors College honored two persons who have been instrumental in the growth and development of the honors program at the university. Plaques were presented by **Dean Jemison Pollard** to **Mrs. Linda Coach-Riley**, Program Coordinator of both the Frederick Douglass Honors Institute and the Honors College for over 20 years, and **Dr. Richard Pitre**, former Director of the Frederick Douglass Honors Institute. Both honorees thanked the Honors College and talked about initiative developed while they served in their positions.

On the program were greetings extended by **Provost Kendall Harris**, occasion by **Mr. Shandon Neal**, Honors College Program Coordinator, and introduction of the speaker by **Mrs. Loren Lane**, First Lady of the University.



*Mrs. Linda Coach-Riley*



*First Lady Loren Lane and B.J. McCaskill*

A crystal plaque was presented to **Dr. Banks** by **Dr. Hector Miranda**, Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs in the College. **Gabriella Tavera** (Junior, Biology), Miss Honors College and **B.J. McCaskill** (Sophomore, Political Science) Mr. Honors College, presented gifts to Dr. Banks and First Lady Loren Lane, respectively.

The audience enjoyed the music by **Mark Ddamulira** (Sophomore, Civil Engineering), violinist, and **Daniel Kuddabujja** (Sophomore, Pre-Pharmacy), keyboard, as they played a

variety of music during lunch.



*Daniel Kuddabujja (keyboard) and Mark Ddamulira (violin)*



*Members of the Tau Omega Chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Inc. Sorority*

In the audience were TSU faculty and Honors College faculty fellows, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, **Dr. Perry**, former ambassador to several countries who served under three presidents, members of the Friends of the Honors College Advisory Board, Honors college scholars, parents and friends.

The luncheon raised \$7,000.00 benefitting the programs sponsored by the college.



## Spring 2019: University Honors Day Convocation



*(Standing from left) Dr. Willie Capers (Honors Faculty Fellow), Joseph Castelli (Sophomore, Electrical Engineering), Julian Black (Junior, Electrical Engineering), Ms. Renuka Nair (Honors Staff), Dean Jemison Pollard, Atty. TaKasha Francis, Alexis Shavers (Junior, Biology), Alfredo Rogel (Sophomore, Electrical Engineering), Dr. Gloria Batiste-Roberts (Director of TSU Debate Team), Reine Yandouma (Junior, Pre-Pharmacy), Bose Anifowose (Sophomore, Pre-Pharmacy) and Jimara Thomas (Sophomore, Computer Science)*  
*(Sitting from left) Clinton Emeh (Sophomore, Biology), Igor Vouffo (Freshman, Chemistry), Vivian Adeoye (Junior, Biology), and Chukwudalu Ononenyi (Sophomore, Biology)*

The University Honors Day Convocation is a momentous occasion when undergraduate students who have achieved academic excellence are honored by administrative officials, academic deans and members of the faculty. On Tuesday April 9, 2019, over 3,600 undergraduate students who earned a 3.0 or better, were recognized for their academic achievements. The event included ceremonial elements such as an academic procession, medals worn by students, inspirational messages and celebratory music. Students who received a 4.0 GPA in spring and fall semesters of the same calendar year were given special recognition and invited to the stage to receive commemorative plaques from the President, Provost and their academic deans. The event was coordinated by a team of faculty and staff from across the University with **Dean Jemison Pollard** as Chairperson and **Ms. Linda Coach-Riley** and **Mr. Shandon Neal** as co-chairpersons. **Attorney TaKasha Francis**, Thurgood Marshall School of

Law Class of 2003, TSU alum Class of 1999 and a former member of the TSU Debate Team, delivered an engaging keynote speech inspiring student to be the exception and to be proud of always striving for excellence. The deans of the ten colleges were a part of the platform party along with Honors Scholars **Joseph Castelli** (Sophomore, Electrical Engineering) who delivered the invocation, **Aaron Dallas** (Senior, SGA President, Finance) introduced the speaker, **Ja'Darrian Morgan** (Sophomore, Health Administration) made the announcements, and **Noemi Perez** (Sophomore, Social Work) delivered the benediction. **President Austin Lane** and **Provost Kendall Harris** each offered congratulatory remarks to all the students who worked hard to earn excellent grades. The celebration concluded with a reception for the honorees, where students enjoyed an opportunity to greet the president, provost, deans, department chairpersons, and faculty.

## TSU Research Week: Honors Research Day

Texas Southern University Research Week is a weeklong event celebrating scholarly activities across campus. All colleges and schools hold symposia where faculty and students showcase their research and invite the campus community to witness and support their academic activities. This year, Research Week was held from March 25 through 29, 2019 and on Wednesday March 27, 2019, the Honors College hosted Honors Research Day from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Junior Honors Scholars **Giraude Griffin** (Computer Science and Mathematics) and **Eniola Otukoya** (Biology/Pre-Medicine), along with **Dr. Hector Miranda** (Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs) presented their research. The presenters engaged the audience members with interesting facts and vivid imagery.



**Giraude Griffin**  
 Junior/Computer Science & Mathematics  
*"Classes and C++: How Functions and Members Work"*



**Eniola Otukoya**  
 Senior/Biology  
*"Immunomodulatory Role of PARKIN in Tumor Antigen Presentation through NF- $\kappa$ B Activation"*



**Dr. Hector Miranda**  
 Professor, Department of Biology / Assistant Dean, Thomas F. Freeman Honors College.  
*"Ecology, Evolution and Conservation Genomics of Endangered Species"*

# Spring 2019 Undergraduate Research and Internships Symposium

On April 30 through May 2, 2019, the Honors College hosted its semi-annual Undergraduate Research and Internships Symposium, showcasing the interdisciplinary research and internship activities of 30 junior Honors scholars. Celebrating scholarly research and internship experiences, the symposium serves as a forum for junior level scholars to present their works that are completed in the course augmentation proposals (CAPs). The presentation topics and content are based on the scholars' chosen fields of study. Participants were given 10-15 minutes to present their topics. Below are three presentations from the Spring 2019 Symposium.

## Applications of Genetic Engineering

**Dr. Warren E. Williams** (Professor, BIOL 338, Dept of Biology)



**Vivian Adeoye**  
(Biology)

Genetic engineering, also called genetic modification, is the direct manipulation of an organism's genome using biotechnology. It is a set of technologies used to change the genetic makeup of cells, including the transfer of genes within and across species boundaries to produce improved or novel organisms.

In medicine, genetic engineering has been used to mass-produce insulin, human growth hormones, follistim (for treating infertility), human albumin, monoclonal antibodies, vaccines, and many other drugs. In plants, genetic engineering has been applied to improve the resilience, nutritional value and growth rate of crops such as potatoes, tomatoes and rice. Genetic modification allows bacteria genes to be altered for the purpose of cleaning up waste especially water pollution. Manufacture of pharmaceuticals and industrial chemicals are beneficial for preparing fabrics used in clothing.

## Internship with National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)

**Dr. Rasoul Saniepard** (Faculty Mentor, Dept. of Engineering Technology) and Ms. Muriel Funches (Staff Mentor, JHJ School of Business)



**Vincent Fisher**  
(Electrical Engineering)

Hired by Enterprise Professionals, LLC, contractors for NASA, the internship involves working in the Neutral Buoyancy Laboratory at the Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center. Vincent is an intern in the department of Critical Systems Engineering, dealing with all aspects of the astronaut and the facility. As part of the experiential learning aspect, he also assist with the Mock-Up Engineering working on the robotic arm in a 40 ft. pool that simulates zero gravity. Vincent works with the computer-generating drafting software AutoCAD, modifying templates, creating schematics, outlines, blueprints, and models. As an electrical engineering major, he is assigned projects involving working directly with the NASA engineers and gaining hands-on real-world experience.

Due to the requirement for high security clearance, many details of the internship are unavailable.

## The School to Prison Pipeline

**Mr. Eddie Bebley** (Professor, AJ 313, Dept. of Administration of Justice)



**Ashley Stoneham**  
(Administration of Justice)

The school to prison pipeline also known as the "school house to jail house track" describes the disproportionate number of minorities becoming incarcerated in low income communities. Many people blame this on the zero tolerance policy in schools and the increased number of resource officers on campus than seen ten years ago. The only people being affected by these policies are minorities. In-school suspensions for minorities have continued to increase since 1997-2007. Whereas those for Caucasians have decreased. Research points in the favor of using less harsh punishments on students. The schools should start using the restorative method to diffuse the school-to-prison pipeline. It is beneficial to society as a whole, to ensure students stay in school, gain an education and become law-abiding tax-paying citizens, instead of heading toward the criminal justice system.

## SENIOR THESIS MAY 2019

The Honors College congratulates all graduating scholars who successfully completed their senior thesis:

### Isaac Cerda

Degree: B.S. in Computer Engineering  
Technology  
Thesis Title: *Implications of Combination  
of Operating Systems and Programming Languages  
on Parallel Programming Efficiency*  
Advisor: Dr. Mayur Desai

### Darlise Goodlow

Degree: B.B.A. in Marketing  
Thesis Title: *Static Advertising Versus Dynamic Ad-  
vertising and Their Impact on the Fashion Industry*  
Advisor: Dr. Claudius Claiborne

### McKenzie Jones

Degree: B.S. in Maritime Transportation and  
Security Management  
Thesis Title: *Direct Impacts of Autonomous Vehicles on  
Employment*  
Advisor: Dr. Yi Qi

### Holly Mills

Degree: B.S. in Chemistry  
Thesis Title: *Alkalinity and Mineral Concentration  
Estimation in Commercial Drinking Water*  
Advisor: Dr. Hector Miranda

### Aaron Dallas

Degree: B.S. in Finance  
Thesis Title: *A Comprehensive Financial Analysis of  
Retail and Wholesale Food Chains*  
Advisor: Dr. Mayur Desai

### Jamalia Henry

Degree: B.B.A. in Marketing  
Thesis Title: *How to create your online e-  
commerce store*  
Advisor: Dr. Claudius Claiborne

### Jaida Lewis

Degree: B.S. in Chemistry  
Thesis Title: *Undergraduate research experiences  
reports on acne treatment, heavy metal in water, and meas-  
urement of the heat reaction of Isosorbide Methacrylate*  
Advisor: Dr. Hector Miranda

### Vu Pham

Degree: B.S. in Biology  
Thesis Title: *Evaluation of Pseudomonas Aeruginosa  
Using a Lung Screen Test as a Mode of Detection of  
Human Adenocarcinoma*  
Advisor: Dr. Ayodotun Sodipe

### Jordan Davis

Degree: B.S. in Health Administration  
Thesis Title: *Racial and Economic Disparities and Their  
Correlation to Adverse Events in Minority Populations in  
the United States*  
Advisor: Dr. Monica Rasmus

### Jayla Jimerson

Degree: B.A. in Journalism  
Thesis Title: *Applying the Principles of "The  
Law of Attraction" to Awaken the Greatness Within*  
Advisor: Dr. Christian Ulasi

### Divonte Lumpkin

Degree: B.B.A. in Accounting  
Thesis Title: *The Evolution and Revolution of Fi-  
nancial Accounting*  
Advisor: Dr. Mayur Desai



## Creative Expression

### **"Best of the Best"**

By: Crystal Okoro  
(Junior, Pre-Pharmacy)

*As an Honors student,  
together we shine.  
Big happy family;  
no direct blood-line.*

*Gracing the campus with our divine  
brains,  
Showing up and showing out even when  
it rains.*

*They call us "The Best of the Best," but  
what does that mean?  
We're on another level;  
ask the dean.*

*Whole team is hungry enough to eat  
and elevate,  
Ms. Nair is always there to ensure we  
are pulling our weight.*

*Nobody lacking  
honey, we just stay stacking;  
Those A's are one thing  
we're piggybacking.*

*We're surrounded by an uplifting staff,  
Never ceasing to make us scratch our  
heads,  
or laugh.*

*Once an honors student,  
always an honors student.  
Future bright, objectives right;  
we're prudent.*

*When we dress up, we got the blazers  
to match our fly;  
Every time we walk by,  
we turn heads or catch an eye.*

*Throughout it all, we stand tall and  
proud;  
Remaining diligent was something we  
vowed.*

*I'm proud to be a member of the  
Thomas F. Freeman Honors College  
at the illustrious  
Texas Southern University;*

*Look at us beating the odds and  
overcoming adversity.*

## Scholar Highlights:

### Honors Scholars in Leadership Roles Across Campus

The Honors College is very proud of all the scholars who competed in the various elections for the 2019-2020 academic year. Congratulations!

#### President Student Government Association



**Marcus Nash**  
(Kinesiology)

#### Miss Junior



**Kiara Chatman**  
(Finance)

#### Mister Junior



**B.J. McCaskill**  
(Political Science)

### Honors Scholars Sweep the SCHOLOSCAR Awards

Congratulations to all scholars who won awards for outstanding scholastic achievement in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology:

**Jaida Lewis** (Senior/Chemistry), **McKenzie Jones** (Senior/Maritime Transportation), **Vu Pham** (Senior/Biology), **Vincent Fisher** (Junior/Electrical Engineering), **Alfredo Rogel** (Sophomore/Electrical Engineering), **Eniola Otukoya** (Junior/Biology), **Gabriel-la Tavera** (Junior/Biology), **Precious Oguono** (Senior/Civil Engineering), **Chukwudalu Ononenyi** (Sophomore/Biology), **Tylar Larkins** (Junior/Biology), **Ash-lynn McCall** (Junior/Biology), **Vivian Adeoye** (Junior/Biology), **Clinton Emeh** (Sophomore/Biology), **Anish Patel** (Senior/Computer Science and Mathematics), **Giraud Griffin** (Junior/Computer Science and Mathematics).

### Honors Athlete Wins Award for the Southwestern Athletic Conference (SWAC)

Congratulations to **Vincent Fisher** (Junior/Electrical Engineering), Honors Scholar and Texas Southern Men's Track and Field student athlete, for winning the Presidency of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) for the entire SWAC.



**Vincent Fisher**  
(Electrical Engineering)

### Summer 2019: The Honors College Has a New Home



*L to R: Mr. Chizara Nwakanma, Ms. Renuka Nair, Dr. Hector Miranda, Dean Jemison Pollard and Mr. Shandon Neal*

The Honors College is happy to announce that it is "movin' on up" to the New Library & Learning Center.

The end of Summer 2019 marks a new chapter for the College as it gears up to move into the newly constructed and beautifully designed space.

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