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HBCUs have long been a cornerstone of the Black community. With the majority of them being founded a few years after the passing of the Emancipation Proclamation, they represent the desire that the Black community has for collective advancement through education.

This is one of the main reasons TADOHE wanted to utilize our platform to spotlight our Texas HBCUs and their accomplishments over the years. It is so important to value and celebrate these spaces because they foster the diversity and inclusion that TADOHE and our national association, NADOHE, were created to support.

TSU Mission Statement & Vision

Mission

Texas Southern University is a student-centered comprehensive doctoral university committed to ensuring equality, offering innovative programs that are responsive to its urban setting, and transforming diverse students into lifelong learners, engaged citizens, and creative leaders in their local, national, and global communities.

Vision

Texas Southern University will become one of the nation's pre-eminent comprehensive metropolitan universities. We will be recognized by the excellence of our programs, the quality of our instruction, our innovative research, and our desire to be a contributing partner to our community, state, nation, and world.



A Brief History of Texas Southern University

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Houston Colored Junior College (1927-1934)

On September 14, 1927, the Houston Public School Board agreed to fund the development of two junior colleges: one for whites and one for African-Americans. And so, with a loan from the Houston Public School Board of \$2,800, the Colored Junior College was born in the summer of 1927 under the supervision of the Houston School District. The main provision of the authorization was that the college meet all instructional expenses from tuition fees collected from the students enrolling in the college. The initial enrollment for the first summer was 300. For the fall semester, the enrollment dropped to 88 students because many of the 300 enrolled during the summer semester were teachers who had to return to their jobs once the school year began.

The Colored Junior College was established to provide an opportunity for African-Americans to receive college training. The Junior College progressed so fast that by 1931, it became a member of the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools and was approved by the Southern Association of Colleges.

Houston College for Negroes (1934-1947)

In the summer of 1934, the Houston School Board changed the junior college to a four-year college and the name to Houston College for Negroes. In 1936, sixty-three individuals became members of the first graduating class. The college operated this way until the summer of 1943, when it formally added a graduate program. In the spring of 1945, the Houston Independent School District severed its relationship with Houston College for Negroes, and thereafter all management of the college was vested in a Separate Board of Regents.

The College continued to operate in Yates High School, but by 1946 it had grown to an enrollment of approximately 1,400 students and needed room to grow. A few years earlier, with the help of Hugh Roy Cullen, a local philanthropist, the college obtained a 53-acre piece of property in the Third Ward area of Houston. With support from two large donors, Mrs. T.M. Fairchild, in memory of her late husband, Mr. and Mrs. C.A. Dupree, and the African American community, the college raised enough money to construct its first building on the new campus. And so, in the fall of 1946, the college moved from Jack Yates High School to its first building, the new T.M. Fairchild Building, which still operates as an active building in the university's facilities inventory.



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A Brief History of Prairie View A&M University

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Texas State University for Negroes (1947-1951)

In February of 1946, Heman Marion Sweatt, an African American Houston mail carrier, applied to enroll in the law school at the University of Texas. Because Texas was one of the segregated states, Sweatt was denied admission and later filed a suit against the University of Texas and the State of Texas with the support of the NAACP. In response, believing the separate but equal doctrine would carry the day, the Texas Legislature passed Senate Bill 140 on March 3, 1947, providing for the establishment of a Negro law school in Houston and the creation of a university to surround it. This bill was complemented by House Bill 788, which approved \$2,000,000 to purchase a site near Houston to house this new college and support its operation. Texas law makers initially considered Prairie View A&M College as the location of this new Law School. However, on June 14, 1947, the decision was made to use the site of Houston College for Negroes, with its new campus at the center of a large and fast growing black population. Thus, a new law school for Negroes of Texas and Texas State University for Negroes was born.

Under the separate but equal concept, the intention of Senate Bill 140 and House Bill 788 was to create a new university for Negroes in Houston that would become the equivalent of the University of Texas in Austin.

Texas Southern University (1951-Present)

On June 1, 1951, the name of this new university for Negroes was changed from Texas State University for Negroes to Texas Southern University after students petitioned the state legislature to remove the phrase "for Negroes."

When the university opened its doors in September 1947, it had 2,300 students, two schools, one division and one college - the Law School, the Pharmacy School, the Vocational Division, and the College of Arts and Sciences.

Responding to the changing times, in 1973, the 63rd Legislature designated Texas Southern University as a "special purpose" institution for urban programming. As a result, four more academic units were added - the College of Education, the School of Public Affairs, the School of Communications and the Weekend College. This designation described what Texas Southern University was doing from its inception - embracing diversity.

Today, Texas Southern University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs in the following academic colleges and schools: the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences; the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; the College of Science and Technology; the College of Education; the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs; the School of Communication; the Thurgood Marshall School of Law; the Jesse H. Jones School of Business; the Thomas Freeman Honors College; the College of Continuing Education and the Graduate School. Other programmatic emphases are found in the Center for Excellence in Urban Education, the Center for Transportation Training and Research, the Center on the Family and a variety of special programs and projects.

Currently, Texas Southern University is staffed by approximately 1,000 faculty members and support personnel. More than 9,500 students, representing ethnically and culturally diverse backgrounds, are currently enrolled at the university.

Texas Southern University Highlights:

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TSU's Ocean of Soul marching band performs at WrestleMania

Texas Southern University's Ocean of Soul brought the HBCU band experience to the international stage with a performance at WrestleMania.

The marching band performed "Watch me Shine," the theme song for WWE women's wrestler Bianca Belair as she entered the arena during the first night of the two-night event at AT&T Stadium.

"This was a great opportunity for the Ocean of Soul, but more importantly it was a great opportunity for TSU," director of bands Brian Simmons said. "Tens of thousands of people were in attendance, but millions more wrestling fans watched around the world. This performance was one more step in making TSU's name known around the globe."

The WWE contacted Simmons about performing while the Ocean was playing in the NCAA Tournament in Fort Worth. The arrangement they played during WrestleMania was composed by assistant director Trenton Hunter.

TSU announces major partnership with two major airlines

Texas Southern University recently announced partnerships with Southwest and United Airlines.

Officials from United Airlines visited Texas Southern University on Wednesday, March 9, to announce a partnership with the university's Aviation Science and Technology program, including the Professional Pilot concentration.

United Houston Hub Vice President Phil Griffith presented the university with a \$100,000 check for the first two years of the scholarship program. The partnership also includes ongoing mentorship activities between United employees and students in the program. Representatives from United, TSU, and the Aviation Science and Technology advisory committee then toured the program's flight simulation labs in the Spearman Technology Building. The event concluded with a mentorship meeting between United professionals and TSU students. Five students are recipients of the United scholarship this year.

Texas Southern University and Southwest Airlines Co. announced TSU as a university partner – and the first Historically Black College and University (HBCU) – in the airline's First Officer recruitment program: Destination 225°. On a compass, 225° is the southwest directional heading, and the carrier developed Destination 225° to lead aspiring pilots to Southwest Airlines.

Dr. Lesia L. Crumpton-Young, TSU President, and Lee Kinnebrew, Southwest's Vice President of Flight Operations, signed an agreement and exchanged symbolic gifts to publicly announce the partnership. After being accepted into the program and completing their university degree, candidates build post-graduate flight instructing time within their college's flight program, with the goal of becoming competitively qualified to interview for a First Officer role at one of the program's partner carriers. After building their flying experience at a partner carrier, candidates will be considered for a First Officer position at Southwest Airlines. Candidates also receive ongoing career mentorship from a Southwest pilot during their university studies and early flying career.

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TSU partners with George Washington University for Immersive Experience in Washington, D.C.

The online Executive Master of Public Administration program (eMPA) at Texas Southern University and the Graduate School of Political Management (GSPM) at the George Washington University in Washington, DC., have partnered to develop a new and engaging experience for eMPA students.

Amid the pandemic, the eMPA Study Abroad program was paused. According to the eMPA program director, Dr. Michael O. Adams, "The study abroad program enhanced the academic experience of our students and we were committed to pivoting to ensure that they could still benefit from immersive experiences beyond the online classroom. Our nation's capital is the linchpin for both local and international politics and GSPM's commitment to diversity and experience in training practitioners made them an excellent partner for this effort."

From March 20-25, 2022, the inaugural group traveled to Washington, DC. The itinerary included meetings, panels, and guest speaker events with former members of Congress, current Capitol Hill staffers, and nongovernmental organizations organized by GSPM. Topics covered included climate change, political campaigns, and foreign policy.

TSU and the Monterey Jazz Festival continue partnership

TSU and the Monterey Jazz Festival (MJF) are proud to announce the continuation of a partnership that has broadened the reach of the MJF's education programs to many more young people while leveraging TSU's commitment and legacy of jazz excellence.

The partnership, which includes KTSU 90.9 FM, TSU's Music Department and the School of Communication, features a free two-day intensive music symposium, Monterey Jazz @ TSU, on April 12-13, 2022. Tuesday, April 12, is designed for all greater Houston-based middle and high school music students and programs, and Wednesday, April 13, will be geared toward college-aged students.

Led by TSU faculty from the music, communications, and music industry degree programs and featuring the 2022 MJF Artist-in-Residence, Queen Cora, the symposium includes master classes, panel discussions, recording sessions, workshops and more. The symposium provides students the opportunity to network with professionals and peers, learn insider secrets in the music industry, spark lifelong collaborations, build foundations for a career in the music industry, and prepare students to audition for the Monterey Jazz Festival's national bands and combos, which tour nationally and internationally.

An institution is only as good as those who lead it. We would be remiss if we did not take space to show our appreciation and shine the spotlight on Prairie View A&M University's President.

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Dr. Lesia L. Crumpton-Young

Dr. Lesia L. Crumpton-Young is the 13th President of Texas Southern University (TSU). During the span of her three-decade career in academia, President Dr. Crumpton-Young has been recognized for her transformational leadership skills and excellent record of working with teams to achieve unprecedented success at an accelerated pace. She is passionate about advancing research as well as economic and community development, and ensuring student academic, professional, and personal success.

President Dr. Crumpton-Young's academic career began at Texas A&M University, where she earned B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees in Industrial Engineering. President Dr. Crumpton-Young holds the distinction of being the first African-American woman to earn a Ph.D. in Engineering from Texas A&M and is one of the first African-American women in the United States to reach the rank of Full Professor in Engineering. President Dr. Crumpton-Young also earned an M.B.A. from Tennessee State University.

Before rising to President of TSU, Dr. Crumpton-Young excelled in several leadership capacities, most recently as Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs for Morgan State University. Dr. Crumpton-Young's tenure at Morgan State was highlighted by significant increases in research funding as well as the development of new, forward-thinking degree programs. Dr. Crumpton-Young also served as Vice President for Research and Institutional Advancement at Tennessee State University, where her service resulted in over \$225M in research awards over a four-year period, as well as meaningful improvements in Tennessee State's national research ranking.

Additionally, Dr. Crumpton-Young orchestrated a \$450M initiative at Tennessee State to create a 90-acre research and innovation mixed-use district. As Program Director at the National Science Foundation, Dr. Crumpton-Young managed an annual portfolio of \$90M in research funding and diversified the portfolios of supported universities. Dr. Crumpton-Young also served as Associate Provost at Texas A&M University, Associate Dean of Engineering at Mississippi State University, and Professor and Chair of the Industrial Engineering and Management Systems Department at the University of Central Florida, prioritizing research excellence at every step.

A lifelong learner, President Dr. Crumpton-Young continues to study, research, and publish in her areas of expertise. President Dr. Crumpton-Young has published over 100 scholarly articles, exploring topics such as human-factors engineering, human systems modeling, and production engineering. President Dr. Crumpton-Young has served as Principal Investigator on numerous innovative research initiatives supported by agencies including the National Science Foundation, Office of Naval Research, NASA, and Department of Education.

President Dr. Crumpton-Young's achievements have been well-recognized by her peers, as evidenced by her myriad awards and honors. Dr. Crumpton-Young is the recipient of the US Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring from President Obama, the Janice A. Lumpkin, Educator of the Year Golden Torch Award from the National Society of Black Engineers, the CAREER Development Award from the National Science Foundation, and the Black Engineer of the Year Education Award, to name a few. President Dr. Crumpton-Young also serves on several national advisory boards focused on increasing the number of underrepresented students successfully completing STEM degrees. President Dr. Crumpton-Young is a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Beta Gamma Sigma, Alpha Kappa Mu, and Golden Key International honor societies.

