

# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



**OCTOBER 13 - 19**

# Greetings from the 2019 Homecoming Chair

Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends:

What an extraordinary year this has been in the “Land of Golden Sunshine!” If there was ever a mantra that captures the very essence of my love for my alma mater, it would be that my blood really does run blue! As we prepare to celebrate for another spectacular Homecoming at Tennessee State University, let us be reminded that in our 107th year as an institution, TSU has produced tens of thousands of alumni, who once entered to learn and gone forth to serve. From the many doctors, lawyers, politicians, engineers, pro athletes and educators, make no mistake, “Excellence is our habit!” So this year, it’s only fitting that we chose *“Unleash the Pride of the Tiger”* as this year’s homecoming theme.

Starting Sunday, October 13 through Saturday October 19, we will unleash the pride of the tiger with a week of meaningful events and activities for all to enjoy starting with the highly-anticipated Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest. Please come out and witness excellence in the making as our students compete for cash prizes speaking on various topics relating to our homecoming theme. Trust me, you will not be disappointed! Other activities such as the Alumni White Out Party, Ralph Boston Golf Tournament for all of you golf enthusiasts; and our legendary homecoming parade down historic Jefferson Street will be in full effect rain or shine!

Among the outstanding selected 2019 honorees, we are so blessed to have our very own student-athlete, Christian Abercrombie to serve as our Special Presidential Grand Marshal. And by popular demand, comedian Jonathan Slocumb is back again this year as emcee of our Scholarship Gala with a surprise special guest performance. Get your tickets fast as you don’t want to miss this event.

Rounding out the week, our Big Blue Tigers will host the Governors of Austin Peay State University on Saturday, October 19 at Nissan Stadium with pregame festivities beginning at 4:15 p.m. and kick off to follow at 4:30 pm. Come celebrate our victory at the “Essence of Big Blue Afterfest” that will take place at the host hotel, Sheraton Music City later that evening.

Finally, if you have not booked your room(s), I encourage you to do so before they sell out! Please take a moment to review the official schedule of events, how and where to purchase your tickets to the various events happening throughout the week.

Come out and support as we certainly look forward to seeing you and your family!

Yours in excellence,



*Grant L. Winrow*  
Grant L. Winrow, ('89)





# **HOMECOMING**

*UNLEASH THE* **2019**  
*PRIDE OF THE TIGER!*

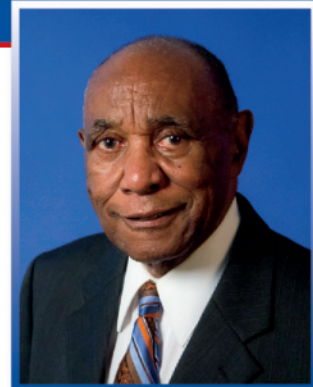
## **GRAND MARSHALS**



**Ms. Ola Hudson**

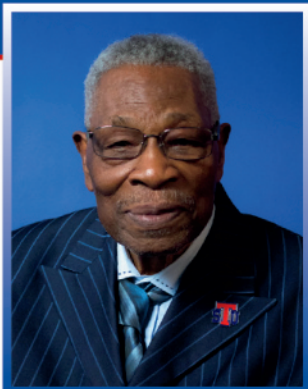


**Dr. Obie McKenzie**

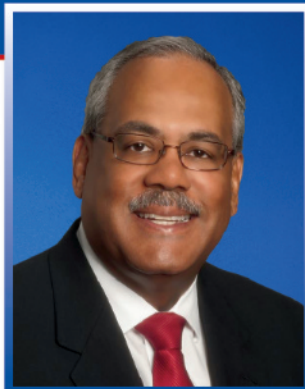


**Mr. Donald Whitehead**

## **HONOREES**



**Mr. Samuel Abernathy**



**Mr. Howard Gentry**



**Mrs. Edna Overall**



## **SPECIAL PRESIDENTIAL GRAND MARSHAL**

**Mr. Christion Abercrombie**  
HBCU Digest - Male Athlete of the Year

# Alumni Homecoming Week

October 13 - 19, 2019

## Special Presidential Grand Marshal

Mr. Christion Abercrombie

### Grand Marshals

Ms. Ola Hudson  
Mr. Obie McKenzie  
Mr. Donald Whitehead

### Honorees

Mr. Samuel Abernathy  
Mr. Howard Gentry  
Mrs. Edna Overall

## **Sunday, October 13**

### 3:00 P.M. Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest

Floyd-Payne Campus Center  
Robert N. Murrell Forum  
Free and open to the public  
Contact: Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell  
dflorence@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5755

### 6:00 P.M. Gospel Explosion

Kean Hall Gymnasium  
Free and open to the public  
Contact: Tasha Andrews  
Tandrew9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5119

## **Monday, October 14**

### 7:00 P.M. Aux Cord Wars

Floyd-Payne Campus Center  
Kean Hall Gymnasium  
Contact: Tasha Andrews  
Tandrew9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5119

## **Tuesday, October 15**

### 6:00 P.M. Public Service Tigers Come Home

Student Success Center, Room 230  
Contact: Dr. Anthony Campbell  
mcampb13@tnstate.edu / 615.963.7098

### 7:00 P.M. Comedy Show

T.E. Poag Auditorium  
Contact: Tasha Andrews  
Tandrew9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5119

## **Wednesday, October 16**

### 11:00 A.M. Courtyard Wednesday (New Courtyard)

Contact: Tasha Andrews  
Tandrew9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5119

### 7:00 P.M. Coronation for Mr. TSU & Miss TSU

Kean Hall Gymnasium  
Contact: Tasha Andrews  
Tandrew9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5119

## **Thursday, October 17**

### 8:00 A.M. Ralph Boston Golf Tournament

Ted Rhodes Golf Course  
Registration begins at 7:00 A.M.  
Cost: \$125 per person; \$500 per team  
Contact: Ben Northington  
bnorthington@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5522

### 11:30 A.M. President's and Legacy Societies Reception (by invitation only based on 2018-19 President's Society and Legacy members)

Contact: Mrs. Betsy Jackson Mosley  
Bjackson33@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5481

### 2:00 P.M. Dr. Levi Watkins, Jr. Lecture Series

Floyd-Payne Campus Center,  
Robert N. Murrell Forum  
Contact: Ms. Sharon Smith  
ssmith22@tnstate.edu / 615.963.7401

### 3:00 P.M. Homecoming Class Reunion Check-In

Sheraton Music City Hotel Lobby  
777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214  
Celebrating classes: '84, '89, '94, '99, '04, '09, & '14  
Registered participants will receive their Homecoming  
Class Reunion event tickets at Check-in.  
Cost: \$100 per person  
<http://www.tnstate.edu/alumni/reunions/>  
Contact: Sonya Smith  
ssmith6@tnstate.edu / 615.963.2936

### 4:00 P.M. Mr. & Miss TSU Reception (By invitation only)

President's Home  
Contact: Barbara Murrell/  
bmurrell@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5147



**7:00 P.M. Homecoming Concert**

Howard C. Gentry Complex  
Contact: Tasha Andrews  
Tandrew9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5119

**8:00 P.M. Alumni Whiteout Party with a Splash of Blue**

Sheraton Music City Hotel  
777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214  
Advance Tickets: \$25 until 10/10/19  
General Tickets: \$30  
Attire: White with a Splash of Blue  
Contact: Ms. Cassandra Griggs  
cgriggs@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5831

## **Friday, October 18**

**8:00 A.M. Breakfast of Champions**

Jane Elliot Hall (Women's Building)  
Cost: \$20 per person  
Contact: Ms. Cassandra Griggs/Ms. Tracy Farmer  
cgriggs@tnstate.edu / tfarmer2@tnstate.edu  
615.963.5831

**9:00 A.M. Alumni Tiger Talk**

Walter S. Davis Humanities Building  
T.E. Poag Auditorium  
Hosted by Alumni Relations and Starr Allen  
(Alumni sharing their road to success  
with the first-year students.)  
Contact: Ms. Sonya Smith  
ssmith6@tnstate.edu / 615.963.2936

**10:00 A.M. Charles Campbell Fish Fry**

President's Lawn  
Cost: \$15 Scholarship Donation  
Contact: Mr. Dwight Beard  
beardpm83@comcast.net / 615.405.9279

**11:00 A.M. TSU National Alumni Association  
The Official Alumni Pop Up Shop**

William Jasper Hale Stadium End Zone (North End)  
Contact: Mr. Kendric Dartis/  
kendric\_dartis@yahoo.com / 931.952.5957

**11:30 A.M. Student Pep Rally**

William Jasper Hale Stadium  
Contact: Mr. Dwight Pope  
dpope@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5655

**6:00 P.M. TSU National Pan-Hellenic Step Show**

Howard Gentry Complex  
Cost: \$15/Student \$20/General Advance,  
\$25/Students, \$25/General Day of Show  
Contact: Tasha Andrews  
Tandrew9@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5119

**7:00 P.M. Scholarship Gala**

\*Reception at 6:00 p.m.  
Music City Center  
201 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203  
Cost \$150 per person; \$1,500 table of 10  
www.tnstate.edu/gala  
Contact: Iris Ramey  
iramey@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5586

**8:00 P.M. The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual "An Evening with the Alumni of Phi Mu Alpha"**

Coco's Event Center  
5105 Alabama Ave., Nashville, TN 37209  
Cost \$25 per person;  
doors open at 7:30 p.m.  
Contact: Mr. Darrell K. Moore  
darrellkmoore02@gmail.com / 615.335.3966

**9:00 P.M. Dr. Jesse James Football Alumni Mixer**

Sheraton Music City Hotel  
777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214  
Cost: \$20 in advance; \$25 at the door  
Contact: Mr. Jerrold McRae  
mcraje83@gmail.com / 615.491.2969  
Mr. John Hendrix  
Babe5519@comcast.net / 615.423.4039

## **Saturday, October 19**

**9:00 A.M. Homecoming Parade**

14th & Jefferson Street to 33<sup>rd</sup> & John Merritt Blvd  
Contact: Ms. Tiarra Kidd  
Parade.tnstate@gmail.com / 615.398.6430

**11:00 A.M. Greek Letter Organizations Serenades  
and Other Activities**

Welton Plaza (Greek Row)

**NOON – "The Battle of the Best"  
Dance Competition**

Howard C. Gentry Complex  
Cost: General \$10; Student ID: \$5  
Children under 5 FREE  
10:30A.M. (Doors open to the public)  
Contract: Ms. Lavern Brown or Ms. Gerika Ross  
Battleofthebest2019Gmail.com / 615.582.3782

**4:15 P.M. Pre-Game****4:30 P.M. Kick Off (TSU vs. Austin Peay)**

Nissan Stadium  
Cost: \$20 - \$50 per person (advance)  
\$25 - \$55 per person (day of game)  
Contact: Ticket Office / 615.963.5841

**9:00 P.M. The Essence of Big Blue  
Homecoming Game After-Fest**

Hosted by Kenny Smoov & Sissy Brown of the  
92Q Morning Show  
Live Performance by Bix & Everyday People &  
DJ's C-Dub & Howard Q  
Sheraton Music City Ballroom  
777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214  
Cost: \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door  
www.essencebb.eventbrite.com  
Contact: Debbi Howard  
debbi.howard14@gmail.com / 615.485.6683



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# SCHOLARSHIP *Gala*

saluting

**The 2019 Homecoming  
Grand Marshals and Honorees**

**Friday, October 18, 2019**

**Music City Center**

**\$150 per person**

**Reception 6:00 p.m. • Dinner and Program 7:00 p.m.**

Call 615-963-5481 or visit: [tnstate.edu/gala](http://tnstate.edu/gala)



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# Homecoming 2019

**Host Hotel: Sheraton Music City**



**777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214**

**For reservations call:** VIMM Global Travel at 615.933.8120 or visit [www.homecomingTSU.com](http://www.homecomingTSU.com).

All rooms must be booked through VIMM Global Travel to receive the above rates. Rooms and rates are subject to availability. \*SPG points and/or any other discount are not applicable to the above rates.





# Breakfast of Champions

HONORING:

**JOHN CROSS**  
**JONI McREYNOLDS**  
**COACH LEON MOORE**

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

**FORMER TSU DRUM MAJORS**

**TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Jane Elliott Hall**

**Friday, October 18, 2019**  
**8:00 a.m.**  
**\$20 per person**

## Greek Reunions and Events

Beta Omicron

Mr. Samuel (swilliams01@gmail.com)

Absolutely AX

Mrs. Terria McNeal (tarriamcneal@gmail.com)

Rho Psi

Mr. Alvino Douglas (alvino.douglass@yahoo.com)

Zeta Alpha Alumni

Mr. Charles A. Scott (chuck.scott@ftr.com)

The Vine Legacy

Dr. Marquita Qualls (president@thevinelegacy.org)

Alpha Theta Network

Mr. Claude "Ray" Mitchell (clm\_1219@yahoo.com)

One Party, One Purpose, One TSU

Mr. Jerry Roach (jerryroach13@gmail.com)



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PRESENTS ITS ANNUAL  
HOMECOMING KICKOFF ALUMNI PARTY

THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 17, 2019

SHERATON MUSIC CITY  
777 MCGAVOCK PIKE

8 P.M.  
12 A.M.



Homecoming Alumni

**WHITEOUT**  
*Party* WITH  
SPLASH OF BLUE

JULY 1 - OCTOBER 4 \* ADVANCE GENERAL TICKETS \$25 \* OCTOBER 5 - 17

\* GENERAL TICKETS - \$30 [WWW.2019WHITEOUTALUMNIPARTY.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://WWW.2019WHITEOUTALUMNIPARTY.EVENTBRITE.COM)



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LIVE MUSIC BY

**BIZZ AND EVERYDAY PEOPLE**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**

DOORS OPEN @ 9PM | PROCEEDS BENEFITTING TSUNAA AND TSU FOUNDATION  
[WWW.ESSENCEBB.EVENTBRITE.COM](http://WWW.ESSENCEBB.EVENTBRITE.COM)

Sheraton Music City Hotel





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# TSU Football Schedule 2019

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
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## **JOHN MERRITT CLASSIC**

Aug 31	6:00 p.m.	Mississippi Valley ST (JMC)	Nissan Stadium
Sep 7	6:00 p.m.	at Middle Tennessee	Murfreesboro, Tn
Sep 14	6:00 p.m.	vs Jackson State	Memphis, Tn
Sep 21	4:30 p.m.	Arkansas Pine Bluff	Hale Stadium
Sep 28	5:00 p.m.	at Eastern Kentucky	Richmond, Ky
Oct 5	6:00 p.m.	at Jacksonville State	Jacksonville, Ala
Oct 12	2:00 p.m.	Murray State	Hale Stadium

## **HOMECOMING**

Oct 19	4:30 p.m.	Austin Peay	Nissan Stadium
Nov 2	2:00 p.m.	Southeast Missouri	Hale Stadium
Nov 9	2:00 p.m.	Eastern Illinois	Hale Stadium
Nov 16	2:00 p.m.	at UT Martin	Martin, Tn
Nov 23	1:30 p.m.	at Tennessee Tech	Cookeville, Tn

## **Homecoming 2019 Committee**

Grant Winrow, Chair

Michelle Allen  
Tasha Andrews  
Andrea Bean  
Jennifer Bell  
Eric Capehart  
Yolando Cato  
Chandra Cheesborough  
Quinton Christian  
Gregory Clark

Martail Clayborn  
Charles Cook  
Eddie Cribbs  
Shania Ferguson  
Emmanuel Freeman  
Felina Freeman  
Thomas Graham  
Cassandra Griggs  
Albert Hill

Lalita Hodge  
Debbi Howard  
Sandra Hunt  
Sharon Hurt  
Jamie Isabel  
Karen Anderson-Isabel  
Lucas Johnson II  
Curtis Johnson  
Tierra Kidd

Lawrence Lewis  
Marquan Martin  
Sonya Martin  
Michael McLendon  
Joni McReynolds  
Precious Miller  
Jacqueline Mitchell  
Tobias Morgan  
Keith Morgan

Barbara Murrell  
Jennifer Nelson  
Ben Northington  
Stephen Patrick  
Reginald Perry  
Treachery Price  
Iris Ramey  
Yvonne Sanders  
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Joel Sims  
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Frank Stevenson  
Andre Westmoreland  
Seanne Wilson  
Roselyn Word

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