Greetings from the 2017 Homecoming Chair

Dear Fellow Alumni & Friends:

I am pleased for this opportunity to say how honored I am to serve as chairman of the 2017 Homecoming Steering Committee. Homecoming at TSU is a glorious and time-honored tradition allowing us to come together and celebrate a week of fun-filled events and activities for all ages while reminiscing and reliving some of the best times of our lives with beloved classmates, many of whom have become lifelong friends.

As in previous years, we have assembled a very capable team of individuals to serve on the Steering Committee who are committed to making this celebration another great success. On Sunday, October 8, the “Land of Golden Sunshine” will kick off the week with the Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest and the Gospel Concert. The week concludes Saturday, October 14, with the Homecoming Game and Alumni Victory Party. Also, events such as the Homecoming Concert, Greek Step Show, and Charles Campbell Fish Fry remain staples in our week’s schedule.

In keeping with this year’s Homecoming theme, “The Road to Greatness Begins with Excellence,” we are excited to honor a stellar group of well-deserving individuals as Grand Marshals and Honorees with a Special Presidential Recognition to be presented to Dr. Frederick S. Humphries. In addition, we could not be more pleased to announce that Nashville’s mayor, The Honorable Megan Barry, will graciously serve as our Honorary Chairperson at this year’s Scholarship Gala: “Salute to Greatness,” which will take place on Friday, October 13, at the Music City Center. This year, we are thrilled that nationally-syndicated radio show host, actor and comedian, Mr. Rickey Smiley, will bring the laughs as our Master of Ceremony!

Finally, please take a moment to review this keepsake insert with the official schedule of events, how and where to purchase tickets as well as information on making hotel reservations at the newly renovated Sheraton Music City. If you have not booked your room(s), I encourage you to do so before they sell out!

We appreciate your continued support and look forward to seeing you and your family in October!

Sincerely,

Grant L. Winrow

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2017 Homecoming
The Road to Greatness Begins with Excellence

Grand Marshals

Mrs. Georgette “GiGi” Peek Dixon
Senior VP, Director of Strategic Partnerships Corporate Responsibility and Community Relations, Wells Fargo & Co.

Mr. Alfred Gordon
Vice President of Operations for Frito-Lay North America

Senator Thelma Harper
State Senator for the 19th Senatorial District Tennessee General Assembly

Mr. Roosevelt “Bud” Reese
CEO, CMI Foundation

Honorees

Dr. Sterlin Adams
Retired, Professor and Special Assistant to President Fred Humphries

Dr. Evelyn P. Fancher
Retired, Director of Libraries

Dr. Raymond Richardson
Retired, Professor and Chair of Physics, Mathematics and Computer Science

Coach William “Bill” Thomas
Former Head Football Coach and Athletics Director

Special Presidential Honoree

Dr. Frederick S. Humphries
♦ Regent Professor, Florida A&M University (2004-Present)
♦ Former President and CEO, NAFEO (2001-2004)
♦ Former President, Florida A&M University (1985-2001)
♦ Former President, Tennessee State University (1974-1985)
Alumni Homecoming Week
October 8-14, 2017

“The Road to Greatness, Begins with Excellence”

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Honorees: Dr. Sterlin Adams, Dr. Evelyn P. Fancher, Dr. Raymond Richardson, Coach William “Bill” Thomas

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

3:00 P.M.
Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest
Floyd-Payne Campus Center
Robert N. Murrell Forum
Cost: Free and open to the public
Contact: Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell
jmitchell@tnstate.edu / 615.963.7260

6:00 P.M.
Gospel Explosion
Kean Hall Gymnasium
Cost: Free and open to the public
Contact: Mr. Alex Atkinson
aatkinson@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5069

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00 P.M.
Coronation for Mr. TSU & Miss TSU
Kean Hall Gymnasium
Contact: Mr. Alex Atkinson
aatkinson@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5069

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

11:30 A.M.
President’s and Legacy Societies Luncheon
(By invitation only based on 2016-17 President’s Society and Legacy members)
Kean Hall Gymnasium
Contact: Mrs. Betsy Jackson Mosley
bjackson33@tnstate.edu / 615.963.7756

1:00 P.M.
Ralph Boston Golf Tournament
Cost: $125 per person; $500 per team
Contact: Mr. Ben Northington
bnorthington@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5522

3:00 P.M.
Mr. & Miss TSU Reception
(By invitation only)
President’s Home
Group Picture - (Rose Garden)
Contact: Mrs. Barbara Murrell
bmurrell@tnstate.edu / 615.963.7451

4:00 P.M.
Homecoming Class Reunion Registration
Celebrating classes: ‘82, ‘87, ‘92, ‘97, 02, ’07, & ’12
Cost: $95 per person
http://www.tnstate.edu/alumni/reunions
Contact: Ms. Sonya Smith
ssmith6@tnstate.edu / 615.936.2936

TBA
Homecoming Concert
Howard C. Gentry Complex
Artist: TBA
Cost: TBA
Contact: Mr. Alex Atkinson
aatkinson@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5069

8:00 P.M.
Alumni Whiteout Party with a Splash of Blue
Sheraton Music City Hotel
777 McGavock Pike, Nashville, TN 37214
Advance Tickets: $25.00 from 8/7/17 until 10/7/17
VIP Access (Limited): $50.00
(not available after 10/7/17)
General Tickets: $30.00
https://tsualumniparty2017.eventbrite.com
Attire: White with a Splash of Blue
Contact: Ms. Cassandra Griggs
cgriggs@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5763

Grand Marshals:

Honorees:

Special Honoree:
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13

8:00 A.M.
Breakfast of Champions
Jane Elliott Hall
Cost: $20 per person
Contact: Ms. Cassandra Griggs
cgriggs@tnstate.edu / 615.9635763

10:00 A.M.
Charles Campbell Fish Fry
President's Lawn
Cost: $10
Contact: Mr. Dwight Beard
beardpm83@comcast.net / 615.405.9279

10:00 A.M.
Alumni Tiger Talk
Hosted by Alumni Relations and Star Allen
(Alumni sharing their road to success with the first-year students.)
Walter S. Davis Humanities Building
T.E. Poag Auditorium
Contact: Ms. Sonya Smith
ssmith6@tnstate.edu / 615.963.2936

11:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
TSU National Alumni Association Hospitality Tents
Location: TBA
Contact: Ms. Debbi Howard
debbi.howard14@gmail.com
615-485-6683

11:30 A.M.
Student Pep Rally
William Jasper Hale Stadium
Contact: Mr. Dwight Pope
dpope@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5655

4:00 P.M.
TSU National Pan-Hellenic Step Show
Howard C. Gentry Complex
Cost: TBA

7:00 P.M.
Scholarship Gala
Music City Center
201 5th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37203
Cost: $150 per person; $1,500 table of 10
www.tnstate.edu/scholarshipgala
Contact: Mrs. Barbara Murrell
bmurrell@tnstate.edu / 615.963.7451
or Mrs. Eloise Abernathy Alexis
ealexis@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5504

9:00 P.M.
Jesse James Football Alumni Mixer
Cost: $20 in advance; $25 at the door
Contact: Mr. Jerrold McRae
mcraeje83@gmail.com

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

9:00 A.M.
Homecoming Parade
14th & Jefferson Street to 33rd & John Merritt Blvd
www.tnstate.edu/alumni/homecoming/parade.aspx
Contact: Mr. Steve McCrary
smccrary01@tnstate.edu / 615.963.7440

11:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Greek Letter Organizations Serenades and Other Activities
Welton Plaza (Greek Row)

11:30 A.M.
Edward S. Temple Luncheon
Farrell-Westbrook Complex (the “Barn”)
Cost: $30 per person
Contact: Ms. Chandra Cheesebough
cheeseborough@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5906

NOON
Showcase of Bands
William Jasper Hale Stadium
Cost: $10 per person
Contact: Ms. Michelle Allen
mallen@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5350

5:45 P.M.
Pre-Game

6:00 P.M.
Kick Off (TSU vs. Austin Peay)
Nissan Stadium
Cost: $15- $45 per person
Contact: Ticket Office - 615.963.5841

9:00 P.M.
Alumni Victory Celebration
National Alumni and the Alpha Theta Network
Sheraton Music City Ballroom
Cost: TBA in advance;
$TBA after 9/-/17;
Contact: Ms. Debbi Howard
debbi.howard14@gmail.com
615.485.6683
GREEK REUNIONS AND EVENTS

- **Beta Omicron** - Mr. Samuel V. Williams (svwilliams01@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)

HOTEL INFORMATION

Sheraton Music City
777 McGavock Pike
Nashville, TN 37214
Visit: www.homecomingtsu.com
or call 877-312-6825

For reservations, visit: www.homecomingtsu.com or call 404.974.4896

- **3-NIGHT PACKAGE** – Tiger rate of $189 per night for King or Double Bed Room.
- **2-NIGHT PACKAGE** – Tiger rate of $199 per night for King or Double Bed Room.
- **3-NIGHT PACKAGE** – Tiger rate of $259 per night for Junior Suites.
- **2-NIGHT PACKAGE** – Tiger rate of $279 per night for Junior Suites.

*Rooms must be booked on this site and are subject to availability. Rates are subject to change.*
## TSU Football 2017 Schedule

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*Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Game

### Homecoming 2017 Committee

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- Sonya Smith, Co-chair
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- Karen Anderson-Isabel
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- Dalicia Baldwin
- Dwight Beard
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- Yolando Cato
- Gregory Clark
- Emmanuel Freeman
- Adrian “A.G.” Granderson
- Cassandra Griggs
- Chandra Harris
- Brandon Haskins
- Albert Hill
- Jame’l Hodges
- Sharon Hurt
- Jamie Isabel
- Lucas Johnson II
- Tonya Kilpatrick
- Lawrence Lewis
- Lonnell Matthews
- Steven McCrary
- Joni McReynolds
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