



Tennessee State University

Summary *of* Activities 2016-2017 Fiscal Year

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Dear TSU Family:

In 2017, Tennessee State University celebrated the 105th anniversary of its founding. This continues to be a time to reflect upon our history and to consider the pride that we have experienced as employees, alumni, and supporters of this great university.

I am pleased to provide you with a summary of the activities and accomplishments of TSU during the 2016-2017 academic year. I offer my sincerest gratitude to you for your steadfast commitment to our university as we continue our tradition of excellence. This report highlights student achievements, faculty and staff accomplishments, and emphasizes the manner in which TSU remains an overall leader in the academic community.

I am honored to serve as President of an institution as deeply loved by its alumni as Tennessee State University. I am especially appreciative to you as alumni for the support that has fueled our success. Your generosity is a testament to your commitment to TSU and to your willingness to ensure that scholarships are available to our students.

Again, thank you for your dedication and continued support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Glenda Baskin Glover". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Glenda Baskin Glover
President

The Division of Academic Affairs is comprised of the eight colleges below, and also includes the School of Graduate and Professional Studies, the Division of International Studies, and the Division of Libraries and Media Centers. The colleges are:

- College of Agriculture
 - College of Business
 - College of Education
 - College of Engineering
 - College of Health Sciences
 - College of Liberal Arts
 - College of Life and Physical Sciences
 - College of Public Service
- TSU continues to mentor, advise, and engage in experimental learning with all TSU students; and to streamline operational processes.
- As it pertains to the SACSCOC **reaffirmation of our**, our Fifth Year Report was accepted by SACSCOC last December; our Substantive Change Report (regarding the new governing structure) was approved; and our Substantive Change Visit will occur this fall.
- The **TSU Strategic Plan** is substantially complete and includes five strategic priorities:
- Increase 4-year graduation rates
 - Ensure campus health and safety
 - Improve customer service
 - Diversify revenue streams
 - Improve campus infrastructure
- Initiatives for student retention and graduation were strengthened, and include the following: Block Scheduling, AdvisorTrac, Tutor Trac, Early Alert System, Degree Works, Degree Maps, and the Book Bundle.



Accomplishments within the Various Colleges

➤ College of Agriculture

- Operated the largest outreach program in the country among HBCU land grant institutions, expanding its outreach efforts from 11 counties in the past to 51 counties, with 20 faculty specialists. It also provided over a million dollar benefit to crop and animal producers.
- The New Farmers Academy, funded by USDA, was recognized for its tremendous growth since its inception with programs that assist individuals who seek to get into farming.

➤ College of Business

- Launched a new Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) degree program, designed to accommodate the needs of busy professionals by offering classes over a 12-month period, one weekend per month, and augmented with online instruction. Classes are taught by senior-level business executives and internationally recognized faculty.
- Selected on a competitive basis to participate in the Japanese Kakehashi Project, which afforded twenty-one MBA students the opportunity to travel to Japan for eight days, in a program designed to promote a deeper global understanding of Japan's society, history, diverse cultures, politics, and foreign policy.
- Held a Global Leadership Summit which was designed to assist students to become more globally competitive, and to gain exposure to real world and international issues through lessons and interactions with business and governmental executives.

➤ College of Education

- Hosted two Women in Leadership Symposiums with the National Diversity Council.
- Established a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Metro Nashville Public Schools for a PreK-3 summer endorsement program.

➤ College of Engineering

- Students were praised for their design of a special transport vehicle for the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Forces. They competed in the annual University Design Challenge at Arnold Air Force Base in Tullahoma, Tennessee.
- Hosted the 4th Annual STEM Expo in the Howard Gentry Center during the spring semester. Projects were showcased in the categories of STEM Research, Engineering, Technology, and Agricultural STEM.
- Received HBCU Digest Award for BEST STEM Program for 2016-17.



➤ **College of Health Sciences**

- Trained fifteen Health Ambassadors who became NASPA-certified Peer Health Educators as a part of the Tennessee Department of Health's 3+1 Health Disparities Elimination Grant.
- Participated in several community events, including the Women Health Alliance, the Community Health and Wellness Fair through the university's partnership with Vanderbilt University, the Turnip Truck and the DP Thomas Foundation, and numerous health fairs.



➤ **College of Liberal Arts**

- Hosted several academic conferences and events, including the Annual National African American Read In Chain, the Annual National Conference on African American History and Culture, and the Annual Africa Conference.
- Participated in the Honda Campus All-Star Challenge (HCASC) National Championship Tournament which was held in Torrance, California.



➤ **College of Life and Physical Sciences**

- Established a Chemistry Advisory Board comprised of alumni and executives from universities, corporations, and governmental agencies.
- Professor Dafeng Hui of Biological Sciences was selected as the editor of the PLOS/One Journal.

➤ **College of Public Service**

- Implemented the Command College which primarily serves the Tennessee Department of Corrections (TDOC), the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations (TBI), the Department of Human Resources (DOHR), and Finance and Administration (F&A). The Command College is a key priority for our recruiting efforts, and is recognized as a valuable program for leadership personnel in Tennessee.
- Commenced an educational leadership program in three different locations, including west Tennessee, middle Tennessee, and east Tennessee in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Corrections.



The Division of Enrollment Management is comprised of the following units:

- Admissions
- Recruitment
- Financial Aid
- First Year Students
- Testing
- Records
- Trio
- Success Center



- Continued the new tuition discount rate for out of state students who live within a 250 mile radius of Nashville. These students received a savings of almost \$4,500 per semester. [Instead of paying tuition of \$6,678 per semester, they pay \$2,194 per semester] This also included students from major metropolitan areas including Atlanta, Birmingham, Cincinnati, Huntsville, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Louisville and other cities in Kentucky.
- Continued the Scholar Rate (requiring 3.0 GPA and 21 ACT), and the Scholar Rate Plus (requiring 3.3 GPA and 25 ACT).
- Implemented the WC Online in the Reading, Writing, and Math Learning Support Centers. It is a recordkeeping and reporting solution used for faculty and peer tutoring.
- Implemented the Summer Completion Academy which is a one week program for incoming freshmen. Students take intensive workshops in Reading, Writing, and Math during the residential program and are given the opportunity to place out of their learning support requirements for their first semester of college.
- Commenced the Parental Engagement Initiative in an effort to involve parents of new students, with the transition to TSU; it is hosted through social media platforms - Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook.
- Developed and implemented a new completion initiative for addressing at-risk students.
- The Educational Talent Search and Upward Bound programs received renewed funding for five additional years.
- Implemented the Presidential Scholars' Reception for students with a 3.00 GPA or higher who had been admitted to TSU. Receptions were held in Nashville, Memphis, Birmingham, and Atlanta.
- Continued to streamline our recruitment process to include a greater focus on high achieving students.
- TSU was recertified as an ETS/Prometric Authorized Testing Center, and also as a PearsonVue Authorized Testing Center.
- Several new exams were added to the TSU delivery: National Testing Network (NTN), Accuplacer, WritePlacer, National Center for Competency Test (NCCT), Dental Hygiene Exit Exam, Engineering Entrance Exam, Major Field Test- Urban Studies, and National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC).

The Division of Business and Finance ensures that TSU remains in sound financial condition and ensures that TSU is in compliance with university, state and federal regulations, as well as standard accounting procedures. It is comprised of the following units:

- Accounting and Payroll
 - Financial Services
 - Facilities Management
 - Procurement
 - Human Resources
 - Office of Equity and Inclusion
 - TSU Police Department
- Worked with the Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC) regarding the Formula Review Committee, and the Capital Policies Working Group.
- Began implementation of Settlement Manager in Tiger\$hoppe. This software provides an online coordination of procurement, receiving and invoicing functions.
- Revised the Summer Registration procedures to allow students taking Summer II courses additional time to pay their fees.
- Provided on-demand specialized training to departments on various topics, including Worker's Compensation, FMLA, Performance Evaluations, and Forms Processing.
- The following **construction projects have been completed:**
- Replaced the roofs of Ford and NRC apartment complexes, replaced wood trim (with PVC material) around windows, and painted interior and exterior, including fencing and gates.
 - Widened sidewalks and completed the landscape around Wilson Hall.
 - Completed interior renovations and chemically cleaned the outside of Hankal Hall.
 - Installed new roofs on McCord, Brown-Daniel Library, Holland Hall, Power Plant, and McWherter buildings.
 - Renovated POAG Auditorium in the Davis Humanities Building and repaired water-damaged offices and hallways.
 - Completed the TSU Comprehensive Elevator Project which included the LRC-Student Success Center, Hankal Hall, Floyd-Payne Campus Center, Davis Humanities, Brown-Daniel Library, Queen Washington, CARP, General Services, Gentry Center, and Boswell Complex.
 - Installed electric water heater for secondary heat at Gentry Center pool.
 - Completed the programming for the New Health Sciences building.
 - Purchased property on 38th Avenue and 33rd Avenue.
 - Installed a campus-wide classroom attendance system.
 - Installed most of the remaining new iron fencing around the campus perimeter.



➤ The following **construction projects are in the process of completion**

- Rudolph Hall Roof replacement, fire detection upgrades and HVAC upgrades
- Wilson Hall roof replacement and HVAC upgrades
- Ford and NRC stair and balcony repairs
- Migration Plan renovations (includes multiple buildings)
- Alameda Street resurfacing
- Gentry Center concrete replacement
- Humphries Hall mechanical upgrade
- New research labs in Ferrell-Westbrook and Lawson Hall
- Various other projects, including LED lighting upgrades, along with steam and condensate repairs.

➤ **Planning has begun for the following projects:**

- Two new Residence Halls (100,000 sq. ft. each)
- New Campus Entry Gateway Arch
- Hale Stadium renovations - Phase 1
- Closure of 37th Ave between Tigerbelle Avenue and John L. Driver Boulevard
- Resurfacing Parking Lots C and D

➤ Proceeded with **TSU on the Cumberland Initiative**

- Continued the plans to develop the TSU land along the Cumberland River (current wooded area) into a research park with mixed-use housing, retail, potential hotel and a convention center, allowing TSU to play a dominant role in the growth of Nashville.
- Completed Phase 1- Environmental Assessment water declaration.

➤ ***Tennessee State University Police Department (TSUPD)***

- Continued to reduce the overall crime on campus.
- Received approval from the state for \$1.9 million in funding for safety initiatives.
- Continued to increase police visibility by hiring more police and security guards.
- Continued to control access to the campus, and to use the swipe system with ID cards.
- Implemented recommendations from LEMAP audit (Loaned Executive Management Assistance Program) of TSUPD. This in-depth report included a review of all aspects of the police department including personnel, equipment, organizational structure, certifications, training, and outreach.
- Reintroduced the Bike Patrol, with an emphasis on community-oriented policing.
- Reorganized TSUPD for an emphasis on accountability through the ranks.
- Created the RAD Self-Defense Program. A total of nine RAD training sessions were conducted (6 for men and 3 for women).
- All of the TSU Communication Operators successfully obtained 911 Certification.
- Proceeded with Tennessee Association of Chiefs of Police accreditation with the addition of the Power DMS Software, with completion anticipated by year 2019.
- Acquired a new digital radio system which allowed better interoperability with TSUPD officers and the Metropolitan Police Department, as well as meet most of the new federal mandates on Emergency Preparedness by being able to integrate with other agencies in the event of a local emergency.
- Partnered with ancillary agencies such as the District Attorney's Office, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation Crime Lab, and the Nashville Police Department Crime Lab.
- Facilitated a system for the digital recording of Incident Reports, which allowed the department to easily transmit copies of the reports directly to the University offices that require them, or who have a need to know.
- Participated in Advance Active Shooter Training for sworn officers.



The Division of Student Affairs is comprised of the following units:

- Office of Student Activities
- Career Development Center
- Counseling Center
- Wellness Center
- Student Health Services
- Residence Life and Housing
- Women's Center & Men's Center
- Office of Student Conduct and Judicial Affairs

➤ Student Activities and Career Development Center

- Continued to provide robust services to the students, alumni, employers and faculty of Tennessee State University. During this academic year, the CDC hosted 4 career fairs, facilitated 25 classroom/organization presentations, conducted 110 meetings/conference calls with employers and managed 600 student career advising appointments.
- Strengthened the Career Development Center through campus wide engagement including Open House, Career and Job Fairs, Graduate School Showcase, Professional Fitness, and Senior Career Week.
- Established a Career Resource Room to assist students in obtaining internships and permanent placements.
- Hosted 5 Corporate Days with major companies around the country.
- Reported that approximately 70% of students secured employment or decided to attend graduate school.
- Two staff members were appointed to serve on committees for the National Association of Colleges and Employers.
- Highest number of students from any other university or college in Davidson County to participate in the Mayor's Office Opportunity NOW program.
- Ensured that Greek life was proper as all nine Greek letter organizations are now active on the TSU campus.
- NPHC produced a 'Stop the Violence' program educating students on the different ways to safely protect themselves as college students.
- Registered over 300 students to vote in the 2016 Presidential Election.
- The Office of Student Activities/SGA hosted the annual Civil Rights Trip to the National Museum for African American History and Culture. Students also visited the MLK Memorial and Lincoln Memorial while visiting the Washington D.C. area.



➤ **Other Student Affairs Activities**

- Implemented High Impact Practice technology and software (**College Lab and Maxient**) to better streamline student services and data reporting.
- Implemented the **Student Court Justices** to serve as peer reviewers for minor student misconduct issues or infractions.
- Formed a relationship with **EverFi** in providing free educational services for our students regarding Financial Literacy.
- Upgraded the Wellness Center with shower liners, flooring and dressing room lockers.
- Upgraded Residence Hall Lobbies and Study Lounges, and continued to improve residence life and housing on the campus.
- Upgraded the Floyd Payne Campus Center Courtyard Area with new umbrellas, tables, water fountains, new TV monitors, artwork in Kean Hall, and enhanced the Game Room.
- Created dedicated space for students to study for Mid-Term and Finals in the recreational areas; and installed a Wi-Fi Lounge.
- Collaborated with the Division of Academic Affairs to ensure that TSU followed the academic approach to Student Affairs.
- Established the first-ever relationship with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission for their internship program.
- Continued the crime prevention and safety tips for students across the campus.
- Visited residence halls on campus to promote programs on topics including hygiene, nutrition, and other health related concerns in which the students had expressed an interest to promote the maintenance of overall health, and to help ensure academic success.
- Continued the campus wellness initiative that included group exercise classes, individual workout plans, and health and fitness seminars.
- Provided counseling services to students based on medical/professional referrals to address mental health concerns.
- Maintained the Tiger Pantry which provides food to students seeking supplemental sustenance.
- Sponsored the Women of Legends and Merit banquet which honored outstanding women and their achievements.



The Division of Administration ensures that external reporting and compliance are timely and accurate. It conducts assessments and measurements for academic and administrative units; and ensures that technology is appropriate. It is comprised of the following units:

- Title III
 - Institutional Research
 - Institutional Planning and Assessment
 - Technology
 - Completion Committee Agenda
 - Athletics
- Continued to assess and upgrade the information technology unit primarily through the use of the following software: Success Collaborative-Campus (SSC), Academic Performance Solutions (APS), Acalog, Advisor Trac, Tutor Trac, Student Alert System(SAGE), Degree Works, Qualtrics, and Grants Manager.
- Improved technology by implementing or upgrading the high-tech infrastructure, and provided data for both internal and external users.
- Ensured that Title III Progress Reports pertaining to funded projects were timely and representative.
- Enhanced the **Completion Committee Agenda** with the following retention initiatives:
- **Block Scheduling** -students work together in cohorts within their chosen major.
 - **Coaching** identifies challenges and connects students to academic and other student support resources that will lead to academic and career success; focuses also on the personal relationship created between the student and the coach.
 - **Consortium Advisors** ensure that students remain on their degree track. Advisors review the students' records for potential academic challenges.
 - **Advisor Track** expanded advising to record all aspects of student advising in the student file including bursar, financial aid, career center, counseling center, etc.
 - **Tiger Alert** is an early alert system to monitor students with potential academic difficulties.
 - **Degree Maps** provides a semester by semester “map” or rubric to each student on the requirements needed to obtain a degree in their major from inception to completion; and notifies students when they are off track.
 - **Degree Works** is degree audit software for the student based on his or her major; Allows students to go into their file and see where they are at any point in the progression process.
 - **Access** includes proximity readers that are placed in General Education classrooms.
 - **Academically Speaking** – Assists faculty in improving their oral English pedagogy skills.



The Division of Research and Institutional Advancement is comprised of the following units:

- Research and Sponsored Programs
- Institutional Advancement
- Alumni Relations & Annual Giving
- Tennessee State University Foundation

➤ **Division of Research and Institutional Advancement**

- Received new awards for Research and Sponsored Programs totaling **\$46 million dollars**, and submitted proposals totaling over \$100 million. Additionally, we broadened our relationships with several federal agencies which have led to research and funding opportunities.
- Developed a new Blue STAR Scholars Corporate Sponsorship Program, and launched a new Corporate Partnership program efforts with FedEx, Bank of America, Ingram Industries, Lockheed Martin and other companies.
- Continued the planning for the strategic implementation of the Cumberland Shores Development Project.
- Planned and implemented a Faculty Research Boot Camp and a Faculty Development Series for enhancing research productivity.
- Held campus workshop and campus visits from numerous Program Officers including representatives from the National Science Foundation (NSF), National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), National Security Agency – NGIS.
- Enhanced the Research and Sponsored Programs databases.

➤ **Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations**

- Continued to seek financial support from both alumni and corporations. Contributions for the year was over \$3 million and almost 3,300 donors, an increase of 20 % over last year.
- Initiated online and text giving platforms.
- Set up 6 new endowed and 20 restricted scholarship funds.
- More than \$2 million in scholarships was provided to students during the 2016-2017 academic year.
- Continued partnership with the Tennessee Titans. The NFL team served as the title sponsor of the 2016 Scholarship Gala with a check presentation of \$150,000.
- Supported the prospect research needs for fundraising including identifying potential donors for priority projects, target areas and alumni for visits, and corporate partner prospects.
- Achieved record Vintager Reunion attendance and \$302,757 in gifts, including a record gift of \$125,983 from the Class of 1967.
- Developed and executed the course of action required to change the Alumni Giving Model including conducting alumni giving fundraising pilots with the TSUNAA.
- Continued the work on changing our giving model to encourage chapters to use the TSU Foundation as its primary vehicle to receive funding.
- Received a \$2 million grant from UNCF Career Pathways Initiative (CPI) to implement a comprehensive employment program.

The Division of Emergency Management and Auxiliary Services is comprised of the following units:

- Emergency Management
- Events Management & Conference Services
- Auxiliary Services

➤ **Emergency Management and Auxiliary Services**

- Coordinated the planning and construction of the Health Sciences building, planned the campus departments migration, and coordinated the Master Plan implementation.
- Coordinated the space utilization committee.
- Renovated the food court, student dining and the Chick-fil-A area.
- Began the planning for additional food options on campus, including a grill concept in Rudolph Residence Hall.
- Initiated the enhancements to the One Stop Center to include additional areas.
- Renovated the Xerox Center to improve the business image and add equipment.

➤ **Events Management & Conference Services**

- Assisted with major affiliate and non- affiliate Events: Faculty and Staff Institute; Honors Convocation, Scholarship Appreciation Dinner, Homecoming Gala and Parade, Commencement, Mount Zion College Day, Martin Luther King, Jr. program, Nashville State Community College Commencement, etc.
- Participated in departmental training in Customer Service, Parking, ID Center and Emergency Management.
- Updated the Campus Building and Maintenance System (CBMS) to increase usage by building managers, and provided ongoing training for faculty and staff for using CBMS.
- Established Campus Emergency Response Team (CERT) to improve campus readiness for emergencies.
- Improved and strategically identified the courses needed for emergency preparedness, and determined how the courses would be delivered.
- Successfully held two Department of Homeland Security training sessions.
- Improved the university's ability to communicate with other agencies on and off campus with the purchase of 800 MHz radios.
- Over 100 TSU Faculty and Staff were trained in emergency preparedness.
- Selected to host The 2018 Best Practices in Higher Education Emergency Management Conference because of the office's ability to plan, prepare, and respond to a diverse collection of hazards.
- Developed and implemented Classroom Accommodation Plan (CAP) which serves as academic trackers to keep departments abreast of disabled students and their accommodation needs.



- Secured the Kurzweil Educational System for the entire campus. This is a text to speech reader software for Dyslexia, English Language Learners, Blind and Vision Impaired, reading, writing, and test taking accommodations.
- Employed activities and services in the U.S. Post Office that support business friendly practices, and provided professional customer service.
- Enhanced the ID/Access Center.
- Developed the system to track attendance of faculty and staff at major university events.
- Developed 3-Phase plan to improve access control and security on campus.
- Developed 2-Phase parking surveillance camera implementation plan.
- Enhanced parking services by creating and implementing parking and traffic logistics for special events, sporting events and conferences.
- Provided staff development and training in the following areas: Customer Service, CPR / First Aid / AED, Emergency Management, Verbal De-escalation Techniques, Enhanced Sports and Special Events Incident Management (FEMA), Campus Emergencies Prevention, Response and Recovery (FEMA).
- Conducted assessment survey on all campus parking lots.
- Installed TSU's first pay kiosk for visitor parking in John Merritt Lot.
- Updated use of body cameras.



University Counsel and Legislative Liaison

- Ensured that TSU remained abreast of the current bills in the legislature, as well as the state legislative agenda.
- Drafted policies and procedures for the new Board of Trustees.
- Worked with other University Counsels in an effort to share information, develop best practices, and coordinate important transition issues.
- Met with the Association of Governing Board consultant and staff to discuss governance and transition issues.
- Reviewed several institutional policies, including housing, sexual misconduct, minors on campus, and several TSUPD policies.
- Developed TSU's policy governing the carrying of handguns on campus in accordance with the 2016 legislative law.



The Division of University Public Relations and Communications enhances and protects TSU's institutional reputation, advances and strengthens the university's brand, encourages community engagement, and reinforces the university's relevance in the lives of key target audiences. The division is comprised of three integral areas that report to the Office of Public Relations. They include the following:

- Creative Services
- Media Relations
- Publications

➤ **University Public Relations**

- Continued to focus on expanding the TSU brand with marketing in two major theater houses that included 240 screens in 12 markets across Tennessee, the Southeastern Region, and municipalities within 250-mile radius to the university.
- Partnered with the College of Business to launch an extensive campaign for the university's Executive MBA program.
- Created three 15 second videos and animations to market the university on various digital platforms for the EMBA program and general recruitment, including Facebook, and search engines Bing and Yahoo. Increased presence to potential students by joining the SCHOOLD Mobile Application.
- Coordinated national and international media coverage for the Coach Ed Temple Memorial Service.
- Coordinated national and state exposure for STEM partnership with the Tom Joyner Foundation.
- Coordinated TSU alumna selected as the ABC "Person of the Week" during homecoming with the story airing during ABC World News with David Muir.
- TSU Night with the Nashville Sounds was largest collegiate night of all invited institutions.
- TSU Day at the Capital was largest presence at Legislative Plaza of state institutions.



➤ **Media Relations**

- National media coverage for Opening Day for the New Museum of African American History. TSU sports history was included in the museum. (This specifically included Tigerbelle and Olympic Gold Medalist Wilma Rudolph; legendary coach Edward S. Temple, former Tigerbelle and current women's and men's Track and Field Coach, Olympic Gold Medalist, Chandra Cheeseborough, and other members of the famed Tigerbelles.)
- National media coverage for Aristocrat of Bands performing at White House for President Barack Obama.

- Received national media coverage for the following:
 - Darlene Mullins Commencement Story (*May 2017*)
 - TSU Super Bowl Legacy (*February 2017*)
 - Homecoming Burnice Brunson 101 year-old former TSU cheerleader makes ABC World News Tonight's "Person of the Week" (*October 2016*)
 - TSU-Google partnership makes national news (*October 2016*)
 - Different versions of stories on death of legendary coach Ed Temple/Tigerbelles make national news for several days (*September 2016*)
 - TSU and Joyner Foundation announce STEM Partnership (*September 2016*)
 - TSU Olympic history story gets national play prior to start of games (*August 2016*)
 - Follow up story on TSU's goat research production made national news, including The Associated Press and the Journal of Blacks in Higher Education (*May 2017*)
 - TSU students build wheelchairs for disabled canines makes national news (*November 2016*)
 - TSU Olympic history story gets national play (*August 2016*)
 - TSU political experts discussing impact of Hillary Clinton's historic presidential run get national play (*July 2016*)

➤ **Publications, Creative Services, Webmaster, Community Engagement**

- Increased database for TSU Select Newsletter to potential community and corporate partners.
- Increased graphic design and photography to improve University branding.
- Designed website for TSU Board of Trustees.
- Community Health & Wellness Fair collaboration.
- MLK Day of Service.
- Summer Enhancement Education Program with the Urban League of Middle Tennessee.
- Increased campus awareness of branding guidelines.



- Overall student-athlete GPA was 3.10 which tied TSU's best record ever (record set last year).
- 132 student-athletes achieved academic honors.
- 3 Student-athletes named as Arthur Ashe Scholars.
- 31 Student-athletes made the OVC Honor Roll.
- All teams met the NCAA Academic Progress Rate mandate of 930 score, and received the national award for APR advancement.
- Softball Student-athlete, Elisabeth Stansberry graduated Spring with the highest GPA in class.
- Student-athletes and staff participated in community service projects such as visits to St. Jude and Nashville VA Hospitals as well as the American Red Cross; Feeding the homeless; Partnering with Samaritan Ministries and Second Food Harvest; Volunteering at several Middle-School Career Days; Volunteering at Ronald McDonald House, Big Brother & Sister, The Boys & Girls Club and GME Sports week; Participating in the Dr. Seuss Reading week; Helping with the Girl Scouts of Middle TN.
- Social media followers have increased significantly with over 23,000 Facebook, 12,600 Twitter, 5,900 Instagram, and 688 periscope. Social media reach for the JMC Pep Rally reached 336,200.
- Teamed with the YWCA to host the Regional MEND Symposium on Sexual Violence against women.
- Hosted the OVC/NCAA Academic Summit.
- Qualified for a one-time NCAA distribution of \$393,800 for student-athlete development.

➤ **Men's Basketball**

- Team secured back to back winning seasons; third best two-year stretch in the history of the program.
- Team ranked in top 25 CollegeInsider.com Mid-Major for eight weeks.
- OVC Defensive Player of the Year- Tahjere McCall.
- All OVC First Team- Tahjere McCall.
- All OVC Second Team- Wayne Martin.
- Appeared on national TV six times.

➤ **Football**

- 5 Players named on various All-American teams.
- 2 Players named Freshman All-Americans.
- 2 Players signed as free agents with NFL teams (Dunker with Giants & Robinson with Jaguars).
- 9 Players named on All-OVC team.
- Junior Lane Clark set TSU record for longest field goal (54 yards).
- Sophomore Chris Rowland led nation in combined return yards and set TSU record.
- Ranked as Top HBCU Recruiting Class for second year in a row.
- Tigers played on five televised games.



➤ Golf

- Team finished 4th in the National Minority Golf Championship.

Women's Track

- Team finished 2nd Indoor Track & Field Conference Championship.
- Team won 11 medals in indoor championship.
- Indoor Track/Field Athlete of the Year- Amber Hughes.
- Outdoor Track/Field Athlete of the Year- Amber Hughes.
- Team finished 2nd in Outdoor Track & Field Championship.
- Team won 7 medals in outdoor championship.
- NCAA All-American- Amber Hughes.
- NCAA Regionals- Amber Hughes.
- USA Track & Field Outdoor Championships- Amber Hughes.
- Ohio Valley Female Athlete of the Year- Amber Hughes.
- Three athletes qualified for the NCAA Regional Championship.



Men's Track

- TSU finished 2nd in OVC Indoor Championship.
- Team won 9 medals in indoor championship.
- Team won 10 medals in outdoor championship.
- Three athletes qualified for the NCAA Regional Championship.
- Quamel Prince named Co-Athlete of the Year.
- USA Track & Field Outdoor Championships- Quamel Prince.

Women's Tennis

- Team captured the HBCU Invitational Championship for the first time in school history.

Volleyball

- Defensive Player of the Year- Cherlie Adorno-DeJesus.
- First Team All OVC- Chloe Watson.

Excellence
is our Habit!