

Honors Crossing Over Ceremony

**Sunday, August 20, 2023
2:00 pm - 4:00pm CST**

The Ceremony

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Master & Mistress of Ceremony, President of Honors Student Council, Alin Joseph & Kennedy Johnson, Honors Council Secretary

National Anthem

TSU Wind Ensemble Directed by Dr. Reginald McDonald
“Lift Every Voice and Sing”

Introductions of Honors Council

Alin Joseph, President of Honors Council

Introduction of the Honors College Dean

Chandler Holt, Event Planner

Occasion

Dr. Coreen Jackson, Dean of University Honors College

Introduction of Speaker

Kara Simmons & Tyler Vasquez

University Welcome & Remarks

General Jason Evans, Chief Operating Officer, Tennessee State University

Candle Lighting Statement

Jada Henry, 2nd Vice President & Melanie Anderson, Treasurer

Honors College Pledge

Kennedy Glover, Ms. Honors & Travis Ducksworth, Mr. Honors

Introduction of Inductees

Dr. Tyrone Miller, Associate Director of University Honors College

Closing Remarks

Dr. Coreen Jackson, Dean of University Honors College

Tennessee State University Alma Mater



Retired Army Lt. Gen. Jason Evans Chief Operating Officer at TSU

As an accomplished strategic leader with a distinguished military career that spanned four decades, Gen. Evans brings a wealth of command and staff leadership experience. Throughout his tenure in the Army, he held various senior executive positions, overseeing large-scale operations, and managing complex programs, that culminated with his selection as the Army's first Deputy Chief of Staff, G9. In this role, he was responsible for providing the best military advice to Army Senior Leadership for budget management of an \$18 billion portfolio, policy, and regulatory guidance for 141 camps, posts, and stations Army-wide.

A native of Baltimore, Evans was born into the military life. His father spent 30 years in the Air Force. He holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and master's degrees in business administration and national resource strategy. The decorated veteran holds many awards and accolades, including the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Parachutist Badge, and the Army Staff Identification Badge.

Evans and his wife, Machel, of 39 years, are the parents of three adult children and four grandchildren.

Candle Lighting Ceremony

The Honors Council Vice President invites everyone stands and turns on their camera lights.

Light serves as the symbol of the good and the beautiful, of all that is positive. The difference between light and darkness assumes such a general and metaphysical significance, and the advantage of light over darkness is so obvious and self-evident, that it serves as a sharp metaphor: "Wisdom excels folly as far as light excels darkness".

Light as a positive symbol is so prevalent that redemption, truth, justice, peace, and even life itself "shine," and their revelation is expressed in terms of the revelation of light. From this day forward, you have chosen to walk in the light, a light of truth, a light of righteousness, a light positivity, a light of peace, a light of responsibility, and lastly, a light of excellence.

You may now turn off your lights.

The Tennessee State University Honors College Pledge

The Community of scholars in the Tennessee State University Honors College is dedicated to personal and academic excellence. Membership in the University Honors College (UHC) obligates each member to a code of behavior. At TSU Honors College, “honors” does not refer only to intellectual depth and academic rigor. Being an Honors College Scholar also means being part of an ethical community. It is understood that joining is evidence of subscribing to certain ideals and agreement to strive for the level of achievement and virtue suggested by the following:

- o As a member of the Tennessee State University Honors College, I pledge to think, work, and serve to the very best of my abilities, both inside and outside of the classroom.
- o I will strive to establish an academic environment that allows members of the Honors College community to grow academically and personally in a spirit of cooperation and fellowship.
- o I pledge to work to improve our neighborhoods, communities, and the world around us.
- o I will treat all members of the University community with civility and respect, regardless of national or ethnic origin, religious or social affiliation, heritage, disabilities, race, gender, or political affiliation.
- o I understand that fairness and honest competition are more than just words; they are core values that provide a foundation for our education. Plagiarism, cheating, and other methods of gaining an unfair advantage devalue my own work and the work of my peers and I pledge to not take part in them.
- o I pledge to uphold the values of honesty and integrity beyond the classroom, during activities such as educational travel, internships, common events, and in all events sponsored by Tennessee State University Honors College, the TSU Honors Student Council and the University. I pledge to uphold the values of honesty and integrity through my participation online including social networking sites.
- o I have read and understand these policies. I will uphold the high standards of Tennessee State University Honors College and adhere to all rules, codes, and policies thereof. Serious violations of any one of these policies will be reviewed by the Honors College Administration and Honors Advisory Board and may result in dismissal from the University Honors College or other penalties.

(Adapted from Macaulay Honors College)

2023 Honors College Inductees

Fall 2023 Incoming Honors Students

Abate, Michael A.
Acharya, Prasiddha
Ailsworth, Lakhiya
Akbar, Sadiqa M.
Allen, TeLeah M.
Armstrong, Azyah M.
Arnold, Makayla C.
Avery, Tyshuna N.
Barclay, Jariah Z.
Barksdale-Jones, Kacey
Barksdale, Darryl L.
Beauford, Calliyah
Biggs, Justin
Bouldin-Miller, Jaden M.
Bowins, Christina
Boyle, Barrion C.
Brent, Ymanee K.
Broadnax, Haley N.
Brown, Alexia M.
Buck, Niya L.
Buckmon, Aaliyah Y.
Campbell, Danielle
Cannon, Anya M.
Carey, Tecorrance L.
Carson, Rhema P.
Carter, Jamie S.
Choute, Sanaiya
Coates, Nadia E.
Coby, Tyler
Cole, Alvin
Cole, Jaida S.
Colley, Naila A.
Colley, Nyeem A.
Collins, Malik I.
Cook, Brooklyn S.
Covington, Alexander K.
Crawford, Marieyee
Creighton-Mitchell, Christopher Z.
Culpepper, Sydney N.
Dawson, Rashad
Dilts, Nathaniel R.
Dominguez, Miguel A.
Dones, Destiny M.
Downing, Kumari
Draper, Thomas R.
Duke, Reneka
Elliott, Niobi
Eneli, Onaedochukwu N.
Evans, Chance G.
Fellows, Amiya
Finney, Kaelin
Fletcher, Alexis M.
Flint, Ceontre J.

Foster, Mackenzie
Gainer, Daric A.
Gardner, Lauren E.
George, Talahia
Gilliam, Karina L.
Gordon, Danariah L.
Green, Jadya A.
Greer, Zaria J.
Griffin, Kennedy
Hall, Jalen I.
Hall, Myles A.
Hall, Sydney J.
Hamilton, Jazzmarya K.
Hampton, Mireya E.
Harris, Jada T.
Harris, Latonya R.
Hayes, Shania
Henderson, Camron D.
Hollis, Chandler J.
Hudson, Asia
Hughes, Miracle
Inniss, Janae H.
Jackson, Ayanna
Jackson, Elliyah J.
Jackson, Kenitra B.
James, Imanni
Johnson, Amari K.
Johnson, Jordyn A.
Johnson, Reniya
Jones, Autumn A.
Jones, Kariah K.
Joyner, Janasica L.
Kaikai, Joseph A.
Kuykendall, Sarah O.
Kyles-Flewellen, Keearah
La, Jennifer
Lance, Nyiah D.
Lawing, Kaylin N.
Leclair, Andrew D.
Lester, DanielleMarie D.
Leverette, Danielle R.
Long, Amber
Lord, Ethan
Lusk, Kelsey R.
Lyons, Chandler R.
Mack, Aysha N.
Mann, Maylyn M.
Marshall, Gabrielle E.
Martin, Amari A.
Martin, Sara B.
Mason, Ta'Layah A.
Mcbride, Mia S.
Mccoy, Madison
McDaniel, Shandi K.
Mcginnis, Kimmeca
Mcwilliams, Charity N.
Miller, Sierra

Moses, Erin K.
Murphy, Alexis
Myers, Ajmone T.
Neal, Kendall J.
Nichols, Zoe M.
Parker, Anaiyah N.
Parks, Mikalah S.
Patterson-Thomas, Aniyah
Peebles, Camryn
Peterson, Nadia
Pickett, Calvin C.
Pierce, Takara A.
Pittman, Mary
Poole, Desire'
Potts, Asia
Price, Talia L.
Pridgen, Jalyn L.
Ramirez, Deanna
Ramsey, Dashia
Ramsey, Sydney
Rayford, Isyss G.
Reeves, Shandan
Richardson, Ta'Nya J.
Roberts, Tiona C.
Robinson, Brandon L.
Robinson, Jordan S.
Rolle, Arianna Y.
Rouse, Essence N.
Sales, Mecca
Sanders, Aaliyah S.
Sanford, Talaya
Satchell, Gabriel R.
Sayid, Asma H.
Scott, Aaliyah A.
Scott, Madison
Shaw, Cameron F.
Smith, Jalil
Smith, Mateo
Speer, Kamora
Springfield, Janea N.
Spruill, Layae
Staples, Montera
Stevens, Dylan-Nicole R.
Tekeleberhan, Yohannes
Terry, Jalen D.
Thomas, Chasney B.
Thompson, Jessica V.
Tuck, Nia
Turner, Genesis-De'amouri
Ugwuanyi, Tobenna C.
Uta'i, Kimora S.
Vaughn, Imani D.
Walker, Edin D.
Walker, Lenisha S.
Walton, Christina A.
Warner, Riley A.
Waters, Ciniya

Watkins-Gandy, Demarion
Watkins, J'Quaevean L.
Webb, Jadya T.
White, Keri-Ann R.
White, Mya L.
Williams, Caela N.
Williams, Nakiyra
Williams, Shantrese C.
Williams, Zaire
Womack, Senait
Woodson, Cassidy S.
Zolicoffer, SaDaijah R.

Fall 2023 Friends of Honors

Dargon, Naomie A.
Burke, Alani N.
Coleman, Aniya J.
Killebrew, Rebekah M.
Williams, Dorion M.
Brown, Ja'Mya
Davis, Kennedy
Sellers, Rhian C.

Spring 2023 Incoming Honors

Anderson, Melanie A.
Battles, Nyla S.
Beason, Jhala L.
Bennett, Cameron J.
Boone, Patrick K.
Boyd, Keyon'dre
Brewer, Chanel
Brown, Bria C.
Brown, Korben
Bryant, Jordan
Camese, MaKayla R.
Carter, Kaniyah C.
Carter, Ryan
Caulk, Devon J.
Chambers, Kennedy
Chandler, Gabrielle H.
Childs, Denzel D.
Christian, Summer M.
Clemons, Aniyah M.
Cole, Khai K.
Collier, Kamryn
Cork, Kristian
Cotton, Aaliyah S.
Craddock, Kaniya
Cunningham, D'neka A.
Curry, Tiyonna A.
Daniel, Copper P.
Daniel, Jadon A.
Diggs, Brandon J.

2023 Honors College Inductees

Dixon, Asyah R.
Dixon, Taylor M.
Edwards, Ajani J.
Elliott, Talisa
Ellison, Joshua
Eromosele, Marvellous O.
Evans, Treavor
Fitzgerald, Brielle D.
Frederick, Renard J.
Garden, Thomas J.
George, Tavare
Gladden, Jade A.
Godbolt, Jakobe D.
Gory, Janessa T.
Granger, Amyia D.
Griffin, Sydney
Guest, Jocelyn M.
Hamilton, Christopher M.
Hammond, Zoe M.
Henry, Jada C.
Hill, Imani
Hogue, Layla A.
Ibezim, Brian C.
Jackson, Laila A.
Johnson, Amiah R.
Johnson, Victoria S.
Joiner, Tatianna A.
Jones, Imani
Jones, Samaria G.
Jones, Tayah W.
Joyce, Nyah A.
Kibrte, Meseret T.
Kidd, Alicia G.
Laing, Clinique
Lampkins, Cherese R.
Lampkins, Gabrielle J.
Martin, Miyani
Martin, Taylor I.
Mask, Jalen A.
Mbong, Iyana
McCartha, Nia C.
McClure, Arielle
McElroy, Aria N.
Mcconico, Kori
Miliner, Amariya D.
Miller, Korr'eona
Moore, Sade' M.
Morrison, Erin
Myers, Morgan J.
Nelson, Eric G.
Nelson, Linzee E.
Newman, Chloe M.
Nunn, Caleb J.
Owens, Mideonna
Parker, Rashad T.
Patterson, Promiss G.
Patton, Bryant R.

Pena, Michael A.
Peppers, Zoie G.
Peterson, Kaitlin P.
Price, Nathan-Wanya
Rankin, Alexandra S.
Reese, Jordan A.
Robinson, Kennedy M.
Roddy, Scottie
Rogers, Aliyah N.
Sanders, Alayziah
Simmons, Jamia
Skerritt, Jadah W.
Springer, Jamilah N.
Standifer, Morgan
Taylor, Madison C.
Taylor, Matthew L.
Taylor, Morghan J.
Thomas, Antonio
Thomas, Mari A.
Thomas, Ramaya S.
Thompson, Alana R.
Trapp, Chimiah J.
Trice, Kaili M.
Walker, As'shaunte
Wallace, Daija M.
Watson, Destiny N.
Williams, Gabrielle A.
Willis, Jaydin R.
Wilson, Cantrell
Wright, Payton N.

Dr. Levi Watkins Cohort III

Creighton-Mitchell,
Christopher Z.
Eneli, Onaedochukwu N.
Hollis, Chandler J.
Hughes, Miracle
Johnson, Jordyn A.
Lord, Ethan
Satchell, Gabriel R.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Lift every voice and sing,
Till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise
High as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.

- James Weldon Johnson, 1871 - 1928

ALMA MATER

In the land of golden sunshine,
By the Cumb'rland's fertile shore
Stands a school for greater service,
One that we adore.
Alma Mater how we love thee,
Love thy white and blue
May we strive to meet thy mandates
With faith that's true.

THANKS & DEDICATION

We would like to express our sincere thanks to President Glover, Provost Melton, the College Deans, TSU Wind Ensemble, the Honors Student Council, Honors Administration, Honors Inductees parents and guests for your support and participation.