

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCTOBER • 24-31 • 2021



Greetings from the 2021 Homecoming Chair



Greetings, Alumni & Friends:

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to welcome you back to one of the most celebrated times of the year at Tennessee State University, Homecoming! Homecoming has been a rich tradition of our university since its first documented occurrence in 1930.

As we navigate through unprecedented times and acclimate ourselves to a "new normal," we must take a moment to breathe, rejoice and continue to persevere. In 2020, University leaders were tasked in making the difficult decision to cancel our Homecoming festivities. Therefore, there is no better theme to describe our desire to reconnect with one another than, "The Return!" It is a time for our "Return to Celebration," our "Return to Excellence" and our "Return to a Renewed-Spirit!" Homecoming 2021 is a time to come back in full force to support our beloved alma mater, now like never before.

Homecoming Week will officially begin on Sunday, October 24, with an array of traditional events throughout the week including the conference football contest between the Racers of Murray State University and our very own TSU Tigers on Saturday, October 30. New head coach, Eddie George, and his talented coaching staff, will lead the Tigers as they take the field at Nissan Stadium with a televised game kickoff at 5:00 PM CDT. The game will be just one of the highlights of the day as we will bring back our legendary Homecoming Parade, showcasing our very own world-renowned Aristocrat of Bands, Royal Court, as well as many groups and organizations representing TSU students, alumni and the Nashville community. We are also proud and excited to salute a distinguished and well-deserving group of Grand Marshals and Honorees, giving special recognition to State of Tennessee House of Representatives, the Honorable Rev. Harold M. Love Jr., Ph.D., who will serve as our Presidential Grand Marshal.

Now, if you think we are finished on Saturday, think again...it's not over until it's OVER! The Young Alumni Network of TSUNAA will host its 40 Under 40 Brunch & Day Party, honoring both 2020 and 2021 recipients, on Sunday, October 31.

As in previous years, the Planning Committee has been working diligently to produce a week of events and activities that I'm sure you will appreciate and enjoy. Please keep in mind, we are very intentional with respect to the ongoing pandemic and want to ensure that all safety protocols will be followed as governed by the Centers for Disease Control, the city of Nashville and the university. We ask that you practice social distancing, and we strongly encourage mask wearing throughout the weekend, when and where appropriate. These efforts can only be accomplished with your continued patience and cooperation.

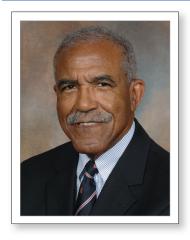
Lastly, please take a moment to review the official schedule of events for announcements and other information relative to the week of reunion. It is our hope to make Homecoming 2021—"*The Return*," a week full of memorable experiences, like we have grown accustomed. We look forward to seeing you and your family in October!

Yours in Excellence,

Grant L. Winrow, '89, '18

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GRAND MARSHALS



Dr. Alvin Crawford

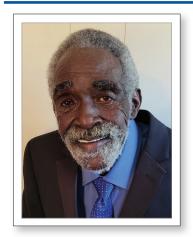


Mrs. Celestine Lowe



Mr. Alvin Marley

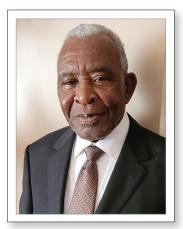
HONOREES



Mr. Herman D. Brady



Dr. Dorothy Granberry



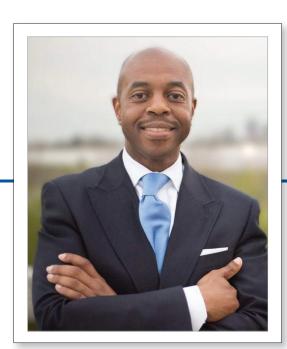
Dr. James E. Haney



Dr. Sandra Holt

PRESIDENTIAL GRAND MARSHAL

Rev. Harold M. Love, Jr., Ph.D



Sunday, October 24

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

Floyd-Payne Campus Center Robert N. Murrell Forum Free and open to the public Contact: Jacqueline Mitchell

jmitchell@tnstate.edu • 615.963.5741

6:00 P.M. Gospel Explosion

Howard C. Gentry Center/Cost: TBD

Contact: Frank Stevenson

fsteven1@tnstate.edu • 615.963.2154

9:00 P.M. Block Party

Old Courtyard/Cost: **FREE**Contact: Andre Bean

abean@tnstate.edu • 615.963.7588

Monday, October 25

6:30 P.M. **Jazz on the Lawn with a Slight Turn-up**

McWherter Administration Lawn/Cost: FREE

Contact: Frank Stevenson

fsteven1@tnstate.edu • 615.963.2154

Tuesday, October 26

11:00 A.M. TSU Stamped In Time:

Time Capsule Ceremony

Old Courtyard

Contact: Tiara Thomas tthomas87@tnstate.edu

6:00 P.M. Aux Cord Wars

Kean Hall Gymnasium/Cost: FREE

Contact: Andre Bean

abean@tnstate.edu • 615.963.7588

Wednesday, October 27

12:00 P.M. Courtyard

New Courtyard/Cost: **FREE** Contact: Andre Bean

abean@tnstate.edu • 615.963.7588

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

Kean Hall Gymnasium Contact: Dwight Pope

Dpope@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5655

Thursday, October 28

11:00 A.M. President and Legacy Society Day Party

"BY INVITATION ONLY"

Kean Hall Gymnasium

Contact: Ben Northington or Sonya Smith

bnorthington@tnstate.edu • 615.963.5522 ssmith6@tnstate.edu • 615.963.2963

12:30 P.M. Ralph Boston &

Catana Starks Annual
Golf Tournament

Hermitage Golf Course

Registration begins at 10:30 A.M.

Cost: \$125 per person; \$500 per team

Contact: Ben Northington or Dennie Marshall bnorthington@tnstate.edu • 615.963.5522

dmarsh2561@comcast.net • 615.330.2264

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

Floyd-Payne Campus Center, Robert N. Murrell Forum Contact: Erica Gilmore

615.878.0181

4:00 P.M. Mr. & Miss TSU Reception

"BY INVITATION ONLY"

The President's Residence Contact: Barbara Murrell

bmurrell@tnstate.edu • 615.963.7401

7:00 P.M. Homecoming Concert

Location and Cost: TBA
Contact: Andre Bean

abean@tnstate.edu • 615.963.7588

8:00 P.M. Alumni Black-Out Party

"Black is the New Blue"

Host Hotel: Grand Hyatt Grand Ballroom 1000 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203 Advance Tickets now available on Eventbrite

[https://bit.ly/3CJezP4] for \$30 Day of Event Tickets: \$35 Reserved Table of 10: \$400

Attire: Black Elegance (Splash of Blue optional)
Hosted by 92Q Kenny Smoov Morning Show with

Special Musical guest: Bizz & Everyday People

live band with Music by DJ C-Wiz

Contact: Debbi Howard

debbi.howard@tnstate.edu • 615.963.5831

Friday, October 29

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

Kean Hall Gymnasium

Cost: \$20 per person Contact: Debbi Howard

debbi.howard@tnstate.edu • 615.963.5831

9:00 A.M. Alumni 'Real Talk'

Walter S. Davis Humanities Building

T.E. Poag Auditorium

Hosted by TSU Office of Alumni Relations

and Starr Allen

(Alumni sharing their road to success

with the first-year students.)

Contact: Sonya Smith

Ssmith6@tnstate.edu • 615.963.2936

9:30 A.M. The 85th Anniversary of Alpha Chi Chapter Celebratory Breakfast

"Transforming Our Legacy with Fortitude"

Grand Hyatt Hotel Grand Ballroom

Contact: Jahnari Edwards or Colette Bradley edwardsj4.je@gmail.com • 334.520.0341 bradley.colette@yahoo.com • 615.293.8598

10:00 A.M. Charles Campbell Fish Fry

President's Lawn

Cost: \$15 Scholarship Donation
Contact: Janet Merriweather

tigergrowl78@gmail.com • 615.495.8970

11:00 A.M. TSU National Alumni Association

The Official Alumni Hall Pop Up Shop

William Jasper Hale Stadium End Zone (North End)

Contact: Kendric Dartis/

kendric_dartis@yahoo.com • 931.952.5957

12:00 P.M. Student Pep Rally

William Jasper Hale Stadium/Cost: FREE

Contact: Dwight Pope

Dpope@tnstate.edu / 615.963.5655

4:00 P.M. Roaring Loud Fest

TSU AOB performance is 6:00 p.m.

Show ends at 10:00 p.m.

Early bird tickets are ONLY \$40

Tables and VIP packages are available

Contact: Mario Mitchell roaringloudfest.com

roaringloudfest@gmail.com • 615-719-6900

6:00 P.M. NPHC Yard Show

Location and Cost: TBA Contact: Andre Bean

abean@tnstate.edu • 615.963.7588

7:00 P.M. TSU Scholarship Gala

Music City Center

201 Representative John Lewis Way South,

Nashville, TN 37203

Cost \$150 per person; \$1,500 table of 10

Contact: Iris Ramey, Debbi Howard, Marie Sueing www.tnstate.edu/gala • 615.963.5586

Saturday, October 30

9:00 A.M. Homecoming Parade

Jefferson Street

Contact: Andre Bean

tnstate.edu/alumni/homecoming/parade.aspx •

828.539.0358

4:45 P.M. **Pre-Game**

5:00 P.M. Kick Off (TSU vs. Murray State)

Nissan Stadium

Cost: \$20-\$50 per person (advance) \$30-\$55 per person (day of game) Contact: Ticket Office • 615.963.5841

7:00 P.M. **Tennessee State University Alumni of Elected Officials (TSU-AOEO) Reception**

Featuring "The Taste of TSU Spirits"

*INVITATION ONLY FOR TSU ALUMNI OF ELECTED OFFICIALS [CURRENT/FORMER]

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Location: The Grand Hyatt Hotel, 2nd Floor

Contact: Vivian Wilhoite

vivian.wilhoite@icloud.com • 615-589-2003

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

Host Hotel: Grand Hyatt Grand Ballroom 1000 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203

(The Official TSU After-Party featuring live music, DJ's,

Soul Train Line and TSU Trivia)

Hosted by: Tennessee State University National

Alumni Association (TSUNAA) and Mighty Rho Psi

Alumni Chapter

Cost: \$30 in advance; \$40 at the door Contact: Melissa Howard Smoot mdhoward91@yahoo.com

Sunday, October 31

11:00 A.M. The 40/40 Brunch & Day Party

"BY INVITATION ONLY" 40/40 BRUNCH
"GENERAL ADMISSION" DAY PARTY

Celebrating the 2020 & 2021 TSUNAA

Forty Under 40 Honorees

Host Hotel: Grand Hyatt, Rooftop 1000 Broadway, Nashville, TN 37203

Cost: General admission \$30

Contact: Kendric Dartis

programs@tsualumnionline.org

TSU HOMECOMING 2021

Department Of Communications • TSUNAA-Nashville Chapter • Robert N. Murrell Scholarship Fund



TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY 33RD ANNUAL

ORATORICAL CONTEST

SUNDAY • OCT. 24, 2021 • 3PM
ROBERT N. MURRELL FORUM • FLOYD-PAYNE CAMPUS CENTER



VARDS

First Place Second Place Third Place \$700 \$500 \$300

Prizes will be awarded for two categories Freshman and Upperclassman students 130 or more completed hours

Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell, Chair

Application and Abstract due Oct. 11, 2021. For application and more information visit us at:

www.murrellscholarshipfund.com

HOMECOMING 2021 THE RETURN SPONSORED BY TSU FOUNDATION

PRESIDENT SOCIETY & LEGACY MEMBERS

INVITATION ONLY

THURSDAY OCTOBER 28TH TIME: 11AM

RSVP BY OCTOBER 24TH

HTTPS://TSUFOUNDATIONDAYPARTY.EVENTBRITE.COM OR 615-963-5481

KEAN HALL









HOMECOMING 2021 THE RETURN

Mr. Ralph Boston & Dr. Catana Starks

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THURS 28TH OCT

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HERMITAGE GOLF COURSE

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: BEN NORTHINGTON @ (615) 963-5522 OR DENNIE MARSHALL @ (615) 330-2264

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KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

DR. ALVIN C. CRAWFORD

LECTURE SERIES AND WHITE COAT CEREMONY

OCTOBER 28th 2021

2:00 PM

THE MURRELL FORUM



TNSTATE.EDU/WATKINS

HOMECOMING 2021 THE RETURN TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY HONORING CASSANDRA GRIGGS. JAMES "MONK" JOHNSON, AND DWIGHT POPE

PRESIDENT'S LAWN

CURRENT COVID REGULATIONS WILL BE RESPECTED AT THIS EVENT

ANNUAL TSU HOMECOMING CHARLES A. CAMPBELL

> \$15 Donation SANDWICH & SODA 10AM-3PM OCTOBER



TENNESSES STATE UNIVERSITY NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
NASHVILLE CHAPTER | 615.495.8970

OCT 29TH 8am

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THE OFFICIAL

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OCTOBER 29TH
11AM | WILLIAM JASPER HALE STADIUM

FOOD • FUN • NETWORKING CANDIDATES CORNER

> SPONSORED BY JOHN SMITH MARKETING



SUNAA & PU RHO PSI ALUMNI CHAPTER

SATURDAY OCTOBER 30TH



LIVE MUSIC BY HIGHER GROUND

VIP TABLES LVIP EXPEDIENCE **VIP TABLES | VIP EXPERIENCE**

> HOSTED BY YOLO B AND MUSIC BY DJ LAWBREAKER

GRAND HYATT TIME 9PM



THURSDAY OCTOBER 28TH | TIME: 8PM

GRAND HYATT'
1000 BROADWAY NASHVILLE, TN



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Scholarship





TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY DINNER & PROGRAM 7:00PM

OCTOBER 29 FRIDAY



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201 REP. JOHN LEWIS WAY S, NASHVILLE TN 37203

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Presents the

ALUMNI Malk

Virtual Classroom Edition

Discussing Various Topics: Real Success, Real Failures, Real Inspiration

Friday, October 29, 2021

Guest Speakers



Adrienne Beamer 1996 Engineer NASA





Keri Floyd Kelly 1997 Director of versity, Equity



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Alumni would you like to share your success story with the 2021 freshman students virtually? Click the link below or scan the barcode to register.

https://bit.ly/3sZrtoM



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JUVENILE

EIGHTBALL & MJG TOO SHORT WEBBIE CRIME MOB

WITH THE TSU ARISTOCRAT OF BANDS

FRIDAY OCTOBER 29TH, 2021 RIVERFRONT PARK DOORS OPEN NASHVILLE, TN 4PM-10PM

FRIDAY DOORS OPEN

A PORTION OF ALL TICKET PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT THE TSU ARISTOCRAT OF BANDS

TICKETS AT ROARINGLOUDFEST.COM





TSUNAA



TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

2021 SCHEDULE



SEPTEMBER 5 CANTON, OH



SEPTEMBER 11 MEMPHIS, TN



SEPTEMBER 18 NASHVILLE, TN*



SEPTEMBER 25 CAPE GIRARDEAU, MO



OCTOBER 2 CLARKSVILLE, TN



OCTOBER 16 NASHVILLE, TN*



OCTOBER 23 CHARLESTON, IL



OCTOBER 30 NASHVILLE, TN*



NOVEMBER 5 MARTIN, TN



NOVEMBER 13 NASHVILLE, TN*



NOVEMBER 20 STARKVILLE, MS

