

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Homecoming 2015 • October 11 -17



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



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Celebrating
100
Years
1915  2015
of *Alumni* Excellence
Tennessee State University



Welcome Letter to All Alums

Cassandra Griggs ('93)

Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving



Dear Alumni and Friends,

We are excited and awaiting your arrival for Tennessee State University's 2015 Homecoming Celebration. This year we focus on one of our institution's greatest commodities — our esteemed alumni. Our theme is "TSU: Celebrating 100 Years of Alumni Excellence." Yes, 2015 marks 100 years that our National Alumni Association has been actively engaged in ensuring the life and legacy of TSU is present for generations to come. Through the support of our alumni, we continue to see great things happen here and look forward to 100 more years of involvement and support.

During the week of Oct. 11-17, join us as we present a Homecoming to remember filled with traditional events like the Miss TSU Coronation and the Homecoming Parade to lively fellowship events like the annual White-Out Mixer, Fish Fry, and Pep Rally. There is also a chance for everyone to dress up and give back at the Scholarship Gala and cheer on Big Blue during the Homecoming football game. We encourage you to take a moment to review this Homecoming pamphlet, which provides detailed scheduling information on Homecoming activities. It's also detachable for you to take with you.

There's no homecoming like a Tennessee State University Homecoming! So, start planning out your wardrobe, itinerary and time for catching up with old friends! We look forward to you seeing you and your family in October!

Sincerely,

Cassandra Griggs
Director
Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving



Homecoming Week

October 11 - 17, 2015

STUDENT SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

3:00 P.M.

**Robert N. Murrell
Oratorical Contest**

Floyd-Payne Campus Center
Robert N. Murrell Forum
Contact: Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell
(615) 963-7260

6:00 P.M.

Gospel Concert

Kean Hall
Contact: Dr. Jame'l Hodges
(615) 963-5085

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

11:00 A.M.

Courtyard

Welton Plaza (Old Courtyard)

7:00 P.M.

Battle of Residence Halls

Floyd-Payne Campus Center
Kean Hall Gymnasium
Contact(s): Yolanda Cato
(615) 963-7960 or
Joe Stukes (615) 963-7879

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

7:00 P.M.

Blue Sapphire Awards

Walter S. Davis Humanities
Building –Poag Auditorium
Contact: Randy Arnold
(615) 963-5119

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

11:00 A.M.

**Aspire Hoops and Hip-Hop
College Tour**

Welton Plaza
Contact: Student Affairs
(615) 963-5644

7:00 P.M.

**Coronation for
Mr. TSU & Miss TSU**

Kean Hall
Contact: Dr. Jame'l Hodges
(615) 963-5085

9:00 P.M.

**Non-Greek Organizations
Yard Show**

Amphitheater
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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

3:00 P.M.

Mr. & Miss TSU Reception

President's Home
4:00 p.m. - Group Picture
(Rose Garden)

Contact: Student Affairs
(615) 963-5644

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Homecoming Concert

Howard C. Gentry Complex
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Cost: *Students (with valid college ID) - \$10 in advance and \$15 at door; General public - \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.*

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

11:30 A.M.

Student Pep Rally

William Jasper Hale Stadium
Contact: Dr. Jame'l Hodges
(615) 963-5085

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**TSU National Pan-Hellenic
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**Homecoming Parade
to the Campus**

14th & Jefferson Street to 33rd
& John Merritt Blvd

NOON

Showcase of Bands
William Jasper Hale Stadium
Contact: Michelle Allen
(615) 963-5350
Cost: \$10.00

5:45 P.M.

Pre-Game

Nissan Stadium (formerly LP Field)

6:00 P.M.

Kick Off (TSU vs. Eastern Illinois)

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Contact: Kelli Sharpe
(615) 963-7451
Cost: *\$15.00 up to \$50.00*

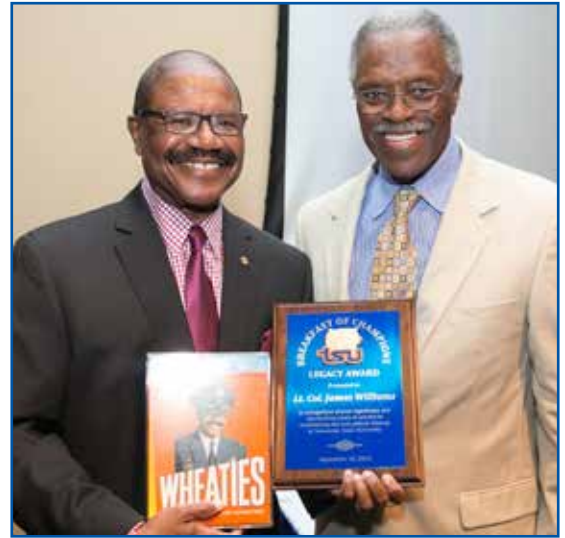
9:00 P.M.

(TSUNAA) Homecoming
Victory Party
Location: TBA
Contact: Tony Wells

2014 Homecoming Pictorial Highlights

September 21-27, 2014





Alumni Homecoming Week

October 11-17, 2015

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Honoree(s): Former Alumni Directors, Tennessee State University

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President's and Legacy Societies Luncheon (By invitation only based on legacy criteria)

Contact: Betsy Jackson – (615) 963-5481

Noon

Homecoming Class Reunions

1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005 & 2010

*Contact: The Office of Alumni Relations
for a full list of activities

Contact: Sonya Smith – (615) 963-2936

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SUBG Ice Cream Social

President's Lawn

Contact: Randy Arnold (615) 963-5119

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Agriculture & Home Economics Hall of Fame Reception

Farrell-Westbrook Agricultural Complex ("The Barn")

Contact: Debra Alexander (615) 963-5601

7:00 P.M.
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Alumni White-Out Mixer

Location: TBA
Attire: White
Contact: Cassandra Griggs (615) 963-5831
Cost: \$20 before Oct. 5; \$25 after Oct. 5

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

8:00 A.M.
President's Alumni Breakfast

Farwell-Westbrook Agricultural Building
Contact: Cassandra Griggs (615) 963-5831
Cost: \$20.00

8:00 A.M.
Ralph Boston Golf Tournament

Ted Rhodes Golf Course
Contact: Ben Northington (615) 963-5522
Cost: \$125.00

8:30 A.M.
Service Project: "Think, Work, Service"

Hadley Park
Contact: Randy Arnold (615) 963-5119

10:00 A.M.
Charles Campbell Fish Fry

President's Lawn
Contact: Sandra Hunt (615) 395-4931
Cost: \$10.00

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The Flying Tigers and Tigerbelles Reunion

Ed Temple Track
Contact: Chandra Cheeseborough, (615) 294-0051

6:00 P.M.
Scholarship Gala

Omni Hotel
Reception – 6:00 p.m.
Dinner and Program – 7:00 p.m.
Contact: Foundation Office – (615) 963-7756

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

Location: The Cave, 609 9th Avenue, South
Contact: Jerrold McRae (615) 491-2969 or
George Hendricks (615) 423-4039
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(Half-time) Check Presentations
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TSUNAA Alumni After Party

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Contact: TSUNAA (615) 963-5885

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2015 Grand Marshals

Tennessee State University National Alumni Association Former Presidents



RUBIN PERRY
1976-1978



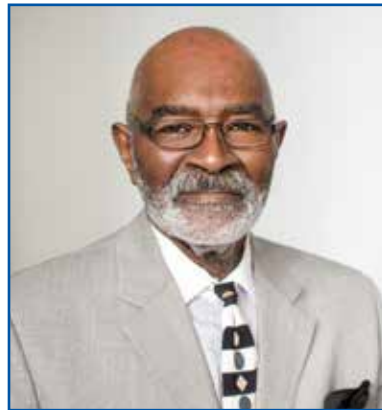
ROBERT L. SMITH
1998-2002



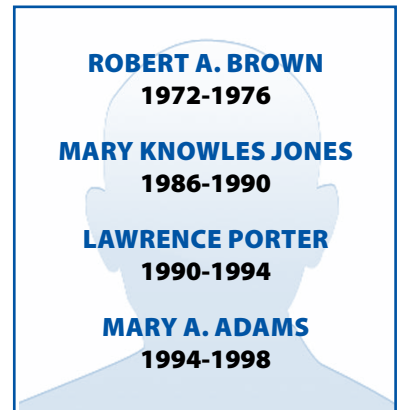
JAMES FORD
2002-2006



ADA JACKSON
2006-2008



LEONARD STEPHENS
2008-2012



ROBERT A. BROWN
1972-1976
MARY KNOWLES JONES
1986-1990
LAWRENCE PORTER
1990-1994
MARY A. ADAMS
1994-1998

**PHOTOS NOT
AVAILABLE**

2015 Honorees

Tennessee State University Former Alumni Directors



LEON KING
1979-1990



MARGARET WHITFIELD
1990-2001



MICHELLE VIERA
2001-2011

TSU 2015 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE



DATE

TIME

OPPONENT

LOCATION

JOHN MERRITT CLASSIC

September 6

6:00 p.m.

Alabama State

Nashville, Tenn. (Nissan Stadium)

SOUTHERN HERITAGE CLASSIC

September 12

6:00 p.m.

Jackson State

Memphis, Tenn.

September 19

1:00 p.m.

Jacksonville State

Jacksonville, Ala.

September 26

3:00 p.m.

Florida A&M

Tallahassee, Fla.

October 10

2:00 p.m.

UT Martin

Martin, Tenn.

HOMECOMING

October 17

6:00 p.m.

Eastern Illinois

Nashville, Tenn. (Nissan Stadium)

October 24

2:00 p.m.

Eastern Kentucky

Richmond, Ky.

KID'S DAY

October 31

2:00 p.m.

Austin Peay State

Nashville, Tenn. (Hale Stadium)

SENIOR DAY

November 7

2:00 p.m.

Murray State

Nashville, Tenn. (Hale Stadium)

November 21

1:30 p.m.

Tennessee Tech

Cookeville, Tenn.

*Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) game

2015 Homecoming Committee



Ms. Michelle Viera, Chair
Ms. Cassandra Griggs, Co-Chair

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Ms. Michelle Allen
Mr. Randy Arnold
Ms. Jennifer Bell
Mr. Sam Branch
Ms. Courtney Buggs
Chief Anthony Carter
Ms. Yolanda Cato
Dr. Gregory Clark
Ms. Peggy Earnest
Mr. Marcus Fritz
Ms. Jessica Gabriel
Mr. Thomas Graham
Ms. Annie Harris
Mr. Albert Hill
Dr. Jame'l Hodges
Ms. Sandra D. H. Hunt
Ms. Sharon Hurt
Dr. Curtis Johnson
Ms. Joni McReynolds
Dr. Jacqueline Mitchell
Mr. Keith Morgan
Sgt. Henry Perry
Dr. Sharon Peters
Ms. K. Dawn Rutledge
Ms. Toni Scruggs
Ms. Kelli Sharpe
Mr. Joel Sims
Mr. Joe Stukes
Ms. Seanne Wilson
Mr. Grant Winrow
Ms. Keyasha Wright
Ms. Tierra Young



SAVE-THE-DATE

*Class Reunion
Celebration*

**OCTOBER
11-17, 2015**



**Celebrating the Classes of
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**For more information,
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alumni@tnstate.edu**