



UPCOMING EVENTS

Meet & Greet Meeting

March 14 2015 (Saturday)
New Covenant Community Church of God
5160 Breton, Kentwood, MI
Noon-2:00PM

Tour Experience Workshop

March 19, 2015
Tour Q&A plus College Search Q&A
Prince of Peace MBC
715 Evergreen St SE
Grand Rapids, MI
6:00pm

2nd Mandatory Meeting

March 22, 2015 (Saturday)
New Covenant Community Church of God
5160 Breton, Kentwood, MI
11:00 AM-Noon

2015 - Carolina's Tour

April 6th-13th 2014
North Carolina & South Carolina

Elite Educationalist Appreciation Award Ceremony

April 18, 2015 (Saturday)
Applause Banquet Center
2728 Birchcrest SE
Grand Rapids, MI 49506



Scholarship opportunities are shared via email and listed on hbcute.com

Tuskegee Professor Commemorates Civil Rights With Art Exhibitions

Tuskegee Fine Arts Professor E. Bruce Phillips will exhibit throughout Alabama this month with artwork commemorating the civil rights movement.

His work is currently on display at the Georgine Clarke Alabama Artists Gallery at the Alabama State Council on the Arts, which debuted in January, and will also be featured at Huntingdon College's Annual Black History Month Exhibit, which will open Feb. 12.

According to a university release, Phillips places special emphasis on Alabama's role in demonstrations and tragic moments within the movement.

"Phillips, whose work incorporates found objects, used an old headboard and desk drawer to honor the memory of the four girls killed in the 16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham, Selma's Edmund Pettus Bridge march, and the many foot soldiers who worked for civil justice. According to a statement: "Images of the church and the bridge are painted onto the piece, which also features photographs from Birmingham's Linn and Kelly Ingram parks. The drawer contains trinkets – a 1963 penny, jewelry and an antique watch - that girls in 1963 may have had at the time. At the top is a stained glass window made from broken shards of glass and window."

'A light behind the glass represents a bright, illuminated future,' Phillips said."

Source: <http://www.hbcudigest.com/articles/0215/tuskegee-professor-commemorates-civil-rights-with-art-exhibitions.html>

Because Of Them We Can Celebrate

Throughout Black History Month 2015, The White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans and the Because of Them We Can Campaign are collaborating to empower and educate by highlighting important African American figures that have supported the learning and development of African Americans of all ages. Beginning February 1st, we will share images and fun facts or teachable moment designed to encourage learning about the hero of the day as well as sharing that information with loved ones, especially children youth.

Source: <http://www.ed.gov/blog/2015/02/because-of-them-we-can-celebrate-black-history-month/>

HBCUTE Alumni Spotlight

Keli Christopher, Ph.D. is currently the President and Lead Teacher for Mind Boggle LLC, a math and science education company, specializing in fun and hands-on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs. Dr. Christopher was educated in Grand Rapids Public Schools. After graduating from North Carolina A&T State University, she pursued both masters and doctoral degrees in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She became the first black person to receive a Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering from the University of Illinois and the third black woman in the world to receive a Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering. Keli has worked as an engineer for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Grand Rapids Area Pre-College Engineering Program, and the University of Phoenix. Keli started Mind Boggle in 2011. The business has grown to include clients such as the Douglas and Maria DeVos Foundation, Girl Scouts of America Shore to Shore, and the Grand Rapids University Prep Academy. Mind Boggle also offers after school and summer programs for GRPS LOOP, Forest Hills Public Schools, Grandville Public Schools, and several other communities in the Grand Rapids area.



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HBCU Alumni Spotlight



A collection of essays celebrating the Black College Experience
<http://www.blackcollegebook.com/>

HBCU Spotlight Texas Southern University www.tsu.edu

Texas Southern University, one of the nation's largest HBCU's, possesses an impressive array of undergraduate and graduate programs, a diverse faculty, 80-plus student organizations, and an alumni network comprised of educators, entrepreneurs, public servants, lawyers, pilots, artists, and more, many of whom are change agents on the local, national and international stage. Nestled upon a sprawling 150-acre campus, Texas Southern University has served as a cornerstone for developing the greatest potential in leaders from various socio-economic, cultural, and racial backgrounds.

Texas Southern University is located in Houston, TX.

More than 9,500 students, along with nearly 1,500 faculty and staff comprise the University's community.

Of the nine Texas Southern University schools and colleges, many have programs unique to the area and several have received national recognition for their outstanding performance. Texas Southern offers the only Urban Planning degree in the area and has one of only two flight simulators in the nation to support its airway sciences program. A new degree in entertainment management uses a state of the art sound studio as a laboratory for students learning both the technology and management needed for the Entertainment industry.

The Thurgood Marshall School of Law was named the most diverse law school in the nation three consecutive years by U.S. News and World Report. In addition, the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (COPHS) has historically produced over 27 percent of all the African American pharmacists in the nation.

The University has earned the U.S. government's designation of Texas Southern University as a National Transportation Security Center of Excellence (NTSCE), one of only six nationwide



U.S. STAMP HONORING TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY ARCHITECT TO BE RELEASED



The most prolific contributor to Tuskegee University's structural design and the namesake of its architecture and construction school will soon be remembered with the launch of a new U.S. postage stamp. On Thursday, February 12, the United States Postal Service will issue a limited edition of the Forever Stamp of Robert Robinson Taylor. The stamp is the 38th addition to the service's Black Heritage series.

Taylor is believed to have been both the first black graduate of MIT and the country's first academically trained black architect. The Taylor stamp will be officially introduced during a ceremony at 11 a.m. EST in the atrium of the Smithsonian National Postal Museum in Washington, D.C. Tuskegee University president, Dr. Brian L. Johnson, will bring remarks, along with Valerie Jarrett, Taylor's great granddaughter and senior advisor to President Barack Obama, and Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) president Rafael Reif. A celebration of the stamp's launch is also planned at Tuskegee University for later this month.

Buildings still used

Recruited by Tuskegee's first president, Booker T. Washington, Taylor came to the university in 1892 and spent nearly his entire career teaching, developing the architecture and construction trade program, and designing more than 20 campus buildings until his death in 1942. He was also the architect of The Oaks, Washington's home and modern day historic site. Many of his historic campus buildings still stand and are used today.

On the same day of the Washington, D.C. stamp launch, a second presentation will be made in the Smithsonian National Postal Museum at 6 p.m. EST to help open its "Freedom Just Around the Corner" exhibit. Jarrett will initiate the ribbon cutting. Tuskegee has also loaned several pieces to the gallery exhibit, which will be open until February 6, 2016.

Daya Irene Taylor (no relation), interim dean of the Robert R. Taylor School of Architecture and Construction Science marvels at the significance of Taylor's contributions to the university. She believes the stamp recognition will have a long-lasting impact.

"Acknowledging the contributions of black architects like Taylor is paramount to building the future generations of leaders in design and construction," she said.

-<http://postalmuseum.si.edu/exhibits/upcoming/index.html>

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