

Tennessee State University
Homecoming 2014

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Schedule of Events
September 21-27, 2014



Welcome Letter to All Alums

Cassandra Griggs ('93)
Director of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Are you ready to join your Tennessee State University family for Homecoming 2014? If so, I'll see you September 21-27 for this exciting celebration!

We look forward to welcoming all of our distinguished alumni back for an exciting week filled with special memories, camaraderie and cheerful giving. Come and see how your alma mater continues to positively transform and learn more about the outstanding academic programs, talented students and campus enhancements.

Please take a moment to review this publication for information on activities and events taking place during the 2014 Homecoming Celebration. This publication will provide you with details on cost and location of activities, articles on the Grand Marshal and Honorees, and provide you with a pictorial reminder of the fun we experienced in 2013.

There's nothing like a Big Blue Homecoming and the only thing needed to make it complete is YOU! Your participation is important to the success of our university and our students. Tennessee State University is special to all of us, and I hope you will take the time to share with our students what TSU means to you.

Sincerely,

Cassandra Griggs
Director
Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving



Homecoming Week

September 21 - 27, 2014

Student Schedule of Activities & Events

Code Blue: Mission 102

“CODE 102: Operation Gospel”
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

8:00 p.m.
Students' Caravan/Block Party
Amphitheater
Contact: Dr. Jame'l Hodges
(615) 963-5085

“Finding the Mole”
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

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/Joe Stukes
(615) 963-7879

“iSpy”
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

7:00 p.m.
All-White Glow Tent Party
Welton Plaza (old Courtyard)
Contact: Randy Arnold
(615) 963-5119

“The Royal Ambush”
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00 P.M.
Coronation for Miss TSU
and Mr. TSU
Kean Hall
Contact: Dr. Jame'l Hodges
(615) 963-5085

9:00 P.M.
Non-Greek Organizations
Yard Show
Amphitheater
Contact: Randy Arnold
(615) 963-5119

“E.P.I.C. Invasion”
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

NOON
SUBG Ice Cream Social
President's Lawn
Contact: Randy Arnold
(615) 963-5119

7:00 p.m.
Homecoming Concert
Gentry Complex
Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 at door
(Students with valid college ID)
\$15 in advance and \$20 at the
door (General public)

“Warfare”
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

11:30 a.m.
Pep Rally
William Jasper Hale Stadium
Contact: Dr. Jame'l Hodges
(615) 963-5085

5:00 p.m.
TSU National Pan-Hellenic
Step Show
Gentry Complex
Contact: Dr. Jame'l Hodges
(615) 963-5085
Cost: \$10 in advance;
\$15 at door
(Students with valid college ID)
\$15 in advance and \$20 at the
door (General public)

“Mission Complete”
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 a.m.
Homecoming Parade
14th & Jefferson Street to 33rd
& John Merritt Blvd.

11:00 a.m.
Greek Letter Organizations'
Serenades
Welton Plaza (Old Courtyard)

NOON
Showcase of Bands
William Jasper Hale Stadium
Contact: Michelle Allen
(615) 963-5350
Cost: \$5.00

5:45 p.m.
Pre-Game
L.P. Field

6:00 p.m.
Kick Off (TSU vs. FAMU)
L.P. Field
Cost: \$15.00 - \$50.00

2013 Homecoming Pictorial Highlights

October 20-26, 2013





Alumni Homecoming Week September 21-27, 2014

Grand Marshal: Claude Humphrey

Honorees: Drs. McDonald & Jamye C. Williams

Alumni Activities & Events—University Sponsored

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6:00 p.m.

Gospel Concert

Kean Hall

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00 p.m.

The Coronation for Mr. TSU & Miss TSU

Kean Hall

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

11:30 a.m.

President's and Legacy Societies Luncheon (By Invitation Only)

Jane Elliott Building

Contact: Betsy Jackson, (615) 963-7756

Noon

Homecoming Class Reunions

Honoring Classes: '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03, '08

'79, '84, '89, '94, '99, '04, '09

Contact: Sonya Smith (615) 963-2936

3:00 p.m.

Mr. & Miss TSU Reception

President's Home

4:00 p.m.

Group Picture

Rose Garden

7:00 p.m.

Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame Banquet & Induction Ceremony

Farrell - Westbrook Agricultural

Research and Extension Complex

Auditorium

Cost: \$45 per person or \$400 for a table of 10

Contact: Debra Alexander at (615) 963-5601

7:00 p.m.

Homecoming Concert

Gentry Complex

Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 at door (*Students with valid college ID*)

\$15 in advance and \$20 at the door (*General public*)

9:00 p.m.

Alumni White-Out Mixer

Sheraton Music City Hotel Ballroom

Attire: All White

Contact: Cassandra Griggs (615) 963-5831

Cost: \$15.00 (*in advance*); \$20.00 (*at the door*)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 a.m.

Breakfast of Champions

Farwell-Westbrook Building

Contact: Cassandra Griggs (615) 963-5831

Cost: \$20.00

8:00 a.m.

Ralph Boston Golf Tournament

Location: Heritage Golf Course

Contact: Dr. Catana Starks

Cost: \$125 per person

1:00 a.m.

Charles Campbell Fish Fry

President's Lawn

Cost: \$10 per person

Contact: Sandra Hunt

dsjanitorialserv@bellsouth.net

11:30 a.m.

Pep Rally

William Jasper Hale Stadium

Contact: Dr. Jame'l Hodges (615) 963-5650

5:00 p.m.

TSU National Pan-Hellenic Step Show

Location: Gentry Complex

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Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 at door (*Students with valid college ID*)

\$15 in advance / \$20 at the door (*General public*)

6:00 p.m.

Scholarship Reception & Gala

"An Evening of Honors"

Reception: 6:00 p.m.

Gala: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Music City Center

Downtown Nashville

Contact: Dr. Sharon Peters (615) 963-1845

Cost: \$150 per person

9:00 p.m.

Jesse James Football Alumni Mixer

Sheraton Music City Hotel

Cost: \$15 in advance; \$20 at the door

Jerrold McRae, (615) 491-2969

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00 a.m.

Homecoming Parade

14th Avenue & Jefferson Street to 33rd Avenue & Albion Street

11:00 a.m.

Greek Letter Organizations' Serenades

Welton Plaza (Old Courtyard)

11:15 a.m.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Luncheon

Jane Elliott Building

Contact: Harry Taylor (202) 546-0527

Noon

Showcase of Bands

William Jasper Hale Stadium

Contact: Michelle Allen (615) 963- 5350

Cost: \$5.00

5:45 p.m.

Pre-Game

L.P. Field

6:00 p.m.

Kick Off (TSU vs. FAMU)

L.P. Field

Cost: \$15.00-\$50.00

9:00 P.M.

(TSUNAA) Homecoming Victory Party

Location: TBA

VIP Access to the Alumni Homecoming Suite at LP Field is available. VIP tickets are \$75 per person. Seating is limited and will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. The deadline for purchasing tickets is September 15, 2014. For more information, call (615) 963-5381.

Introducing the 2014 Homecoming Grand Marshal

Hall of Famer to lead TSU Homecoming Celebration

Tiger Great Claude Humphrey named 2014 Grand Marshal

Tiger great and NFL standout Claude Humphrey has been named Tennessee State University's 2014 Homecoming Grand Marshal and it's a double celebration for Big Blue fans who also share in the excitement of Humphrey's selection to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Humphrey, along with Ray Guy, Derrick Brooks, Walter Jones, Andre Reed, Michael Strahan and Aeneas Williams, make up the Hall of Fame Class of 2014. The Enshrinement Ceremony will take place on Saturday, Aug. 2 in Canton, Ohio.

The Memphis, Tennessee native graduated from Lester High School and achieved notoriety following honors in (All-American) football, basketball and track & field. Humphrey was an All-American defensive tackle at TSU who went on to be one of the greatest pass rushers in the National Football League. Humphrey played for the Tigers from 1964 to 1967. He was initially an offensive tackle, but was switched to defensive end his freshman year, where he became a three-time All-American.

During his senior season, Humphrey played in four college all-star games: the Senior Bowl, the Blue-Gray

Game, the Coaches All-American Game and the College All-Star game. He ended his collegiate career as the all-time leader in sacks at TSU with 39. Currently, he is tied for second behind Lamar Carter along with fellow TSU legend and NFL Hall of Famer Richard Dent.

Humphrey was selected in the first round of the 1968 NFL draft going third overall to the Atlanta Falcons. During his rookie season in Atlanta, he was named AP Defensive Rookie of the Year.

Humphrey played 13 seasons in the NFL with the Atlanta Falcons (1968-74, 76-77) and the Philadelphia Eagles (1979-81).

While with Atlanta, he was named All-NFL or All-Pro eight times and was selected to the Pro Bowl on six different occasions. During the 1980 season with the Eagles, Humphrey totaled a team-high 14.5 sacks on the way to an NFC Championship and an appearance in Super Bowl XV.

Even though the sack didn't become an official NFL statistic until after he retired, Humphrey is still credited with 122 career sacks, including holding the all-time career sacks mark for the Falcons with 94.5.

He also has been honored by the Tennessee State University Hall of Fame, Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame (1988), the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame (2004), the Atlanta Sports Hall of Fame (2006), Atlanta Falcons' Ring of Honor (2008), the Black College Football Hall of Fame (2012) and by his high school's Hall of Fame. Humphrey's college and high schools both retired his jersey.

Throughout his life, Humphrey has spent time giving back to the community volunteering as a counselor for Nashville Parks and Recreation working with at-risk youth, serving as a member of President Richard Nixon's Council on Drug Abuse and on the advisory board of Atlanta Respite Services, Inc.

The 6'4" sack machine hosted "The Claude Humphrey Show" on WAOK Georgia in 1977-78 and appeared on the television show, "The Dukes of Hazzard," as Big John in 1979.

The true love of his life, Sandra, his wife of 47 years, passed in 2013. Humphrey is the proud father of three daughters: Chandra Cheyenne, Claudia, and Candice Cherokee.

Williams to be celebrated at 2014 Homecoming



By K. Dawn Rutledge

A chance meeting at Wilberforce University in 1942 has led to a lifetime of memories and successes for Drs. McDonald and Jamye Williams, who have been married for more than 70 years. The couple will share yet another memory during Homecoming as the two are saluted as the 2014 Honorees for their outstanding contributions to TSU.

Both made TSU the final stop on their professional journey. Dr. McDonald Williams spent 30 years at the university serving as director of the Honors Program and as a professor of English before retiring in 1988. His wife, Dr. Jamye Williams, retired just a year earlier ending her tenure as head of the Department of Communications, a position she held for 14 years.

The Williams have made advancing education and student success a priority in their careers. Their time spent at Tennessee State University afforded them an opportunity to see some of the university's most talented students graduate and excel. Jamye brings interesting perspective on how they positively shaped the lives of TSU

students — particularly one of her most famous students, Oprah Winfrey. "Her father wanted her to have a good education and a successful career," Jamye said. "He knew that having that [college] degree would continue to open doors for her."

Jamye said Winfrey's father encouraged her to call Oprah and convince her to finish what she started. So, in 1987, she made contact with Winfrey who, by this time, had established herself as a national talk show host.

"She sent me a check to pay for the three course hours and completed a documentary for her senior class project," Jamye said. "That same year, she was the Commencement speaker, and I remember her holding up her degree and saying 'See Daddy, I amount to something.'"

Since retiring, the Williams, who now reside in Atlanta, still make time to come back to TSU. They returned in 2012 for the university's Centennial Celebration, in 2013 for the inauguration of President Glenda Glover, and in March 2014 for the Honors Program's 50th anniversary celebration, in which McDonald was honored for his years

of dedication to the growth of the program.

Ironically, while the event was designed to honor McDonald's work, the couple showed gratitude by becoming the first major contributor donating \$10,000 toward an Honors College initiative.

"I wish we could have given more," McDonald said, adding that by establishing an Honors College it will raise the level of the program.

In 1988, the Tennessee Board of Regents granted the university approval to dedicate the McDonald Williams Honors Center.

During the 46 years the Williams spent in Nashville, they played an active role in the life of the university and in the community. The myriad of professional and civic affiliations, honors and publications they have amassed are too numerous to mention. They were active in the NAACP with Jamye serving as Life Membership Committee Chairman for 20 years and McDonald serving the civil rights organization as vice president. Currently, they are members of Big Bethel AME Church in Atlanta, Georgia. She is a life member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and he is a life member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

In addition to their support of TSU, the Williams provide scholarship support to other universities, including Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce University and through the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee.

"I would recommend anyone who wants to go to college to consider Tennessee State University with no hesitation at all," McDonald said. "So many students there have done well over the years."



DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
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JOHN MERRITT CLASSIC

August 30	6:00 p.m.	Edward Waters	Nashville, Tenn. (LP Field)
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September 6	5:00 p.m.	Alabama State	Montgomery, Ala.
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SOUTHERN HERITAGE CLASSIC

September 13	6:00 p.m.	Jackson State	Memphis, Tenn.
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September 20	2:00 p.m.	Tennessee Tech*	Nashville, Tenn. (Hale Stadium)
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HOMECOMING

September 27	6:00 p.m.	Florida A&M	Nashville, Tenn. (LP Field)
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October 4	1:00 p.m.	Southeast Missouri*	Cape Girardeau, Mo.
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October 11	2:00 p.m.	Jacksonville State*	Nashville, Tenn. (Hale Stadium)
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October 18	2:00 p.m.	UT Martin*	Nashville, Tenn. (Hale Stadium)
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October 25	1:30 p.m.	Eastern Illinois*	Charleston, Ill.
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November 1	2:00 p.m.	Eastern Kentucky*	Nashville, Tenn. (LP Field)
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November 8	TBA	Austin Peay*	Clarksville, Tenn.
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November 15	TBA	OPEN	Nashville, Tenn.
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November 22	1:00 p.m.	Murray State*	Murray, Ky.
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November 29	TBA	FCS Playoffs	TBA
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*Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) game

2014 Homecoming Committee



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**September
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**Celebrating the
Classes of**

**'78, '83, '88, '93,
'98, '03,**

**'08 '79, '84, '89,
'94, '99, '04, &
'09**

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