

Honors Crossing Over Ceremony

Sunday, August 18, 2024
2:00 pm - 4:00pm CST

The Ceremony

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Master & Mistress of Ceremony, President of Honors Student Council, Travis Ducksworth
& D'Maia Butler, Honors Council Secretary

National Anthem

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

Introductions of Honors Council

Travis Ducksworth, President of Honors Council

Introduction of the Honors College Dean

Reneka Duke, Communications Chair

Occasion

Dr. Coreen Jackson, Dean of University Honors College

Introduction of Speaker

Nathaelle Georges, Vice President & D'Maia Butler, Secretary

University Welcome & Remarks

Dr. Ronald Johnson, Interim President, Tennessee State University

Candle Lighting Statement

Kennedy Johnson, 2nd Vice President & Melanie Anderson, Fund-Raising Chair

Honors College Pledge

Myria Wilbert, Ms. Honors & Calvin Pickett, Mr. Honors

Introduction of Inductees

Dr. Tyrone Miller, Director of University Honors College

Closing Remarks

Dr. Coreen Jackson, Dean of University Honors College

Tennessee State University Alma Mater



Dr. Ronald Johnson **Interim President, Tennessee State University**

The Tennessee State University Board of Trustees appointed Dr. Ronald Johnson to serve as the Interim President of the University, effective July 1, 2024. Dr. Johnson's distinguished career in higher education spans nearly two decades, with significant leadership roles at some of our nation's most distinguished historically Black universities (HBCUs).

He is known for his commitment to amplifying student success and strengthening the financial health and long-term sustainability of colleges and universities through a culture of accountability, shared governance, mentorship, and continuous improvement.

Dr. Johnson is currently a Presidential Counsel in the Registry Advisory Service Board Governance and Leadership Practice. He is a co-founder and Advisory Board Member of the HBCU Executive Leadership Institute (ELI) at CAU and a recipient of its inaugural Frederick S. Humphries Leadership Award. ELI's mission is to increase the number of qualified candidates for the presidency and cabinet-level positions at HBCUs through a program centered on the development of leadership competencies, mentorship by current and former HBCU presidents, and real time practice in HBCU working environments.

He served as a member of the President's Advisory Board of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities and served as the Chairman of the Consumer Advisory Board of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau of the United States.

Dr. Johnson held the position of President and Chief Investment Officer at Smith Graham & Company, and Director of Global Fixed Income Research and Senior Portfolio Manager for Franklin Templeton Worldwide.

Dr. Johnson earned a PhD and MA in economics from Stanford University, after completing an MBA in finance and a BA in economics from Adelphi University.

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)

2024 Honors College Inductees

Fall 2024 Incoming Honors Students

Aryal, Prabesh
Barksdale, Christopher C.
Barlow, Cathalene S.
Blausler, Olivia
Bodude, Elexis A.
Booker, Malachi L.
Boswell, Ashlyn C.
Brice, Kaitlynn J.
Clayborne, Nyara J.
Clayton, Madison M.
Crawford, Nia R.
Davis, Zachary M.
Dye, Robert L.
Eddins, Emerie E.
Elmore, Roderick C.
Hall, Alexander T.
Hamilton, Kaley E.
Hardison, Edward L.
Harley, Niyah L.
Hereford, Keral J.
Hines, Marcono R.
Hollie, Alana S.
Johnson, Jesse B.
Johnson, Reginald D.
Jones, Andrew D.
Lewis, A'Niyaha A.
Malone, Robert M.
McBride, Liana
McGill, Cyria
McGowan, Karis E.
Mitchell, Kennedy S.
Perez, Alfonso
Phillips, Joselyn K.
Pugh, Deshaun K.
Quinney, Sa'Mya E.
Ray, Ashanti
Riley, Liberty A.
Rivers, Camden T.
Robertson, Ma'Khya J.
Samuels, Emilia
Shaw, Neziah A.
Thigpen, Kaeden
Travis, Sejal A.
Valentine, Kyla M.
Wash-Ukel, Benjamin X.
White, Brendyn F.
Willingham, Jaleah C.
Wimbish, Kamryn D.
Wyatt, Jaeden
Yates, Royce E.
Young, John K.
Adams, Tiffany S.
Aldadi, Manahil M.
Awuah, Brittany
Ayala, Holly A.
Beason, Tonja J.
Black, Alani S.
Boggs, Andre'ona D.

Boulware, Jania
Bowen, Karmen M.
Breslin, Imani L.
Brock, Jordan N.
Brown, Landen A.
Brown, Tanijah S.
Cain, Naviea B.
Calvin, Makayla M.
Carter, Delyana
Cason, Kennedy
Catron, Kennedy N.
Chambers, Makenzie
Clark, Sanyla P.
Coffee, Nevaeh N.
Corley, Kirah S.
Culver, Brooklynn J.
Curry, Justin J.
Dains, Justice S.
Day, Makiyah A.
DeMar, Nehemiah W.
Dobbs, Samiya A.
Drake, Cenia A.
Dupiche, Brianna R.
Ealy, Alivia S.
Fisher, Kennedy A.
Fitzgerald, Jada
Frazier, Deja L.
Freeman, Semaj M.
Gaskins, Iveriana
Gillum, Brighton A.
Gray, Kayla I.
Griffin, Laila K.
Gyimatey, Demetrius
Hampton, Kierah L.
Herndon, Enyla M.
Hibbler, Chassidy R.
Hill, Jaron M.
Hill, Jasmine
Holifield, Aeriana R.
Howard, Naja
Hughes, Takirah J.
Hunt, Rochelle
Husein, Daaimah I.
Jackson, Ceara
Jacksonance, Amiyah D.
Jenkins, Jessica L.
Jinnah, Lela A.
Johnson, Canerica L.
Johnson, Sylvia A.
Jones, Ethan
Jones, Josiah L.
Jones, Makayla D.
Jones, Makiya T.
Kelly, Khyrastin
Kuykindall, Brielle
Leonard, Jade S.
Lockwood, Mariah D.
Long, Janae T.
Malott, Nya
Marner, Mykhiya
Matthews, Maalik

McElrath, Jazmine
McGhee, Saraia E.
Meronard, Serenity I.
Miles, Brittany R.
Moore, Morgan D.
Muhsin, Aven
Peacock, Brayana T.
Peterson, Shamyah
Polk, Courtney C.
Reed, Tamisha
Robinson, Josiah C.
Sah, Sujata
Salley, Jordan
Sanders, Jayla
Sanders, Nierah E.
Shannon, Kennedy Y.
Smith-Garrett, Ciara M.
Smith, Genesis N.
Strong, Logan
Stubbs, Deniscia E.
Talbot-Minors, Kiyare Z.
Teague, Jomairi D.
Thacker, Paige
Thomas, Talaya
Threets, My'Layah E.
Trotter, Jean-Michael
Wadlington, Dia J.
Walters, Mishca
Williams, Triston J.
Wiseman, India L.
Worrels, Aniya S.
Yadav, Mahesh
Yisrael, Abiyah M.

Fall 2024 Friends of Honors

Ageeb - Rolle, Isabella M.
Allen, Alriel J.
Avery, Kaitlyn S.
Berry, Parker M.
Ellis, Alanah C.
Green, Ciara S.
Gunter, Marc
Hall, Jordyn S.
Hall, Maya M.
Howard, Bryce K.
Hyder, Yaseen I.
Lands, Ukari
Lee, ZaNeah K.
Mickle, Charles W.
Pritchett, Amare
Tate, Austin M.
Walker, Zalena T.
Williams, Braxton T.
Wilson, Kendall M.

Spring 2024 Incoming Honors

Alford, Morgan E.
Alkhunjujuf, Nasser A.

Almakrami, Abbas
Alqahmi, Abeer A.
Alqahmi, Ghadir A.
Alyami, Mohammed H.
Anderson, Christian
Avila Marrugo, Luciana
Bell, Autumn J.
Bostick, Daishia M.
Bowe, Chardonnay D.
Burruss, Shelby D.
Campbell, D'onna K.
Clark, Trinity I.
Dargon, Naomie A.
Davis, Kennedy M.
Floyd, Jocelyn R.
Frazier, Kourtlyn M.
Gaitor, Annastazia A.
Gatton, Rhylan L.
Gittoes-Singh, Jeniyah J.
Haris, Zaharah N.
Henderson, Mikayla J.
Hill, Autumn-Grace M.
Jaber, Abdulrahman K.
Jones, Amariana S.
Jones, Micaiah C.
Joseph, Nivantae
London, Elliott
Moore, Desmond A.
Morgan, Sherin M.
Neely, Christopher W.
O'Conno, Hannah G.
Parker, Deja M.
Pinder, Cameo G.
Rogers, Sydney L.
Rolle, Lyric
Shehadah, Zina T.
Smith, Kaila M.
Spencer, Kyliya
Stewart, Kiari
Strange, Jasmine
Tatum, Brianna N.
Tawlah, Ahmad
Terwey, Nicole A.
Van Name, William
Vaughn, TaLese
Warren, Anascensia
Whitmore, Sanai V.
Wimberly, Ameena Y.
Young, Anaya A.

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 Interim President Johnson, Provost Melton, the College Deans, TSU Wind Ensemble, the Honors Student Council, Honors Administration, Honors Inductees parents and guests for your support and participation.