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# GIVE THE PEOPLE LIGHT AND THEY WILL FIND THEIR WAY!

## MISSION STATEMENT

Texas College is a historically black college founded in 1894, by a group of Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) ministers. Our mission, which continues to embody the principles of the CME Church, is to ensure that the student body experiences balanced intellectual, psychological, social and spiritual development, aimed at enabling them to become active productive members of society where they live and work.

## CORE VALUES

To address the mission, the College incorporates the Core Values listed below:

- **Academic Excellence** — Develop a culture of curiosity and creativity that will challenge the frontiers of teaching/learning; stimulate research; raise the level of analytical reasoning and inquiry; and enable students to acquire leadership, human relations, communication, and technology skills.
- **Integrity** — Instilling the pursuit of character, honesty, and sincerity of purpose as the moral rubrics upon which the behaviors of our graduates and College family are anchored.
- **Perseverance** — Implanting diligence, enterprise, and pride in the application of skills, knowledge, and abilities developed during the course of study at Texas College.
- **Social Responsibility** — Promoting in the College community a conscious awareness that we are all stewards of the resources entrusted to our care.
- **Tolerance** — Emphasizing openness to divergent points of view and applying an eclectic approach to rational and analytical thinking.
- **Community Service** — Encouraging self-extension in service to others as the heart and soul of our educational enterprise.

## WHO IS TEXAS COLLEGE?

Texas College offers 14 programs of study in liberal arts and sciences: 12 Baccalaureate Degree programs and two Associate in Arts programs. Students can study within one of four major divisions — Business and Social Sciences, Education, General Studies and Humanities, and Natural and Computational Sciences. In addition to traditional academic programs, the College offers specialized programs that meet the needs of non-traditional students: the SUCCESS Program, an accelerated modular Degree Completion Program in Business Administration (for adults who desire to obtain their Bachelor's degree while fulfilling their work and family obligations) and the post-baccalaureate alternative Teacher Education Certification program.

Some of the best educators in the country received their formal education at Texas College. The College's science and social science programs prepare students seeking professional careers in Computer Science, Medicine, and Law. In addition, the business acumen acquired by graduates of the College's Business program has led them to productive and highly successful careers in a variety of business arenas. The College has established and continues to operate a superb Teacher Education program.

Paramount to the College's goal of improving access to higher education, Texas College remains resolute in its commitment to the policy of open admissions; therefore, the College provides a comprehensive student learning program that includes early assessment of learning needs, academic advisement, study skills assistance, tutoring, and personal guidance through the First and Second Year Program.



Class of 2017 graduates pose as they wait to enter Caldwell Auditorium for Commencement.

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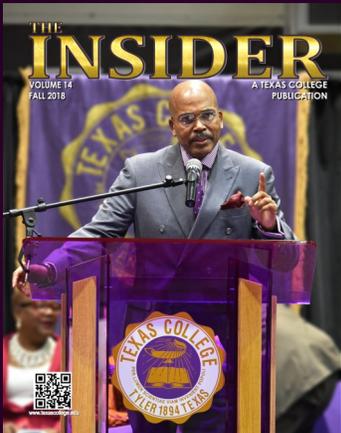
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President Dwight J. Fennell speaks at the 2018 Homecoming Convocation.

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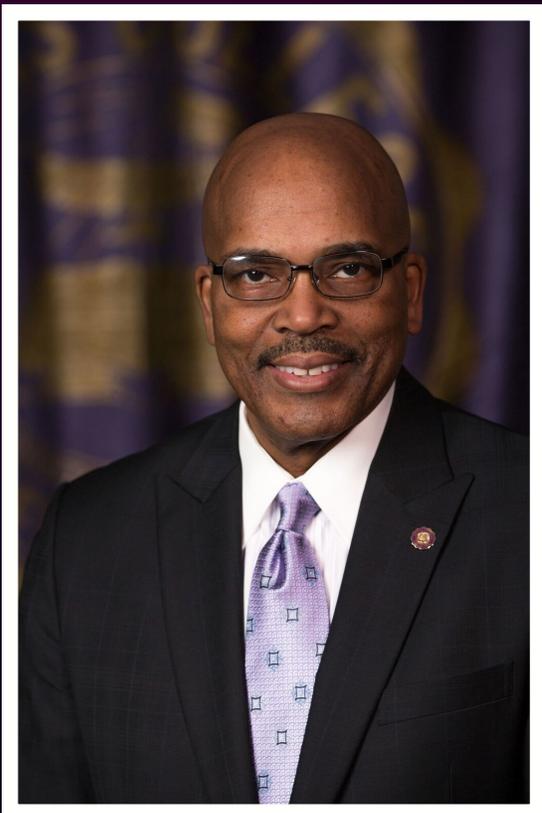
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# The President's Pen



Dear Friends and Alumni,

We are pleased to share this most recent edition of the INSIDER magazine. You should note from your review that a number of good things have and are continuing to occur at Texas College. To this end, we have experienced enrollment growth, endowment growth, newly renovated buildings, new academic partnerships and updated academic programs and more.

We are also pleased to share that the upcoming spring term will move the College into her 125th Anniversary; this is an exciting time for any institution that has tenure of more than a century. It should be noted that all that has and continues to occur is a result of the goodness of God, who works with and through us. We are also blessed to have alumni and friends who believe in and support the mission and core values of this great institution. And, it is expected that there are many more great things to come!

Thank you in advance for making the 125th year a "special" one with your best financial gifts. We look forward to receiving your generous contribution to assist us as we move forward to provide the best education in the most accommodating facilities available to us for the next 125 years and beyond.

Wishing you the best and may God continue to bless you richly!

Sincerely,

Dwight J. Fennell  
President



# HBCUs Make America Strong:

## THE POSITIVE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF TEXAS COLLEGE

**Texas College is a valuable economic engine in its community, generating substantial economic returns year after year.** The benefits flow to Texas College's graduates, of course, who'll enter the workforce with sharper skills and vastly enhanced earning prospects. But, as a landmark study commissioned by UNCF—*HBCUs Make America Strong: The Positive Economic Impact of Historically Black Colleges and Universities*—makes clear, the benefits also flow to the local and regional economies that are connected to Texas College.

The presence of an HBCU means a boost to economic activity, on and off—and even well beyond—campus. Stronger growth. Stronger communities. More jobs. And a more talented workforce.

**The study's key findings (based on 2014 data) make a persuasive case:**

### Total Economic Impact: \$25 Million

- Texas College generates \$25 million in *total* economic impact for its local and regional economies. This estimate includes direct spending by Texas College on faculty, employees, academic programs and operations—and by students attending the institution, as well as the follow-on effects of that spending.
- Every dollar spent by Texas College and its students produces positive economic benefits, generating \$1.27 in initial and subsequent spending for its local and regional economies. Communities and regions hoping to foster a more robust and diversified economic climate find HBCU-connected spending a critical component of that effort.

### Total Employment Impact: 282 Jobs

- Texas College generates 282 jobs for its local and regional economies. Of this total, 139 are on-campus jobs, and 143 are off-campus jobs.
- For each job created on campus, another 1.0 public- or private-sector job is created off campus because of Texas College-related spending.
- Looked at in a different way: Each \$1 million initially spent by Texas College and its students creates 15 jobs.

### Total Lifetime Earnings for Graduates: \$243 Million

- Texas College plays a major role in the economic success of its graduates by enhancing their education, training and leadership skills. A college degree opens the door to economic prosperity through greater employment and earnings potential. In fact, the 101 Texas College graduates in 2014 can expect total earnings of \$243 million over their lifetimes—that's 67 percent more than they could expect to earn without their college credentials.
- Or viewed on an individual basis, a Texas College graduate working full time throughout his or her working life can expect to earn \$969,000 in *additional* income due to a college credential.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>This estimate reflects incremental earnings averaged across degree and certificate programs.



# FALL 2018

## Texas College Begins Academic Year



Students attend the first day of courses for the Fall 2018 academic term.

The summer drew to an end for Texas College students as new and transfer students moved in August 15th and returning students arrived on the 18th. With the dorms at maximum capacity, classes began on the 22nd. The campus was full of energy, students were eager to learn, faculty members were excited to teach and staff members were enthusiastic to assist as classes kicked off for the semester. The campus was full and bustling with a very diverse student body engaged in the Texas College experience of intellectual, psychological, social and spiritual development.

## Opening School Convocation

Texas College held their Opening School Convocation on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gus F. Taylor Gymnasium. This annual formal academic event serves to officially recognize and celebrate the beginning of the academic year, as well as, welcome new students to the Texas College Family. Aligning with the College's mission and faith-based founding, all new students were gifted a Bible from Texas College.

The incoming class of Fall 2018 boasts the largest enrollment seen in recent years, with grade point averages at an all-time high. This sizable class of new students increased enrollment to 1,044 students, the largest experienced under Dr. Fennell's administration. While the record is exciting for the 124-year-old institution, Dr. Fennell raised the bar in his comments, hoping to continue growth to 1,100 students by Spring 2019. The program's platform included President Dwight J. Fennell, his executive cabinet, City of Tyler Councilman Ed Moore, Texas College National Alumni Association President Gwendolyn Collins, SGA President Malcolm Patton, Jr. and Miss Texas College Relicia Morrison. Q'Juan Gray, Senior Buyer for NCH Corporation in Irving, Texas and former TCNAA President, served as the speaker for the occasion.



Dr. Dwight J. Fennell presents Convocation Speaker Q'Juan Gray with a plaque in appreciation for her address and contributions to Texas College.

# EMERGING LEADERS PROGRAM

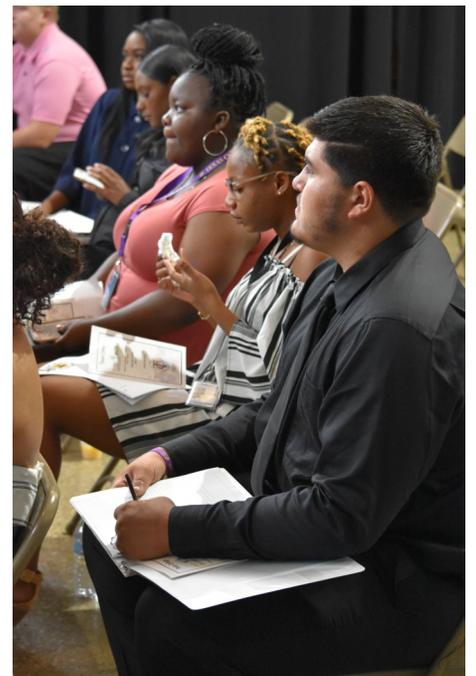


The Emerging Leaders pose for a photograph with Dr. Kent Willis , following his presentation.

Texas College introduced a new program to the campus this fall, the Emerging Leaders Program. On Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25 students braved a rainy morning to participate in the inaugural Emerging Leadership Forum on the Texas College Campus. The forum officially kicked off the Emerging Leaders Program, which is designed to build leadership skills and inspire students to get involved in the organizations and causes they are passionate about on campus, in the Tyler community, and beyond.

The keynote speaker for 2018's forum was Dr. Kent L. Willis. Willis is an educator, coach and mentor currently serving as Associate Provost for Institutional Effectiveness at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler. He is also active in the community and an alumnus of Leadership Tyler Class 31. With experience in secondary and post-secondary education, his research interests include college and career readiness, as well as school-based health promotion and education policy. Actively involved in research and scholarship, he serves as a reviewer for academic journals published by the National Council of Professors of Educational Administration (NCPEA) and the Collaborative Educational Programs for the Americas (CEPA).

Dr. Willis encouraged the student leaders to become the difference they want to see in the world. He reminded them that leadership is not an easy task and that they must align themselves with people who continually strive for excellence. The students were also allowed to ask Dr. Willis questions and seek advice on how to become more effective and efficient leaders



Students listen intently to Dr. Willis' presentation.

# TEXAS COLLEGE VOTES

## Voter Registration Drive



A member of the League of Women Voters assists a Texas College student in registering to vote.

In an effort to increase student participation in the election process, Texas College partnered with the League of Women Voters and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. to host a voter registration drive. With tables set up and approximately 15 volunteers from both organizations, the drive took place in the McKinney Hall Connector on Tuesday, September 25th. The initiative successfully registered over 200 students to vote in the upcoming elections.

## Students at the Polls



Students pose for a picture after voting at the Glass Recreation Center.

Texas College students showed up in large numbers at the Glass Recreation Center polls for the midterm elections on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. For students who did not have transportation, the College provided a van to and from the polls all day long, leaving students no excuse for not voting. As an added incentive, student groups hosted a voting party on campus, providing free pizza to those who voted.

## Student Leaders Participate in Town Hall Meeting with Beto O'Rourke



Student leaders gather for a photo after the town hall meeting with Beto O'Rourke.

On Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, Texas College partnered with The Links, Inc. for a live streamed town hall meeting with Beto O'Rourke, the 2018 Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate. The event aimed to increase voter education and voter registration for students. The town hall was hosted on Prairie View A&M's campus, but was live streamed to six other Texas institutions. This allowed students to submit questions to candidate O'Rourke via email and text.

# ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

## Texas College Partners with UT Health

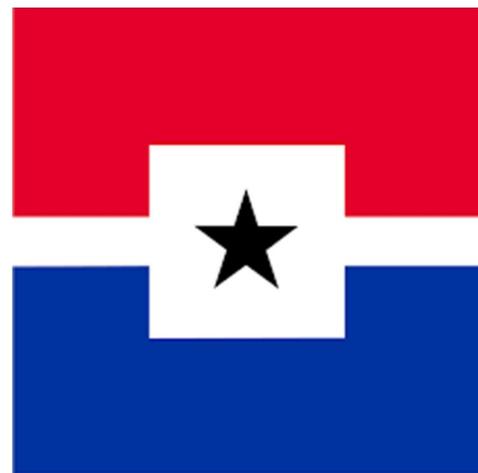


Administrators and faculty from Texas College and UT Health Science Center at Tyler pose for a picture following a strategic meeting.

In late October, Texas College signed a memorandum of understanding with the UT Health Science Center at Tyler, which created the UT Health/Texas College Pre-Health Academy. The Pre-Health Academy will provide students seeking advanced degrees in health-related careers (e.g., medicine, public health, dentistry, pharmacy, physical therapy, sports medicine, etc.) with a pathway to prepare for further study. Students will be afforded opportunities to gain exposure to the breadth and depth of various health-related fields through research, experiential learning, job shadowing, volunteerism and clinical experiences. The Academy will also assist with MCAT and GRE test preparation to ensure quality scores. Students will have structured opportunities to:

- 1) Link theory and practice through clinical experience and research.
- 2) Explore the depth and breadth of various health-related disciplines.
- 3) Receive guidance and support through mentorship

## Texas College Partners with the Dallas County Community College District



Texas College and the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) have signed a credit transfer agreement that provides DCCCD students with a pipeline to Bachelor's degrees at Texas College. Applicants successfully completing an articulated pathway in the Associate in Arts or Associate in Science with a 2.0 or better grade point average will now have a seamless transition into the Bachelor's degree programs at Texas College. The articulated pathways include Business Administration, Computer Science, Biology, Criminal Justice, Music and Sociology.

# STEER NEWS

## East Texas Communities Foundation Grant Closing



Interviewees pose with President Dwight J. Fennell, Linda-Simmons-Henry, Barbara Cade, and Tyler Library representatives.

On October 24th the D.R. Glass Library closed out their grant from the East Texas Communities Foundation, Inc. with a luncheon to unveil their project and honor those featured. The D. R. Glass Library, in partnership with the Division of General Studies and Humanities, received a grant from the East Texas Communities Foundation, Inc. in the amount of \$10,000; the funds sponsored an oral history project entitled “Tyler’s African American Voices: Their Stories, Our History”. As a part of the project, 23 residents of North Tyler and the Texas College District were interviewed to document the community’s history. The interviews were recorded digitally and deposited for scholarly use in the D. R. Glass Library, as well as the Tyler Public Library. In addition to the oral history project, development of the second publication of the journal entitled “The Connector” was also produced.

For more information regarding the historical documentation, please contact Ms. Linda Simmons-Henry at (903)593-8311, extension 2345.



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# STEER NEWS

## Texas College Concert Choir Hosts Production at the Black Academy of Arts & Letters



The Texas College Concert Choir proudly performed their major concert production, “Why We Sing: The Evolution of Black Sacred Music” on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7:30 p.m. on the world-renowned Naomi Bruton stage at The Black Academy of Arts & Letters in Dallas, Texas. This most stunning and moving production highlighted sacred works from prominent African American composers such as Roland Carter, Moses Hogan, Stacey Gibbs, Richard Smallwood, Kirk Franklin, John P. Kee and many others.

Through versatile vocal and artistic creative genius, this premiere ensemble took attendees on a historical musical journey highlighting key contributors to the development of the unique sound of African American Sacred Music. The production concluded with a moving tribute to Dallas/Ft. Worth past and present Choir Directors and Musicians. Featured guest soloists included Chadney Christle, Tekoah Stevenson, Steven Warren, Lawyer Turner, Denice Wilson, and TJ Miner.

## Dr. Michelle Norfleet Honored by the East Texas Chapter of The Links, Inc.



The East Texas Chapter of the Links, Inc. honored Dr. Michelle Norfleet, among other East Texas HBCU choral music directors, at their annual Jazz Brunch. The event took place Saturday, September 22nd at the University of Texas at Tyler Ornelas Center; it featured a silent auction, raffles, door prizes and musical entertainment for guests. The annual Jazz Brunch serves as a fundraising effort to provide scholarships for East Texas students

Dr. Michelle Norfleet, Texas College Concert Choir Director, is presented award by Tina Wesley, Jazz Brunch Chair, and Joyce Armstrong-Scurry, East Texas Chapter of the Links, Inc. President.

# STEER NEWS

## Coach Marquet Norfleet Speaks at Grand Prairie ISD College Night



Coach Marquet Norfleet speaks to a group of student-athletes at the Grand Prairie ISD College Night.

## Dr. Ray McDonald Speaks at Panola County Senior Expo

Dr. Ray McDonald, Associate Professor of Social Work, served as the plenary speaker for the 2018 Panola County Senior Expo. The expo was held in Carthage, Texas on September 25, 2018. Dr. McDonald's presentation included topics on aging misconceptions, dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Further, he provided thorough descriptions of factors leading to Alzheimer's, stage progression and combinations of medication and therapy that could help delay symptom progression. Dr. McDonald has also published a book on the subject, *Understanding the Alzheimer's Patient: Coping and Strategies*, to help both the patient and caregiver understand the disease and its effects.

Head Men's Basketball Coach, Marquet Norfleet, spoke at the Grand Prairie ISD College and Career Readiness College Night on Thursday, September 20th. Norfleet held multiple sessions throughout the evening, speaking to over 2,000 high school student-athletes. Topics of interest discussed included the process of recruiting, collegiate level competition requirements, scholarship opportunities, and the steps of transitioning into a collegiate student-athlete. Norfleet also emphasized the importance of obtaining a college degree, "You can't major in basketball, or football, or any other sport. You are a student-athlete. In college, you have to be preparing for life after athletics; so, make sure you go to class and finish with your degree."



Dr. Ray McDonald, Associate Professor of Social Work

## Texas College Celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month

Texas College celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month on Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Attorney Nick Pesina, Roberts & Roberts Attorneys at Law, served as the occasion's speaker. Attorney Pesina delivered an insightful and historical perspective on Hispanic American history in the United States and the feats that have been overcome. Further, Pesina emphasized the importance of unity, despite skin color, to advance the nation. Hispanic students also assisted with the program by reading the scripture, delivering the occasion and introducing Attorney Pesina. Following the event, Student Affairs hosted various Hispanic culturally themed activities and food for student to partake in.



Attorney Nick Pesina speaks at the Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration.

# STEER NEWS

## Alumna Honored by the North Tyler Developmental Academy



Rev. Orenthia Mason poses with the "Inspiring Our Youth Award".

Rev. Orenthia Mason, Texas College alumna, was honored by the North Tyler Developmental Academy (NTDA). Mason received the "Inspiring Our Youth" award at the NTDA 79th Anniversary Luncheon on Thursday, September 27, 2018. The Texas College alumna was selected for the award due to her long and astounding career serving the Tyler community.

Mason has held many positions in the field of education, notably as a principal and school board trustee for Tyler ISD. In addition, she also served as a Vice President and Director of Teacher Education, among many other titles at Texas College and Jarvis Christian College. Mason continues a long legacy of impactful Texas College alumni in the field of education. As can still be observed, many Tyler ISD schools, and beyond the city, are named for educators with a degree from Texas College.

## Campus Queens Band Together to Help Tyler Family

In November, Tyler ISD's Boulter Middle School had a family lose their home and all of its contents to a fire. In response, Miss Texas College and Miss UNCF teamed up to raise money for the family to help replace their belongings. The queens delivered gift cards and other items to Principal Tara Hinton at Boulter MS to be presented to the family.



Miss UNCF, Charlice Gaines, Boulter Middle School Principal, Tara Hinton, and Miss Texas College, Relicia Morrison, pose for a picture as the queens present the items for the family.

## Texas College Observes Veterans Day



Randy Butler speaks at the Texas College Veterans Day observance.

Texas College observed Veterans Day on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at the weekly college assembly. The College recognized all faculty and staff veterans, as well as VA students and dependents at the College. Randy Butler, Retired US Navy and Texas College Financial Aid Counselor, served as the occasion's speaker; he spoke on his experience in the armed forces and the importance of the day. Other Texas College veterans assisted with the program; Bishop Ronald Cunningham brought the prayer for the event, Dr. Willie Champion read the scripture, and Rosalind Russell delivered the occasion for the observance.

# HOME COMING 2018

## The Queen is Crowned



Relicia Morrison, 21, of Oklahoma City, was crowned Miss Texas College 2018 - 2019 during the annual coronation ceremony on Wednesday, October 24, 2018. The ceremony took place in the Gus F. Taylor Gymnasium with CBS 19's Tashara Parker serving as the mistress of ceremony. Included in the campus queen's court were 34 different student organizations.

Morrison, a music major, excitedly begins her reign and plans to use the position to promote outreach projects that are close to her heart. Projects she has in mind include providing local underprivileged families with Christmas gifts and helping bring activist and motivational speakers to campus for various activities.

Morrison said she wanted the experience of attending a historically black college or university and felt at home when she first visited Texas College. Upon her arrival, she quickly became interested in the crown. "I thought Miss Texas College was amazing; she carried herself very well and embodied exactly what an ambassador should be. The crown itself carries such a rich tradition and history, not only at Texas College, but at all HBCUs," Morrison said.

Morrison is a senior at Texas College and a member of the Texas College Concert Choir. Following the completion of her baccalaureate degree, she plans to pursue a Master's degree in music composition. Upon completion of graduate school, Morrison aspires to become a music producer and songwriter.

Relicia Morrison, Miss Texas College 2018 - 2019

# HOMECOMING 2018

The Texas College Family celebrated Homecoming the week of October 21-27, 2018. The week was full of activities for students, faculty, staff and alumni. The College kicked off Homecoming week on Sunday, August 21st by worshipping at Miles Chapel. Later that afternoon students and staff went to work decorating the campus in purple and gold. The College continued to celebrate the week and hosted a student organization fair, a flag football all-star game, jazz on the yard, a Texas College version of the television show Wild 'N Out, a midnight breakfast, a talent show, a battle of the bands versus Langston University, an alumni basketball game and many other events and activities for the Texas College Family.

While the 2018 Homecoming schedule was full, there were some notable events for the week. The annual Miss Texas College Coronation was hosted on Wednesday, October 24th, officially crowning Relicia Morrison as Miss Texas College 2018-2019. Alumni returned to campus on Thursday, October 25th for the annual Leadership Symposium, Lead 365, where they filled the Moody Science and Business Center classrooms offering advice on success following graduation; the event closed with a special message for students from Thomas Joyner, Jr., President and CEO of The Tom Joyner Foundation. Following Lead 365, the Texas College National Alumni Association (TCNAA) gifted current students with various essentials for college life.

Homecoming Convocation was held on Friday, October 26th, with Dr. Jesse W. Jones, class of 1954, serving as the convocation speaker. Dr. Jones offered a message of encouragement, closing with a reference to Michael Jordan, "when the ball is in your hands, shoot!" Gwendolyn Collins, TCNAA President and Board Trustee, served as the mistress of ceremony for the occasion. Thomas Joyner, Jr. and Greg Ellis, former Dallas Cowboys defensive end, also offered remarks as special guests. Musical selections were offered from the band and choir; the choir even joined forces with choir alumni for a selection. To close the event, a multitude of alumni groups presented President Dwight J. Fennell with donations to the College.

The Homecoming Parade was held on Saturday morning, October 27th. Spencer Hervey, former TCNAA President and Board Trustee, served as the Grand Marshall. Included in the parade were a host of participants from East Texas and Dallas/Fort Worth. Following the parade, alumni and students filled the campus to reminisce and connect with one another. The homecoming football game versus Langston University was hosted later that evening at CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Rose Stadium. The game officially closed out the 2018 Homecoming festivities. The Steers would fall to Langston University.



# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

The Student Spotlight is devoted to students who excel both academically and socially. Students are selected by the Executive Cabinet to be highlighted each month. The following students were selected for the Fall 2018 academic term.



**NAME:** David Ortiz

**HOMETOWN:** Dorado, Puerto Rico

**CLASSIFICATION:** Senior

**MAJOR:** Computer Science

**CAREER ASPIRATION:** IT Systems Administrator

**INTERNSHIP COMPANY:** Solutions Shared Services (San Antonio, Texas)

**TITLE:** Information Technology Intern

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Provide technological support to ensure productivity of the company

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Baseball

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEXAS COLLEGE:** "I like the fact that Texas College didn't hesitate to make me feel right at home. The diversity and acceptance of all students, despite origin, is first class and the education is a priority."



**NAME:** Cameron Charman

**HOMETOWN:** Katy, Texas

**CLASSIFICATION:** Senior

**MAJOR:** Business Administration

**CAREER ASPIRATION:** Head of Business Development in the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

**INTERNSHIP COMPANY:** Epic Midstream (San Antonio, Texas)

**TITLE:** Data Intern

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Gather and organize data to insure pipeline construction, as well as scheduling and tracking completion of pipeline construction.

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Baseball

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEXAS COLLEGE:** "I enjoy the inclusive environment, as well as, the small classes which promote a more personal learning experience."



**NAME:** Mark Zuniga

**HOMETOWN:** Houston, Texas

**CLASSIFICATION:** Senior

**MAJOR:** Business Administration

**CAREER ASPIRATION:** Head of Business Development in the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

**INTERNSHIP COMPANY:** BlackBrush Oil & Gas (San Antonio, Texas)

**TITLE:** Finance and Accounting Intern

**RESPONSIBILITY:** Review AFEs and budget to ensure fiscal operation of projects

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Baseball

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEXAS COLLEGE:** "I love that the teachers care so much about our education and are willing to accommodate student needs to ensure our success."

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**NAME:** Relicia Morrison

**HOMETOWN:** Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

**CLASSIFICATION:** Senior

**TITLE:** Miss Texas College

**MAJOR:** Music

**CAREER ASPIRATION:** Music Producer

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** The Texas College Concert Choir

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEXAS COLLEGE:** "My favorite thing about Texas College is the environment. I feel it is easier to learn and grow around people that you can relate to. I have found a home in T.C."



**NAME:** Malcolm Patton, Jr.

**HOMETOWN:** Los Angeles, California

**CLASSIFICATION:** Senior

**TITLE:** Student Government Association President

**MAJOR:** Biology

**CAREER ASPIRATION:** Anesthesiologist

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Men of M.O.V.E., Campus Ministry, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEXAS COLLEGE:** "The campus atmosphere is very family oriented, you get to know everyone. There are many hidden gems just waiting to be discovered on the Texas College campus."



**NAME:** Charlice Gaines

**HOMETOWN:** Fairfield, California

**CLASSIFICATION:** Senior

**TITLE:** Miss UNCF (United Negro College Fund)

**MAJOR:** Biology

**CAREER ASPIRATION:** Physician's Assistant

**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Women's Soccer, Women's Track and Field, and the Texas College Collegiate Section of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

**FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEXAS COLLEGE:** "I love how family oriented the college is, inclusive of faculty/staff, students and administrators."

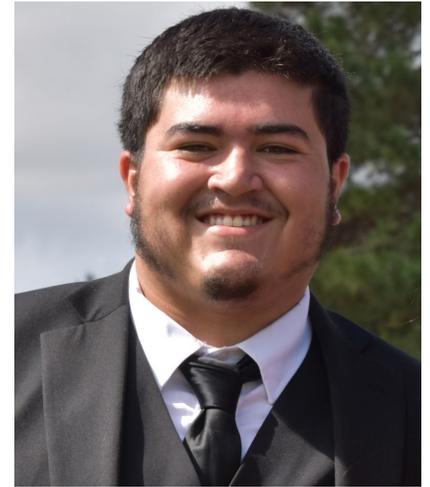
# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



**NAME:** Aliyah Douglas  
**HOMETOWN:** Berkeley, California  
**CLASSIFICATION:** Junior  
**TITLE:** Panhellenic President  
**MAJOR:** Sociology  
**CAREER ASPIRATION:** Social Worker and Founder of a youth charity organization  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., the Texas College Concert Choir, Student Government Association Chaplain  
**FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEXAS COLLEGE:** "I proudly love that Texas College is a fertilizer for everyone that truly has the desire to grow. Since the first day I walked on campus, it has been clear that this is a God-filled, mission driven campus. Faculty and staff ensure they provide the student body with the necessary life essentials to be successful in future endeavors. Texas College is where I witnessed myself grow academically, socially, psychologically and definitely spiritually."



**NAME:** Damilola Oshaleke  
**HOMETOWN:** Nigeria, Kogi State  
**CLASSIFICATION:** Senior  
**TITLE:** Miss Purple  
**MAJOR:** Biology  
**CAREER ASPIRATION:** OB/GYN  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Concert Choir, International Student Association, Miss Purple  
**FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEXAS COLLEGE:** "At Texas College, everyone is like family; I consider it my home away from home. I also love the Christian environment on campus. It allows me to grow spiritually everyday."



**NAME:** Jeremiah Barrera  
**HOMETOWN:** Sweetwater, Texas  
**CLASSIFICATION:** Freshman  
**MAJOR:** Interdisciplinary Studies (Education)  
**CAREER ASPIRATION:** Teacher/Coach  
**CAMPUS INVOLVEMENT:** Football, Emerging Leaders Program  
**FAVORITE THING ABOUT TEXAS COLLEGE:** "My favorite thing about Texas College are the many opportunities available for students to get involved. Also, the faculty has an obvious desire to help students reach their goals and succeed in life."



Dr. and Mrs. Dwight J. Fennell, Sr. and the Texas College Family cordially invite you to the Eleventh Annual

# LEGACY

## Scholarship Fundraiser

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2019

6:00 p.m. Reception 7:00 p.m. Program

HARVEY HALL CONVENTION CENTER

2000 West Front Street | Tyler, Texas 75702

A BLACK TIE AFFAIR

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

#### CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD SPONSOR: \$25,000\*

- Listed as Event/Dessert Reception Sponsor
- One (1) table of ten
- Signage with sponsor's name at table
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- Scholarship named in your honor
- Special gift and photograph at table

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- One (1) table of eight
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- Special gift and photograph at table

#### DOCTORATE SPONSOR: \$5,000\*

- One (1) table of eight
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- Full Page Ad in *LEGACY* Program
- Listed as donor in Texas College Annual Report
- Special gift and photograph at table

#### MASTER'S SPONSOR: \$2,500\*

- One (1) table of eight
- Signage with sponsor's name at table
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- Full Page Ad in *LEGACY* Program
- Listed as donor in Texas College Annual Report
- Photograph at table

#### BACHELOR'S SPONSOR: \$1,250

- One (1) table of eight
- Signage with sponsor's name at table
- Table Sponsor listed in *LEGACY* Program
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\*complimentary wine at table (per request)

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS - \$150



# TEXAS COLLEGE GIVES BACK

## Students Provide Thanksgiving Meals



On Monday, November 19, 2018 a host of student organizations banded together to help give back to the Tyler community for Thanksgiving. The College hosted a food drive in hopes to feed families in need for the holiday. Organized by the Office of Student Affairs, the College was able to feed a full traditional Thanksgiving meal to 100 different families in need. Inclusive of those families were senior citizens unable to leave home to retrieve the meal; thus, the students delivered the meals themselves. Community Service being one of the six core values of Texas College, the students felt it necessary to give back to the community and to those in need. Senior Education Major Dennis Cooper, said “It’s truly a blessing to be able to give back to the community, specifically those in need. Thanksgiving allows one to reflect on all of the things to be thankful for, and that includes food. Not everyone has the luxury of knowing where their next meal is coming from, much less a traditional Thanksgiving meal. That being said, I’m just happy that we were able to help out during this holiday season.”

The meals were delivered or made available for pickup in the McKinney Hall Connector, prior to the school’s closure for the Thanksgiving break.

Dennis Cooper helps Travian Lewis prepare a Thanksgiving meal package for a family in need.

## Miss Texas College Helps Bring Holiday Cheer



Miss Texas College, Relicia Morrison, speaks at the Tree Filled with Angels program before presenting the gifts from Texas College.

On Wednesday, December 5, 2018 Miss Texas College, Relicia Morrison, began a new tradition on the 124-year-old campus, the Tree Filled with Angels. “This program is the beginning of a new tradition for future Miss Texas Colleges, as well as the school, one that embodies the spirit of this institution,” Morrison said. This project has been in the works since being crowned in October. In hopes of spreading holiday cheer throughout the Tyler community, she organized a program to give gifts to underprivileged children this holiday season. Morrison charged students, faculty and staff to choose a child, or “angel”, from the Texas College Christmas Tree to buy presents for those who may not have anything to open on Christmas

morning. In an emotional appeal, Morrison explained her passion, “I chose to do this event because I am passionate about helping everyone, especially children. The importance of this is to serve those who are less fortunate than ourselves. I believe that is our main purpose in this life.”

The event culminated with a program hosted in the McKinney Hall Connector to present the families with the gifts collected from the Texas College Family. Miss Morrison’s Tree Filled with Angels successfully served over 50 different families, providing gifts for each child.



# Alumni

The Texas College Office of Alumni Affairs would like to know where our alumni are located. If you know of any alumni or former students of Texas College that have not been receiving correspondence from the College, please let us know. You may contact the Office of Alumni Affairs. For more information about Texas College and/or to become an active alumni member, please contact one of the Texas College National Alumni Association (TCNAA) Chapters listed below:

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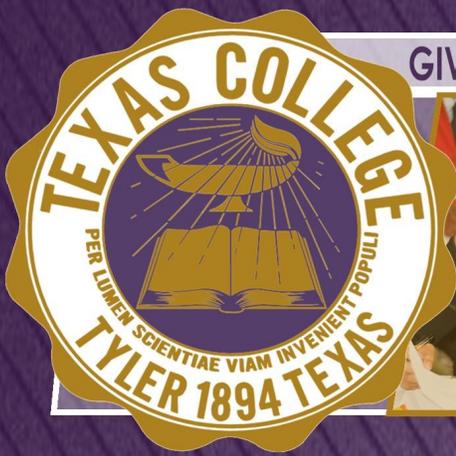
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