MISSION OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

CAS meets the core educational needs of every Tuskegee Student. The college seeks for its students to comprehend, learn, think critically, and enhance their independent thought. Analytic skills, effective communication, creativity, and imagination lead to a productive and successful personal and professional life. The College assists its varied student population in creating and discovering new knowledge through faculty leadership in the fine and performing arts, the humanities, the social sciences, the natural sciences, and mathematics.

Hello, friends of CAS! I hope you enjoy this third issue of the College of Arts and Sciences Newsletter. The goal is to update you on what is happening at CAS and share with you some stories about our students and faculty. We welcome your feedback, especially from CAS alumni. Please “Like” us on Facebook and “Follow” us on Twitter to be in touch with us. We welcome and look forward to engaging each of our alumni.

-Dean Channa S. Prakash, Ph.D.
Ms. Courtney Johnson, a Political Science major, has received a $5K/Yr scholarship from the UNCF/Koch Scholars program. This prestigious scholarship promotes using an entrepreneurial mindset to contribute to the well being of individuals, communities, and societies.

Jamon Pulliam, CAS Psychology major graduate, did a summer internship at the University of Notre Dame’s Laboratory for Understanding Neurodevelopment under the mentorship of Dr. Joshua J. Diehl.

Undergraduate Chemistry Major Megan Taylor won 3rd Place in the Chemistry and Chemical Sciences Undergraduate Poster Presentation Session at the Emerging Research National Conference on STEM hosted in Washington, DC, at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel from March 2-4, 2017.

CAS congratulates Donald White on winning 1st Place in the Nanoscience Oral Presentation Session at the Emerging Research National Conference on STEM hosted in Washington, DC, at the Wardman Park Marriott Hotel from March 2-4, 2017. The title of his presentation was "A Facile Method for the Suspension of Nanocellulose."

Dr. Mike Schwartz, managing director of Center for Sustainable Nanotechnology, was on campus to develop an undergraduate research program.

Photo - From left to right: Dr. Mike Schwartz, Donald H. White, Aiesha Ethridge, Delayna Harris, Chemar J. Huntley, and Dr. Michael L. Curry. Lower Center: Manal Alwohaibi.
HIGHLIGHTS

- CAS Mathematics professor Dr. Mohammed Qazi and colleagues received $5 Million by the National Science Foundation (NSF) for a STEM project.
- Dr. Roberta Troy and Dr. Clayton Yates (Biology) received an NIH grant of $5.3M for cancer research.
- CAS English faculty Dr. Bill F. Ndi has written 31 books so far.
- Javanna Plummer, an English major, has published two novels: Mo’s Mix & Mo’s Mix: Queen.
- Donald White, a M.S. Chemistry student (along with his mentor Dr. Michael Curry) has filed a patent for his discovery of a new biodegradable plastic.
- Jasmine Johnson, double major in History and English, was awarded the very prestigious “UNCF/Mellon Undergraduate Fellowship” in March 2016.
- CAS Students Kasey Horn buckle (Biology major) and Maliq Kendrick (Political Science major) were chosen as HBCU-All Stars by the White House. HBCU-All Stars are recognized for their accomplishments in academics, leadership, and civic engagement.
- CAS was the leading college in elearning and offered 31 online courses (of the 33 total courses offered) during Summer 2016; 450 students enrolled; $0.9M revenue; 16 CAS faculty taught online classes.
- Dr. Channa Prakash, Dean, CAS was recognized for his lifetime contribution to science communication with the prestigious Borlaug CAST Communication Award at the World Food Prize event in Des Moines, Iowa on October 16, 2015.
Tuskegee University Mathematics professors:

Dr. Wen Yan
Dr. Ana Tameru
Dr. Young H. Kim
Dr. Youngsoo Kim

have published a text book entitled "A Basic Approach to Precalculus Trigonometry". Also, they have agreed to donate 100% of the proceeds from the book to 'Tuskegee University math book scholarship fund'.

CAS English faculty: Dr. Bill F. Ndi, Dr. Adaku T. Ankumah, and Dr. Benjamin Hart Fishkin edited a new book entitled The Repressed Expressed: Novel Perspectives on African and Black Diasporic Literature.

Dr. Melissa Reeves, Associate Professor of Chemistry has been appointed as a member of American Chemical Society Division of Chemical Education’s Examinations Institute.

Dr. Deloris Alexander, Associate Professor & Director of Integrative Biological Sciences Program, was recognized by the White House as a 'Champion of Change' last year (cited by President Obama as someone who is doing extraordinary things to make a difference in your community!)

Mr. Roland Martin, syndicated columnist and author visited Tuskegee University to kick off the Spring semester lineup of the Lyceum event series on the Martin Luther King national holiday. Mr. Martin spoke on recent political developments in regards to Trump and how we can tie that back into the important messages learned from previous civil rights activists.

Mr. E. Bruce Phillips, Jr., Tuskegee University humanities professor, held an exhibition for his artwork January 27-February 26 in Birmingham, AL.
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• Tuskegee University, Iowa State University, and the Ohio State University have collaborated to launch a semester-long program by a grant from the National Institutes of Health to link undergraduate students with aptitudes in science and mathematics with professional toxicologists in academia, government, and industry.

• 95% of our 2016 graduates from the College of Arts and Sciences Tuskegee University are employed or in graduate/professional school! We take career placement of our students very seriously and work very diligently with every CAS student to make them successful!

• Tuskegee University is ranked 4th among HBCUs in the nation according to the Wall Street Journal’s poll released in late November!

National Society of Physics Students (SPS) located at College Park, MD, has recognized Tuskegee University Physics Department for building the SPS physics community under the leadership of Department Chair Dr. Prakash Sharma.
We are deeply saddened to inform you on the passing of Dr. Darryl L. Roberts, Associate Professor in Department of History and Political Science, CAS. He passed away peacefully on November 30th, 2016 at Duke University Hospital in Durham, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Mrs. Brenda Roberts and three children - Armon, Hadara, and Matana. Dr. Roberts contributed much to our university, and mentored scores of students. We shall certainly miss him! Flowers and cards can be sent to 6 Linganore Pl, Durham NC 27707.

Our Chemistry alum, the late Glover A. Jones, bequeathed $30,000 in scholarships to the Department of Chemistry. The awards were administered by Mr. Jones' cousin, Mr. Seabron Garrett from Columbus, GA. Ms. Deidre Dillon, Ms. Morgan Fair, and Ms. Ajua Pogue were the recipients. We are grateful for the generous gift and it will surely help advance our efforts in student training in chemistry. Details: Albert E. Russell, Ph.D. Chair, Department of Chemistry.

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Tuskegee Alum and former Provost Dr. Margaret Ellen Mayo Tolbert was recently honored as among "Strong Men & Women in Virginia History" by the Dominion Foundation, and she donated her $5,000 prize to the College of Arts & Sciences at TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY!! Thank you Dr. Tolbert for your generosity and CAS is grateful to you for the gra-

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