

College of Arts & Sciences

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Message from the Editor

"CAS welcomes its Alumni and Friends to Homecoming 2017. Amidst the celebration, the preparation of our students for life continues, from one generation to the next. It is marked by the excellence in teaching, research, and outreach service. CAS Alumni can attest the reality, quality, and success of our commitment to this mission. Have a safe and enjoyable weekend!"

-Louvins Pierre

CAS Newsletter Editor &
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Student Stories



Kennedy Harris, a sophomore Biology major, minoring in Business Administration aspires to become a physician scientist.

After graduating from Tuskegee University, Summa Cum Laude, Kennedy aims to enroll in a top M.D./Ph.D. program.

Currently, her top choices are Harvard Medical School, Morehouse School of Medicine, John Hopkins University, and University of Alabama School of Medicine.



Xavier Alexander is a senior Political Science major who aspires to be involved in politics and law after graduation.

Xavier is currently serving as second attendant to Mr. Tuskegee. As an attendant, he is a liaison between students and administration.

This October, Xavier was recognized at the campus Honor Roll convocation; in addition, he was named University Scholar from our College!



Courtney Bryant, a current PhD candidate at Michigan State University and Tuskegee alumna, along with her adviser, conducted a workshop on 'Applying to Graduate School' on September 21, 2017 for TU students

Ms. Bryant earned her BS in Psychology from CAS and now is a PhD student in Industrial psychology.

More Student Success!



Dr. Emmitt Jolly delivered a lecture at Tuskegee University graduate student & faculty forum. Dr. Jolly, a globally renowned professor at Case Western University, is a TU alumnus who started his science research career as a high school student working at CAS with Dr. JHM Henderson and Dean Channapatna Prakash, then at the College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences.

Alumni News

Congratulations to CAS alumnus Honorable Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Mayor, Jackson, Mississippi, for being selected and ranked #9 in the very prestigious List of the 100 Most Influential African Americans by The Root magazine!

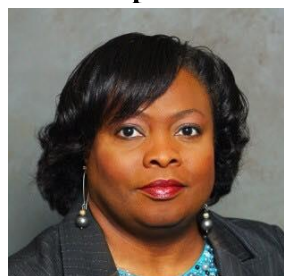


Tuskegee alumnus Lionel Richie is to receive the Kennedy Center Honor, "one of the highest award in American culture, celebrating lifetime achievements through the performing arts."



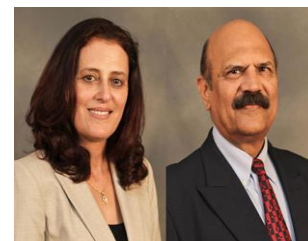
Faculty News and Updates

Dr. Mohammed Qazi is the new Assistant Dean College of Arts and Sciences at Tuskegee University. Dr. Qazi's primary responsibility is to enhance extramural funding for the college.



Dr. Vivian Carter, Head, CAS Dept of Psychology & Sociology, was honored by the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority with its \$200K Distinguished Professor Endowed Chair Award.

Dr. Chadia Affane Aji and Dr. M. Javed Khan received a NSF grant valued at nearly \$300,000 to help advance Tuskegee University's strategic priorities to enhance student success in STEM programs, retention, and online education offerings.



University of Redlands and Tuskegee University Forge Historic Agreement

A first-of-its-kind agreement for both institutions, the University of Redlands, a private liberal art, graduate and professional university in Southern California, and Tuskegee University have partnered to provide expanded opportunities for students and faculty. The new options for students and faculty will include residence at the partner institution for up to one year.

Tuskegee University students within this agreement will be able to study away at the University of Redlands for TU credit. A variety of courses will be transferable toward TU students curriculum



Mr. Warren Duncan, Head of Department of Fine and Performing Arts and Director of Bands, has been appointed by the Governor of Alabama, Kay Ivey, to the Alabama State Council on the Arts. The Council is to make decisions on grants awarded to support art programs and arts education

Tuskegee University Integrative Biosciences Ph.D. was started in 2005 and has produced 26 Ph.Ds. Students have gone on to work at the University of Pittsburgh, Morehouse, Temple University, Troy University, University of California San Francisco, the CDC, FDA, EPA, USDA, and more.

CAS Dean Dr. Prakash was invited by Captain Karl Minter, a member of the Tuskegee University Board of Trustees to attend the annual convention of the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals in Orlando, FL, where he also addressed the Advisory Council of OBAP.

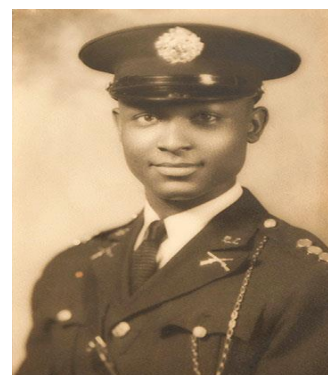
Community Outreach



Figure. Participants of the 2017 Summer Tuskegee University workshop on crop genomics

The Summer workshop on Plant Genomics and Biotechnology for 6-12 grade teachers and students held at Tuskegee University provided HS teachers and students with a perspective on contemporary issues in science and biotechnology as they relate to global food and energy issues. They also received hands-on experience with basic laboratory techniques related to genomics. Dr. Jacquelyn Jackson of Tuskegee College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences and Dr. Prakash, CAS Dean organized the meeting.

Gift from a Late, Great Alumnus



Tuskegee University has received a generous estate gift valued at \$1.59 million — the largest planned gift received by the university to date — from 1943 Tuskegee University graduate Dr. Orlando Lawrence Clark. Clark, a resident of San Francisco, was 92 at the time of his death in June 2014. The donation from his estate will augment Tuskegee's endowment and provide students with scholarships for generations to come.



"Drone Zone Summer Program" for middle school students from Macon County was conducted during June 2017 by Dr. Chadia Aji of the Department of Math along with Dr. Javed Khan of the Department of Aerospace Engineering.

Dr. Aji and Dr. Khan received a grant for \$300,000 to help advance Tuskegee University's strategic priorities to enhance student success in STEM programs, increase student retention, improve long-term graduation rates, and expand the university's online education offerings.

In Memoriam

Former head of Social Work Dr. Francis Taylor passed away on July 24, 2017. Funeral services were held Friday, July 28, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery.

On behalf of the entire college and university, we will always remember the great contribution and impact Dr. Taylor made. May he rest in peace and his family be in our thoughts and prayers



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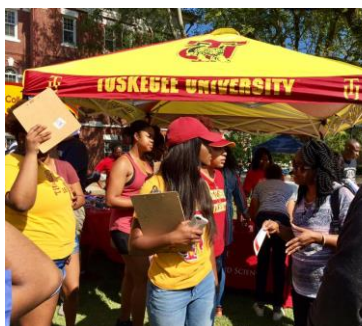
Hello Alumni, current students, and friends of the College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) at Tuskegee University. CAS teaches the foundational courses for all majors of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math) at Tuskegee University. I hope you enjoyed this fourth edition of our College newsletter to share with you the amazing work of our current and former students, faculty, and other notable points within CAS. As always, we welcome any feedback and thoughts.

- Channapatna S. Prakash

Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences



Pictures from 2017 Open House



TU Open House on September 16th, 2017