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Administrative Assistant to the Dean
THE TUSKEGEE SONG

Music by N. Clark Smith

Tuskegee, thou pride of the swift growing South,
We pay thee our homage today,
For the worth of thy teaching, the joy of thy care;
And the good we have known 'neath thy sway.
Oh, long-striving mother of diligent sons,
And of daughters, whose strength is their pride,
We will love thee forever, and ever shall walk
Thro' the oncoming years at thy side.

Thy hand we have held up the difficult steeps,
When painful and slow was the pace.
And onward and upward we've labored with thee
For the glory of God and our race.
The fields smile to greet us, the forests are glad,
The ring of the anvil and hoe
Have a music as thrilling and sweet as a harp
Which thou taught us to hear and to know.

Oh, Mother Tuskegee, thou shinest today
As a gem in the fairest of lands;
Thou gavest the heav'n-blessed power to see
The worth of our minds and our hands.
We thank thee, we bless thee, we pray for thee years
Imploring with grateful accord,
Full fruit for thy striving, time longer to strive,
Sweet love and true labor's reward.

-Paul Laurence Dunbar

PROGRAM


Presenting: Peter J. Spears, Sr., Dean of Students

INVOCATION: Rev. Dr. Gregory S. Gray
Dean of the Chapel

WELCOME Dr. Luther S. Williams
Provost

RECOGNITION OF DONORS Dean Spears

PRESENTATION OF JUDGES, ESSAY CONTEST AND AWARDS
PROGRAM LIAISON COMMITTEES: Dr. Williams

ESSAY FINALISTS:
Leathaniel Norton-Pinckney
Sophomore, English
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Eric D. Marks, Jr.
Junior, Aerospace Science Engineering
Flint, Michigan

Christian A. Patterson
Sophomore, Nutritional Science
Macon, Georgia

MUSICAL SELECTION:
“Alleluia” Ralph Manuel

ESSAY FINALISTS:
Autumn J. Cohen
Sophomore, Biology/Pre-Med
Los Angeles, California

Carlie S. Ward
Freshman, English
Pine Bluff, Arkansas
MUSICAL SELECTION:
"Roll, Jordan, Roll"
arr. Ruth H. Gillum
The Tuskegee University "Golden Voices" Concert Choir

INTRODUCTIONS:
Dr. Cynthia D. Sellers
Vice President for Student Affairs
- Student Government Association Officers (2012-2013)
- Mr. Tuskegee University and Courts (2012-2013)
- TU Honda Campus All-Star Challenge Team (2011-2012)
- "Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities" (2011-2012)

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:
Dean Spears
College of Agriculture, Environment and Nutrition Sciences
Dr. Walter A. Hill, Dean
Andrew Brimmer College of Business and Information Science
Dr. Tejinder S. Sara, Dean
College of Engineering and Physical Sciences
Dr. Legand L. Burge, Dean
Robert R. Taylor School of Architecture
Dr. Richard K. Dozier, Dean
College of Arts and Sciences
Dr. Luther S. Williams, Acting Dean
School of Education
Dr. Carlton E. Morris, Dean
College of Veterinary Medicine, Nursing, and Allied Health
Dr. Tsagaye Habtermariam, Dean
University-Wide Scholarships and Awards
Dean Spears

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS

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Dr. Gilbert L. Rochon
President

"THE TUSKEgee SONG"
Paul L. Dunbar/N. Clark Smith
Audience and Choir

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Dean Gray

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