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Come one come all and read the WTAC newsletter

The goal is to have a quarterly newsletter. The purpose of the newsletter is to help engage, highlight news, and provide information to Tuskegee University Alumni, Family, and Friends that they may find important. We hope to highlight, but not be limited to the following: current events in the area and at Tuskegee University, highlight members, business partners, and Tuskegee University Students from our area. With your help, we can make this newsletter great. If you have any news or think of any information beneficial to the Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club's membership and supporters, please email the information to newsletter@tuskegeedmv.org.

Tuskegee University News



Dr. Charlotte P. Morris elected as 9th President of Tuskegee University by Board of Trustees

The Tuskegee University Board of Trustees proudly announced today that interim President Dr. Charlotte Morris has been elected the ninth president of Tuskegee University, effective August 1, 2021. The Board sought the input of a myriad of internal and external stakeholders and arrived confidently at the decision to seat Dr. Morris as the new leader of Tuskegee. Dr. Charlotte Morris will be the second-ever female President of the University, following her predecessor Dr. Lily McNair.

“Dr. Morris has garnered the credibility and respect of key stakeholders across the state and around the country during her near thirty years serving the Tuskegee community,” said Board of Trustees Chair, Norma Clayton. “Considering her strong past performance and effective leadership, the Board of Trustees is delighted that Dr. Morris will continue to serve this institution. She understands the needs of this university today – putting the students first – and is the right leader for tomorrow and beyond.”

For over three decades, Dr. Morris has served in several roles at Tuskegee University including Chief of Staff to the 5th President and Secretary to the Board of Trustees. As Chief of Staff, she assisted in the development and implementation of a successful \$169 million capital campaign in 2005. Most recently during her tenure, Dr. Morris also served as the Director of the University’s Title III Program and has acted as Interim and Associate Dean in the Brimmer College of Business and Information Science. Through Dr. Morris’ leadership, she has strengthened the University’s strategic partnerships with corporations such as Google and Cargill to generate \$6 million in gifts and donations to strengthen career readiness initiatives and invest in the next generation of STEM leaders. In addition to the many honors and awards Dr. Morris has received, she was given the Distinguished Administrative Staff Achievement Award at Tuskegee University. Dr. Charlotte Morris has always been held in high regard by her peers and superiors while meeting and exceeding expectations.

“It is with great humility and honor that I accept the role of president. Having been a member of this remarkable university community for much of my professional career, it will be a pleasure to lead the

university into the future,” said Dr. Morris. “I look forward to working with the entire campus community to seize the opportunities that lie ahead and continue to transform Tuskegee into a leading 21st century living and learning environment.”

Dr. Morris has also been instrumental in driving forward the university’s long-term planning, culminating in the 2022-2027 strategic plan framework that will be unveiled in the coming weeks. Through this plan, the university is prepared to address the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead with thorough research and innovative solutions. Among the many university goals is the initiative to enhance the institution’s entrepreneurship and scholarly activities, the consequent advancement of the University’s infrastructure, and increased scholarships and growth to support and promote students’ continuous success. In the new efforts of expanding athletic teams, programs and staff, Dr. Morris is also invested in the continued recruitment of a diverse and world-class faculty committed to professional development. All throughout, the underlying constant over the years at Tuskegee University is the dedication to the teaching, innovation and quality of education it provides to its students.

Tuskegee University will formally welcome Dr. Morris as the ninth president during an inauguration ceremony, planned for the weekend of April 9-11, 2022 to coincide with Founder’s Day Reunion Weekend.

The contents of this story is courtesy of:

<https://www.tuskegee.edu/news/dr-charlotte-p-morris-elected-as-9th-president-of-tuskegee-university-by-board-of-trustees>

Alabama Governor Announces New Appointments to the Tuskegee University Board of Trustees

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey recently announced that she had appointed two new members to the Tuskegee University Board of Trustees. The two new members are John H. England, Jr. and John Douglas Chambers. Each trustee is appointed to a four-year term, and they both bring more than three decades of experience in the management and governance of post-secondary institutions of higher learning. Governor Ivey also announced the reappointment of Henry Davis, Jonathan Porter, and Pebbly Warren to another four-year term as state-appointed trustees.

The contents of this story is courtesy of:

<https://www.tuskegee.edu/news/governor-ivey-announces-new-appointments-to-board-of-trustees>

Tuskegee University Honors the Classes of 2020-2021 in Commencement Ceremony

Tuskegee University held its largest Spring Commencement ceremony on Sunday, May 30, 2021. The ceremony was held at Cramton Bowl in Montgomery, Alabama. “Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we had to cancel last year's in-person commencement ceremony, and we knew that we had to make it up to our graduates,” said Interim President, Dr. Charlotte P. Morris. “Moving the ceremony to a larger off-campus venue provided the space we needed to safely accommodate our graduates and their families.”

The keynote speaker was Bakari Sellers. Mr. Sellers is a CNN Political Analyst and Former Representative from South Carolina. “You did all of this work, and your great reward is that you have to work harder. Even when you are knocked down and tired and it feels like you can’t get anything right and you wonder what you are doing this for,” said Sellers during his speech.

Over 800 graduates from the classes of 2020 and 2021 were honored during the ceremony.

[Commencement 2021 Video](#)

The contents of this story is courtesy of:

<https://www.tuskegee.edu/news/tuskegee-university-honors-over-800-graduates-from-the-classes-of-2020-2021-in-historic-commencement-ceremony>

Tuskegee University receives \$5 million grant from Google

Tuskegee University recently announced that it has received a \$5-million grant from Google. The grant will support scholarships, career readiness preparation, entrepreneurship mentoring, technological infrastructure and curriculum innovations.

“I’m delighted to provide our HBCU partners with a \$50-million unrestricted grant. These institutions are actively shaping the next generation of Black leaders and are helping build a more diverse workforce across all industries,” said Melonie Parker, chief diversity officer at Google. “This investment further solidifies our commitment to providing access and opportunities for underrepresented groups in tech.”

"I am so very pleased that Google chose Tuskegee University as one of its partners for this program," said Interim President Charlotte P. Morris. "Their \$5 million gift will support the University as it bolsters its work in STEM education and moves forward into new fields in STEM and in business. This gift will have a lasting and profound impact on the course of the University's future."

Other HBCUs receiving grant funding from Google include Claflin University, Clark Atlanta University, Florida A&M University, Howard University, Morgan State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Prairie View A&M University, Spelman College, and Xavier University of Louisiana.

The contents of this story are courtesy of:

https://www.tuskegee.edu/news/tuskegee-university-receives-5-million-grant-from-google?fbclid=IwAR2TLb4ZullVf9V1xD7gDe0j_85yR_bYrpqBV8Q_eKUf5-PrV9oqjCxJFAs

TNAA News

There is currently not any news from TNAA at the time of this publication.

Around the Northeastern Region

There is currently no news from around the Northeastern Region.

The 69th Northeastern Regional Conference

The 69th Northeastern Regional Conference of the Tuskegee National Alumni Association (TNAA) will be held virtually from August 13-14, 2021. This year's regional conference is being organized by the North Jersey Tuskegee Alumni Club (NJTAC). The conference theme is "The Tuskegee Experience - A Pathway to Achievement." The northeastern region is the oldest region within TNAA. The region consists of the states of Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

To register for the conference visit the following link: <http://bit.ly/69thnerconf>

2021 Northeastern Regional Conference August 13-14, 2021



**Dr.
Charlotte
Morris**

**Interim President
STATE OF
TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY**

**Saturday, August 14, 2021
At 10:35**

**CONFERENCE THEME-
"THE TUSKEGEE EXPERIENCE - A
PATHWAY TO ACHIEVEMENT"**



**GUEST SPEAKER
TU Alumnus -
Dr. Ronald Rochon
President University
Southern Indiana**

**Register today
<http://bit.ly/69thnerconf>**

Parade of Clubs

What is the Parade of Clubs?

The Tuskegee National Alumni Association (TNAA) Parade of Clubs event is one of the highlights of all TNAA regional conferences and national conventions. Alumni across the world make donations during this time to support the programs of Tuskegee University.

The Parade of Clubs is a friendly competition between the Tuskegee National Alumni Association regions, local clubs, Tuskegee professional organizations, fraternities and sororities. The competition has one goal and that is to raise money for Tuskegee University. What region will have bragging rights for the next year? Which club galvanized their local alumni and were able to raise the most of any other club? What fraternity or sorority will raise the most?

At a regional conference or a national convention, clubs and organizations form a line to celebrate, “parade” how much they have raised. The spirit of competition really gets exciting and the competition sparks more giving.

More information can be found about the parade of clubs by visiting <https://www.tuskegeedmv.org/parade-of-clubs>

HBCU NEWS

Straight to Ale and Alabama A&M University Announce Creation of Beer

Straight to Ale brewery and Alabama A&M University have announced the release of the “Alma Mater” American lager beer. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the beer will go to Alabama A&M. “We wanted a name that connected with Alabama A&M without it being exclusive to our University, but also one that appealed to most adults,” Dr. Archie Tucker, II, Vice President for Marketing, Communication & Advancement at AAMU, said in the official announcement. Alabama A&M is the first historically Black college or university in the nation to brew its own beer.

The contents of this story is courtesy of:

<https://www.al.com/life/2021/05/straight-to-ale-alabama-am-university-announce-release-of-alma-mater-american-lager.html>

Smithsonian Establishes Consortium of Five HBCUs To Support University Museums and Archives

The Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) recently announced a partnership with five Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) with the creation of a consortium. The goal of the consortium and partnership is to enhance the HBCUs' ability to care for and share archives that tell the story and roles of African Americans in American culture and history. The consortium includes the HBCUs of Clark Atlanta University, Florida A&M University, Jackson State University, Texas Southern University and Tuskegee University.

This project is being led by NMAAHC's strategic partnerships office. The NMAAHC's strategic partnerships office was created in 2012 which was four years before the museum officially opened. The office explores issues facing HBCUs and identifies ways to strengthen and sustain their museums, archives and libraries. Outreach programs such as the consortium are part of NMAAHC's core mission.

The contents of this story are courtesy of:

<https://nmaahc.si.edu/about/news/smithsonian-establishes-consortium-five-hbcus-support-university-museums-and-archives>

WTAC News

WTAC is Now on YouTube and Instagram!

The Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club (WTAC) now has an official YouTube channel and Instagram page. This new channel and page will allow WTAC to share new and exciting content in order to highlight the great impact that the club is having in the DC area in order to support Mother Tuskegee. Just search "Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club" on YouTube and click on the subscribe button. Our first goal is to achieve 100 subscribers, and with your help we can achieve that goal in no time! And to follow us on Instagram, search "tuskegeedmv" and once you are on the page click the follow button. Subscribe to the WTAC YouTube channel and follow the WTAC Instagram page now!

WTAC Elections Results for the 2021-2023 Term

The WTAC Officers' election was held on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at the General Body Meeting. Below are the results of the election

President: Marcus Cooper

First Vice President: Vacant

Second Vice President: Evan Strother

Treasurer: Alfred Harrison

Financial Secretary: Vacant

Corresponding Secretary: Raeleena Collington

Recording Secretary: Karina Jones

Chaplain: Joyce Lipscomb

Parliamentarian: David Reid

Historian: Melvin Ross

Reporter: Vacant

The new officers were sworn during the June 2021 General Body Meeting.

If you are interested in filling one of the vacant officer positions or becoming a chair of one of the committees, please email wtac@tuskegeedmv.org.

Congratulations to all of the newly elected officers.

Luther H. Foster Scholarship Breakfast

This year's Luther H. Foster Scholarship Breakfast will once again be a virtual event this year. The Scholarship Breakfast Subcommittee will be releasing additional information about this year's virtual event. Please monitor your email and the Club's social media platforms.

Announcement from the Newsletter Committee

As a result of current limited resources within the Club, the newsletter committee will go into inactive status. This newsletter is the final newsletter that the current iteration of the committee will issue.

If you are interested in either becoming the new newsletter committee chair or becoming a part of the committee please email wtac@tuskegeedmv.org or newsletter@tuskegeedmv.org.

Additional Upcoming Club Events

Check your email, our social media platforms, and our website <https://www.tuskegeedmv.org> for the most up-to-date information.

Upcoming Club Meetings

General Body club meetings are currently scheduled on the second Sunday of each month. No meetings are scheduled for the months of July and August. Meeting dates and times are subject to change due to holidays and meeting space availability. Meeting information can be found on our website at <https://www.tuskegeedmv.org>. All meetings are currently planned to be virtual via Google Meet, 3pm-5pm unless otherwise noted. The dates for the next few months are listed below:

Sunday, September 12, 2021

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Sunday, November 14, 2021

For meetings dates and times of WTAC Committee meetings please contact the appropriate committee chairperson. If you are interested in joining one of the many committees please contact the appropriate committee chairperson or email the general WTAC email address at wtac@tuskegeedmv.org.

College Recruitment Activities, Information, and Schedules

The recruitment calendar is currently being developed for the 2021-2022 academic year. If you are interested in volunteering to assist with recruitment events, email the Recruitment Committee at the email address below. To find out more recruitment information or volunteer: contact the Recruitment Committee at recruitment@tuskegeedmv.org.

Member Spotlight

There are members doing great things for our university and in our community, please take the time to tell us about it so we can share, contact us at newsletter@tuskegeedmv.org.

Student Spotlight

The Washington Tuskegee Alumni Club would like to congratulate all of the graduates from 2020 and 2021 from our area. Congratulations and welcome to the rank of alumni!

2020 Tuskegee University Graduates		
MASTER OF SCIENCE		
Bilal Alkaraghulli	Veterinary Science	Woodbridge, VA
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND ARTS		
Ashtin Christopher Brown*	Architecture	Laurel, MD
Velis Breana Mack	Animal, Poultry and Veterinary Sciences	Rockville, MD

Ana Marie Ryan**	Animal, Poultry and Veterinary Sciences	Woodbridge, VA
Anna Mar'ee Cobb	Environmental, Natural Resources and Plant Sciences	Silver Spring, MD
Nandi A Cannady	Biology	Lorton, VA
George Clayton Henderson	Communication	Woodbridge, VA
Yulaunda Faye Abram	Sociology	Pasadena, MD
Ian Trevor Feaster	Aerospace Science Engineering	Sunderland, MD
Victor Dayl Hinton II	Electrical Engineering	Woodbridge, VA
2021 Tuskegee University Graduates		
MASTER OF SCIENCE		
Erin D Gary	Animal And Poultry Science	Germantown, MD
Subash Neupane	Information Systems & Computer Security	West Springfield, VA
Alix I Martin	Material Science & Engineering	Bowie, MD
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE AND ARTS		
Kabyria S. Booker	Animal, Poultry And Veterinary Sciences	Washington, DC
Brianna L Coles	Animal, Poultry And Veterinary Sciences	Spotsylvania Courthouse, VA
Jania Lillian Harrod**	Animal, Poultry And Veterinary Sciences	Clinton, MD
Kiara Imani Hodo*	Animal, Poultry And Veterinary Sciences	Rockville, MD
Andrea L. Nickens	Animal, Poultry And Veterinary Sciences	Temple Hills, MD

Kayla Sheree Pasteur**	Animal, Poultry And Veterinary Sciences	Clinton, MD
Maya Elizabeth Sullivan*	Animal, Poultry And Veterinary Sciences	Upper Marlboro, MD
Daysia L Williams*	Agriculture Business	Alexandria, VA
Marley Aesop Smith*	Environmental, Natural Resources and Plant Sciences	Fort Washington, MD
Kayla Stukes	Environmental, Natural Resources and Plant Sciences	Bowie, MD
Hillary Ian Cyrus*	Visual Art	Silver Spring, MD
Maya Adia Bonds*	Biology	Glenarden, MD
Heaven Ciara Chante Holbrook	Biology	Lusby, MD
Sydney Nicole Johnson**	Biology	Upper Marlboro, MD
Sydney Alexandra Rice*	Biology	Upper Marlboro, MD
Clay E Thompson	Physics	Glenn Dale, MD
Christopher Wade	Business Administration	Silver Spring, MD
Isaiah Antonio Douglas	Aerospace Science Engineering	Clarksburg, MD
Isaiah Ayobami Obasanjo	Electrical Engineering	Washington, DC
Brandon Crossley Crockett	Mechanical Engineering	Leesburg, VA

Honors: *Cum Laude** *Magna Cum Laude*** *Summa Cum Laude****

The contents of this list is courtesy of:

<https://www.tuskegee.edu/Content/Uploads/Tuskegee/files/Events/2021-SPRING-CP.pdf>

If you have a Tuskegee Student you think we should know about, please contact us at newsletter@tuskegeedmv.org.

Financial Members for the 2020-2021
Thank you for your support

Makeba Atkins	Tovah Dorsey-Pollard	Darryl Love	Melvin Ross
Monica Bates	Ellen Duffin-Gardner	Princess McEvilley	Michele Shelton
Saul Beacher	Kenitra Fewell	Sherman McKenney	Anthony Smith
William Bell	Michael Gardner	Janelle Miller	Susie Smith
Marie Blake	Lawrence Gary	Thelma Monk	Evan Strother
Ronald Blakey	Lenox Gay	Mishari Murry-Hanible	Julius Washington
Andre Brown	Justin Germany	Willie Oxendine	William Watson
Dashawnda Brown	Evelyn Goodwin	Walter Plush	Joyce Watson
Camille Chapman	Harriett Hamlin	Jordan Pollard	Angela Watson
Raeleena Collington	Reginald Hampton	Ann Price	Robert Western
Marcus Cooper	Alfred Harrison	Gayle Rankine	Monique White
Adrienne Cooper	Latoya Haynes	David Reid	Aretha Williams
Shalonda Covington	Cheryl Jones	Fernando Relph	Ralph Williams
Melvin Covington	Karina Jones	Sandra Richardson	Quentin Wilson
Christine Davis	Justin Lee	Chris Richardson	
Craig Dexter	Joyce Lipscomb	Betty Ross	

There were 62 members for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. We fell 38 members short of our 100 member goal for the 2020-2021 membership year..

Financial Members for the 2021-2022 Membership as of July 27th

Ahkinyala Abdullah	Shalonda Covington	Jhamal Johnson	Melvin Ross
Saul Beacher	Melvin Covington	Karina Jones	Betty Ross
Corey Beckett	Christine Davis	Joyce Lipscomb	Brianna Skinner
William Bell	Craig Dexter	Darryl Love	Larry Solomon
Gus Bell	Tovah Dorsey-Pollard	Brendolyn McCarty-Jones	Allen Stephone
Alice Bell	Lenox Gay	Vincent Mcdonald, DR.	Evan Strother
Merissa Blackwell	Gregory Hall	Charles McFadden	Joyce Watson
Marie Blake	Harriett Hamlin	Lisa Miller-Rivers	William Watson
Shirley Blakely	Reggie Hampton	Walter Plush	Angela Watson
Camille Chapman	Alfred Harrison	Jordan Pollard	Robert Western
Keisha Clark	LaToya Haynes	David Reid	Monique White
Raeleena Colington	Theodore Hinton	James Rice	Aretha William
Marcus Cooper	Louis Jackson	Sandra Richardson	Quentin Wilson
Adrienne Cooper	Sharron Jackson	Chris Richardson	Walden Woods

We are off to a great start this year with membership. We have 56 members and we are less than one month into the membership. Help us spread the word.

Join WTAC by visiting <https://www.tuskegedmv.org/store/membership-dues>

Any questions about your membership status, please email us at membership@tuskegedmv.org.

Membership Goal (100 Members)



Membership By Month

