



2026 Spring Commencement

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TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Our Mission

Texas Southern University is a comprehensive metropolitan university. Building on its legacy as an Historically Black institution, the University provides academic and research programs that address critical urban issues and prepare an ethnically diverse student population to become a force for positive change in a global society.

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TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY'S 14TH PRESIDENT

JAMES W. CRAWFORD III

VICE ADMIRAL, JAGC, U.S. NAVY (RETIRED)



James W. Crawford III, Vice Admiral, JAGC, U.S. Navy (Retired) is the 14th President of Texas Southern University.

He was appointed by the TSU Board of Regents in May 2024. Crawford is a decorated veteran, strategic planner and decisionmaker, academic leader, collaborator, and problem solver governed by three guiding principles: faith, family, and service.

He was appointed by President Obama as the 43rd Judge Advocate General of the United States Navy. He served as the principal military legal counsel to the Secretary of the Navy and Chief of Naval Operations, and the Department of Defense

Representative for Ocean Policy Affairs (REPOPA). He also led over 2,300 attorneys, enlisted paralegals, and civilian employees of the worldwide Navy JAG Corps community.

A 1979 student-athlete graduate of Belmont Abbey College, he was commissioned through the JAG Corps Student Program in 1983, following graduation from the University of North Carolina School of Law at Chapel Hill. He later earned a Master of Laws degree (Ocean and Coastal Law) from the University of Miami School of Law and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College. In 2008, he was named an MIT Seminar XXI Fellow.

Crawford previously served as a consultant on International Humanitarian Law for Palantir Technologies for developing artificial intelligence solutions to improve protections for civilians and civilian infrastructure during armed conflict. From 2020 to 2023, he served as the first male president of Felician University, a 2,100-student Roman Catholic university in Lodi and Rutherford, New Jersey.

Crawford and his wife, Elizabeth, have twin teenage sons, Nicholas and Alexander.

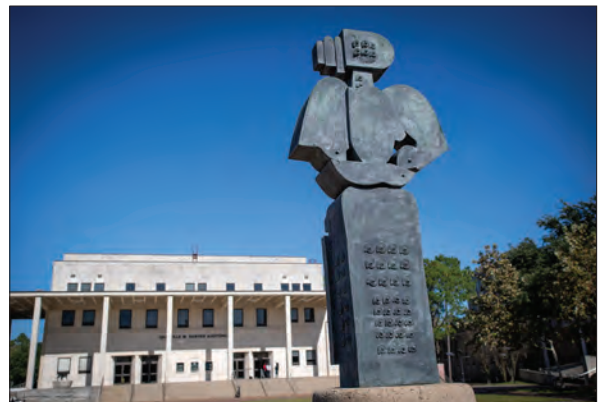
A CONCISE HISTORY OF TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

Texas Southern University, a special purpose institution for urban programming, has a history that dates to 1927. The University's earliest antecedents were characterized by a progression of institutional constructs; extension classes, a junior college, a four-year private institution, and, ultimately, a state-supported institution. The University's status as an institution of higher learning came during the era of segregation when the State of Texas denied Heman Marion Sweatt, an African American, entrance into the University of Texas Law School. Consequently, on March 3, 1947, the Texas State Senate of the 50th Legislature passed Senate Bill 140 providing for the establishment of the institution, including a law school, to be located in Houston. This bill was complemented use Bill 788, which called for the purchase of a 53-acre site to house the campus. Thus, was born Texas State University for Negroes; its name changed in June 1, 1951, to Texas Southern University.

Designated as an institution of the "first class," when the University opened its doors in September 1947, it had 2,300 students, two schools, one division and one college — the Law School, the Pharmacy School, the Vocational Division, and the College of Arts and Sciences. Responding to the changing times, in 1973, the 63rd Legislature designated Texas Southern University as a "special purpose" institution for urban programming. As a result, four more academic units were added — the College of Education, the School of Public Affairs, and the School of Communications. This designation described what Texas Southern University was doing from its inception — embracing diversity.

Today, Texas Southern University offers bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs in the following academic colleges and schools: the College of Liberal Arts and Behavioral Sciences; the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences; the College of Science, Engineering and Technology; the College of Education; the Barbara Jordan-Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs; the School of Communication; the Thurgood Marshall School of Law; the Jesse .H. Jones School of Business; the Graduate School; and the College of Transdisciplinary Studies.





HONORARY DOCTORATE OF HUMANE LETTERS RECIPIENT &
SPRING COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

ADMIRAL JAMES STAVRIDIS

PARTNER AND VICE CHAIRMAN, CARLYLE
CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION



A Florida native, Jim Stavridis attended the US Naval Academy at Annapolis, and spent 37 years in the Navy, rising to the rank of 4-star Admiral. Among his many commands were four years as the 16th Supreme Allied Commander at NATO, where he oversaw operations in Afghanistan, Libya, Syria, the Balkans, and counter piracy off the coast of Africa. He also commanded US Southern Command in Miami, charged with military operations through Latin America for nearly three years. He was the longest serving Combatant Commander in recent US history. Following his military career, he served for five years as the 12th Dean of The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University.

In the course of his career in the Navy, he served as senior military assistant to the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Defense. He led the Navy's premier operational think tank for innovation, Deep Blue, immediately after the 9/11 attacks. Admiral Stavridis was promoted directly from 1-star rank to 3-star rank in 2004.

He won the Battenberg Cup for commanding the top ship in the Atlantic Fleet and the Navy League John Paul Jones Award for Inspirational leadership, along with more than 50 US and international medals and decorations, including 28 from foreign nations. He also commanded a Destroyer Squadron and a Carrier Strike Group, both in combat.

In 2016, he was vetted for Vice President by Secretary Hillary Clinton, and subsequently invited to Trump Tower to discuss a cabinet position with President Donald Trump.

He earned a PhD from The Fletcher School at Tufts, winning the Gullion prize as outstanding student in his class in 1983, as well as academic honors from the National and Naval War Colleges as a distinguished student. He speaks Spanish and French.

Admiral Stavridis has published fifteen books on leadership, character, risk, the oceans, maritime affairs, and Latin America, as well as hundreds of articles in leading journals. An active user of social networks, he has tens of thousands of connections on the social networks. His TED talk on 21st century security in 2012 has close to one million views. He tweeted the end of combat operations in the Libyan NATO intervention. Two of his most popular books are the novel "2034: A Novel of the Next World War" which was a New York Times bestseller and is being published in 22 languages; and "To Risk It All: Nine Conflicts and The Crucible of Decision." His most recent novel "The Restless Wave: A Novel of the United States Navy," described by Publisher's Weekly as a well-told tale...worthy of "The Caine Mutiny" and "In Harm's Way" was published in October 2024, and "The Admiral's Bookshelf" was published in March 2025.

Admiral Stavridis is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist and Senior Military Analyst for CNN.

He is happily married to Laura, and they have two daughters – one working at Google and the other a Nurse Practitioner and former naval officer, both married to physicians.

THE PRESIDENTIAL SERVICE AWARD RECIPIENT

GEORGIA PROVOST ALUMNA & COMMUNITY ACTIVIST

Georgia Provost, the President of Provost Studios LLC, is a business owner who has demonstrated remarkable resilience amid the challenges of desegregation, societal integration, and significant changes in the photography industry.

She credits the strong foundation established by her late husband, Herbert Provost, along with their family's teamwork, for sustaining a business respected at the international, national, state, and local levels.

Mr. Provost founded Provost Studios in 1948. Georgia Provost, a fashion model at the time, met her husband at the Park Theater on Dowling Street, and they married in 1963. Once a student at Texas Southern University studying dietetics, she transitioned into photography after recognizing greater opportunity behind the camera.

Together, they built a family-centered business that included their son, Jerome, who began learning the trade at a young age during the rise of Polaroid photography.

Following integration, Provost Studios, like many minority-owned businesses, faced economic challenges as longstanding contracts with HBCUs declined. In response, the family expanded their services to include yearbooks, graduation materials, and class rings. Mr. Provost traveled to find new business and returned after securing Intercollegiate Press in Kansas to fulfill their contracts.

Mrs. Provost's passion for people, photography, philanthropy, her faith community at Our Mother of Mercy Catholic Church, and her connection to Texas Southern University remain evident in her work and ongoing legacy.



THE ORDER OF EXERCISES

Presiding
James W. Crawford III
President

Friday, May 8, 2026 • 9:00 a.m.

Prelude †	– <i>Various Composers</i> Wind Ensemble conducted by Mark Wayne Martin II
Call to Order and the Announcing of the Processional	Dr. Brian Armstrong <i>Assistant Vice President for Student Enrollment</i>
Academic Processional	“Processional March” – <i>by Edward Elgar arr. James D. Ployhar</i> Wind Ensemble directed by Mark Wayne Martin II
	Candidates for the Doctor of Philosophy Degrees
	Candidates for the Doctor of Education Degrees
	Candidates for the Juris Doctor Degrees
	Candidates for Master’s in Law School (LLM)
	Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degrees and Master’s Degrees in the Jesse H. Jones School of Business
	Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degrees and Master’s Degrees in the College of Education
	Candidates for the Baccalaureate Degrees and Master’s Degrees in the Barbara Jordan – Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs
	Members of the Faculty
	Officers of the Administration
	Members of the Dais
National Anthem †	“Star Spangled Banner” – <i>by Francis Scott Key</i> Wind Ensemble conducted by Mark Wayne Martin II
Invocation †	Reverend Deric D. Dawson (2007) <i>Senior Pastor of the New Providence Baptist Church</i>
Welcome	Honorable James Benham <i>Board of Regents</i>
	Honorable Al Green <i>United States Congressman – Texas 9th District</i>
	Honorable Chrisitan D. Menefee <i>United States Congressman – Texas 18th District</i>
Greeting & Recognitions	President James W. Crawford III
Honors Recognition	Dr. Carl B. Goodman <i>Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>
Musical Selection	“Thank You Lord for All You’ve Done for Me” – <i>by Walter Hawkins</i> TSU University Choir <i>conducted by Dr. Ashton D. Jones</i>

Commencement Address	Admiral James Stavridis <i>Partner and Vice Chairman, Carlyle Chair of the Board of Trustees, The Rockefeller Foundation</i>
Musical Selection	“The Circus Bee March” — <i>by Henry Fillmore</i> Wind Ensemble <i>conducted by Mark Wayne Martin II</i>
Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Recipient	Admiral James Stavridis
Presidential Service Award Recipient	Ms. Georgia Provost (1978) <i>Alumna & Community Activist</i>
Presentation of the Candidates	Dr. Carl B. Goodman <i>Provost/Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs</i> Academic Deans Professor McKen Carrington Dr. Aisha Morris Moultry Dr. Mahesh Vanjani Dr. J. Kenyatta Cavil Dr. Gregory Maddox Dr. Mark Weatherspoon Dr. Claudius Claiborne Dr. Hector Miranda Dr. Alan Caldwell Dr. Cheree Daniels Dr. Calvin Johnson
Conferral of Degrees	President James W. Crawford III The appearance of names on this program is presumptuous evidence of graduation, but it must not in any sense be regarded as conclusive. The diploma of the University, signed and sealed by its proper officers, remains the official testimony of the possession of the degree.
Alumni Pledge	Mr. Donald Greer (2000) <i>President, Texas Southern University National Alumni Association</i> <i>We, the alumni of Texas Southern University, pledge ourselves to uphold the principles and ideals for which she stands and to move forward with our Alma Mater in the vanguard of its educational, cultural, and economic progress.</i>
Alma Mater †	TSU Wind Ensemble & TSU Choir — <i>arr. Campbell Tolbert</i>
Benediction †	Reverend Deric D. Dawson
Dismissal	Dr. Brian Armstrong
Recessional ††	“Recessional March” — <i>by Edward Elgar</i> Wind Ensemble <i>conducted by Mark Wayne Martin II</i>

† Please Stand. †† Please remain in your seats until the Recessional is completed.

*The Commencement Committee requests all attendees refrain from video recording during the speaker’s address.

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B.S., University of Houston-Clearlake

M.S., University of Houston-Clearlake

Dissertation: *The Impact of Absenteeism, Socioeconomic Status, and Disciplinary Infractions on the Academic Performance of Middle School Students***Advisor:** Dr. Lillian B. Poats**Damita McClain**

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CANDIDATES FOR THE JURIS DOCTOR DEGREE IN THE THURGOOD MARSHALL SCHOOL OF LAW

The Candidates will be presented by
INTERIM DEAN MCKEN V. CARRINGTON, J.D.

The mission of the Thurgood Marshall School of Law is to provide a high quality, academic, legal training program to a diverse community of students who possess the potential to become outstanding members of the legal profession.

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Jordan N. Scroggins

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B.S., Texas A&M University - College Station

Kaylynn Steen

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Briana M. Thomas

B.A., University of Missouri-Columbia

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The mission of the College of Education is to prepare competent career professionals for effective service in urban schools and agencies. Through research collaboration and applications, it seeks solutions to teaching, learning, and behavioral problems facing America's urban populations.

DOCTOR OF EDUCATION

Michelle Benjamin Calhoun

Counselor Education
B.A., Texas Southern University
M.A., Prairie View A&M University

Dissertation: *The Impact of Selected Occupational, Demographic, and Professional Support Variables on School Counselors' Self-Efficacy and Preparedness for Behavioral Threat Assessment*

Advisor: Dr. Jessica Davis

Shannon Nicole Martin Glenn

Counselor Education
B.S., Abilene Christian University
M.S., Prairie View A&M University

Dissertation: *The Power of Workplace Culture: Examining the Relationship Between Perceived Organizational Support and Burnout Among Licensed Professional Counselors in Health Care Settings*

Advisor: Dr. Candy Ratliff

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Dissertation: *The Predictability of Social Media Usage, Demographic & Psychological Factors of Self-Esteem on College-Aged Students*

Advisor: Dr. Candy Ratliff

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B.A., University of California-Los Angeles
M.A., Loyola Marymount University

Dissertation: *An Analysis of The Impact of Implementing Financial Literacy Curriculum Factors on Financial Decision-Making Among Students in the Southern Region of Texas*

Advisor: Dr. Ingrid Haynes

Lexus Jonáe Johnson

Curriculum & Instruction
B.S., Texas Southern University
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Dissertation: *Modeling Math STAAR Performance Through An Ecological Lens: A Regression Analysis of Social and Demographic Factors Among Sixth Grade Students in an Urban School*

Advisor: Dr. Delilah Gonzales

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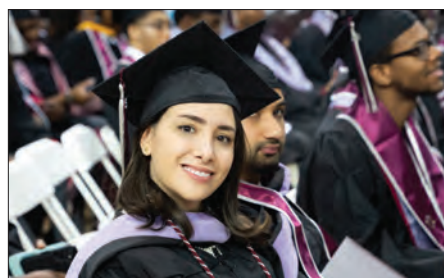
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The academic costumes worn today originated in universities of the Middle Ages. They varied in design until they were standardized by the American Intercollegiate Commission in 1894. At that time, it was decided that all robes would be black. Subsequently, in the past few years, many universities have decided to return to a distinctive gown design. The traditional doctor's gown has velvet panels down the front and three velvet bars on the regular sleeves. The master's gown has no velvet and does not usually have long sleeves. The bachelor's gown is similar to the master's, but has regular length, pointed sleeves. The hood can be the most colorful part of the entire costume. Only the lining of the hood indicates the university by its color. The border of the hood indicates the academic discipline in which the degree is earned. The color facing the hood, whether it is black or some other color, indicates the following:

Architecture and the Fine Arts	Brown	Library Sciences.....	Lemon Yellow
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Economics.....	Copper	Philosophy.....	Dark Blue
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Engineering	Orange	Psychology.....	Gold
Geography.....	Blue and Green	Public Health.....	Salmon Pink
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Law.....	Purple	Theology.....	Scarlet

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Verse:

The air is filled as our voices ring
From earth to the heav'ns above.
With voices raised; we're singing praise,
To the school we dearly love.

Refrain:

Hail, Hail, Hail! to Texas South-ern
Hail to our dear Maroon and Gray,
Undivided we will stand
By the greatest in the land;
T-S-U, T-S-U, we love you.

All roads lead to Texas South-ern,
Paved with light for one and all.
T-S-U're a shining star
And we're proud of what you are;
T-S-U, T-S-U, we love you.

Hail, Hail, Hail! to Texas South-ern,
Hail to our Chiefs in reverence we sing.
In our hearts you'll always stay
As you lead us on our way;
T-S-U, T-S-U, we love you.

— WORDS AND MUSIC BY C. A. TOLBERT —



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