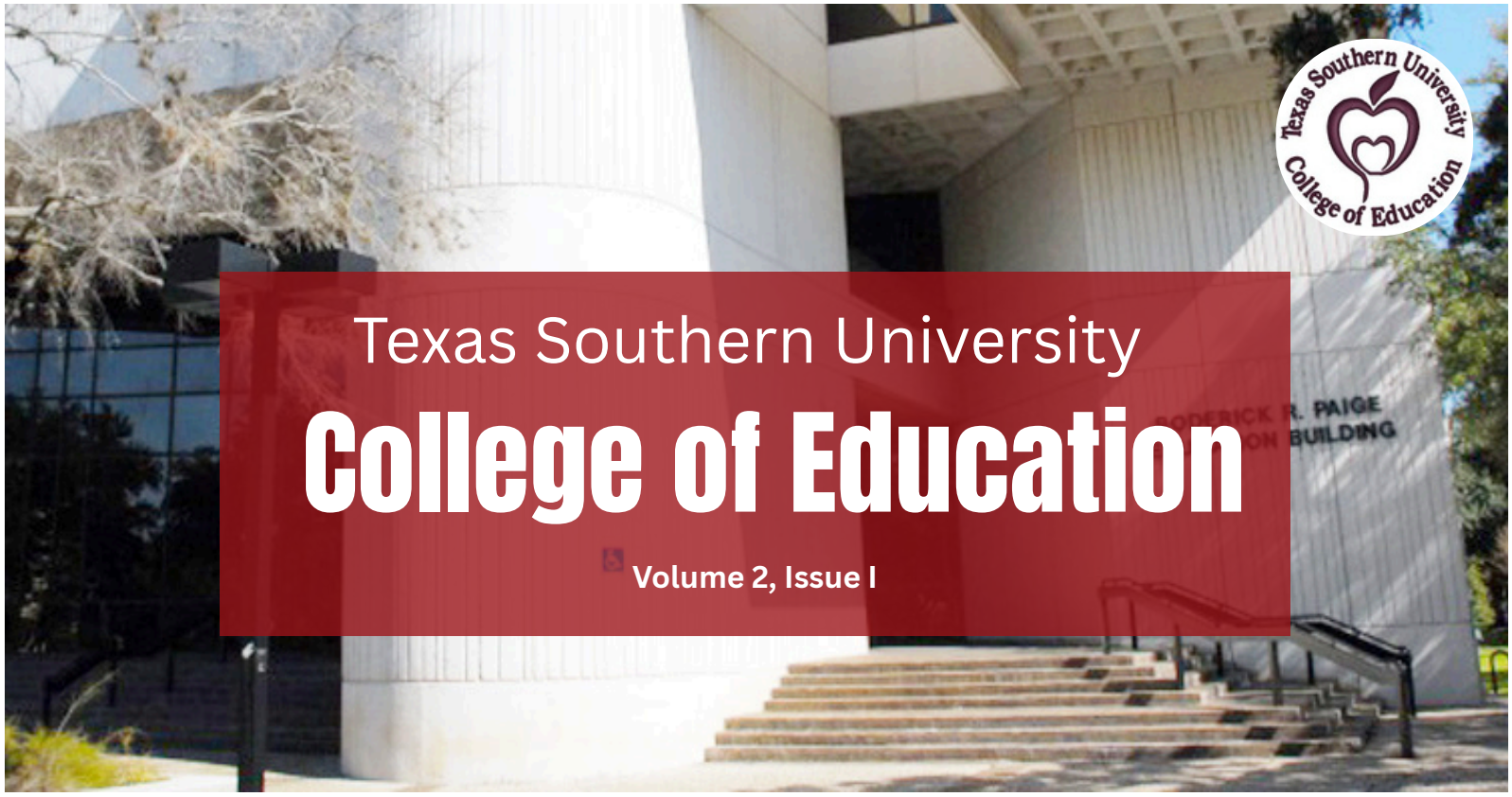


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Message from the Dean



Dear College of Education Students, Faculty, Staff, and Alumni,

Welcome to a new academic year!

As we begin another year in the College of Education, we are reminded that every achievement begins somewhere. For many of us, our educational and professional journeys began with a dream, a goal, or simply a small seed of hope a belief that with opportunity, preparation, and perseverance, something greater was possible.

Our theme, “Leading Institutional Excellence: From Aspiration to Achievement,” reminds us that we all play a collective role in the success of the College of Education.

To our students, continue to dream big and remain committed to the aspirations that brought you here. The work you are doing today is laying the foundation for the educator, scholar, leader, and professional you are becoming.

To our faculty and alumni, your journeys are powerful examples for our current students. Before the degrees, titles, careers, and accomplishments, there was once an aspiration. Your success demonstrates that what begins as a vision can become an achievement through preparation, persistence, focus, and opportunity. Your continued leadership, mentorship, and service help the next generation see what is possible for their own lives.

To our staff, your commitment, service, and support are an important part of bringing those aspirations to life. The work you do each day helps create the environment, opportunities, and experiences that allow our College community to continue moving forward.

No matter where we are in our individual journeys, we all play a collective role in the continued success of the College of Education. Institutional excellence is not created by one person, one department, or one achievement. It is built when each of us contributes our talents, ideas, experiences, service, and commitment toward something greater than ourselves, one band, one sound.

As we move forward, let us continue to strive for growth, dream big, support one another, and never lose sight of what is possible. The aspiration that begins as a small seed today can become an achievement that transforms life, strengthens a community, and inspires the next generation.

Together, let us continue Leading Institutional Excellence: From Aspiration to Achievement.

J. Kenyatta Cavil
Interim Dean

Upcoming Events

Habits of Successful Students Workshop

September 23, 2026 | 12:00 PM–1:00 PM | College of Education Building

Join us for the Habits of Successful Students Workshop and learn practical strategies for college success, including time management, organization, goal setting, effective study habits, and staying motivated. Students will gain tools to help them stay focused, organized, and on track toward their academic goals.

Undergraduate Townhall

September 30, 2026 | 12:00 PM–1:00 PM | College of Education Building

Start the semester informed and prepared! Join us for the Undergraduate Town Hall to receive important updates on registration, graduation requirements, degree audits, and College of Education resources. Students will also have the opportunity to ask questions and connect with the information and support they need for a successful semester.

Doctoral Litany Ceremony

October 26, 2026 | 5:30 PM–6:30 PM | College of Education Building

A special opportunity to recognize and celebrate doctoral students who have reached the milestone of completing their coursework. Join us as we encourage them with words of affirmation and final insights from **faculty and student panelists** as they prepare for the comprehensive examination. All doctoral students and faculty are welcome. If your comprehensive exam is approaching, this is a great opportunity to gain valuable insight early.

Career Planning Workshop

November 11, 2026 | 5:30 PM–7:00 PM | College of Education Building

Join us for a Career Planning Workshop designed to help graduate students explore career opportunities available after completing their degrees. Hear from professionals across multiple disciplines, gain insight into different career paths, ask questions, and learn practical strategies for preparing for your next professional step.

TSU ATPE

TSU ATPE Named ATPE University Local Unit of the Year

Texas Southern University's ATPE chapter was honored as the ATPE University Local Unit of the Year! Chapter officers attended the ATPE Summit at the JW Marriott Hill Country in San Antonio, where they connected with professors from universities across Texas, educators from across the state, and educational lobbyists. The experience provided valuable opportunities to network, learn, and engage with education professionals and advocates.



















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Student Organizations



Student Organizations

TSU Counseling Association

We are excited to introduce the 2026–2027 Counseling Association Executive Board! This dedicated team of counseling graduate students will help lead the association, create meaningful opportunities for professional development and engagement, and strengthen connections among counseling students and the broader counseling community.



Executive Board:

President: Guerrin Rogers

Vice President: Dejanay Kelly

Research Chair: Breona Bradley

Social Media Chair: Jonae Ales

Treasurer: Kierra Johnson

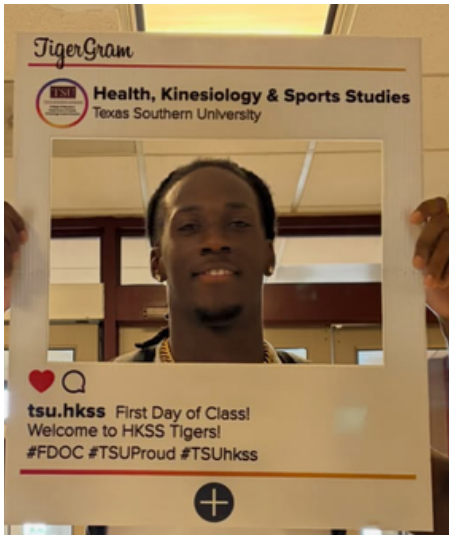
Congratulations to our new leaders! We look forward to an exciting year of leadership, professional growth, collaboration, and service under their guidance.

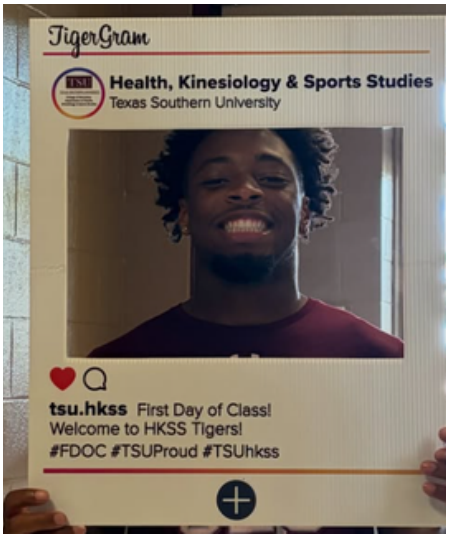
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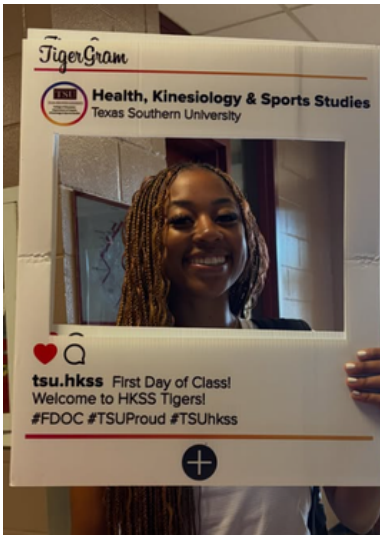


Welcome Back Students

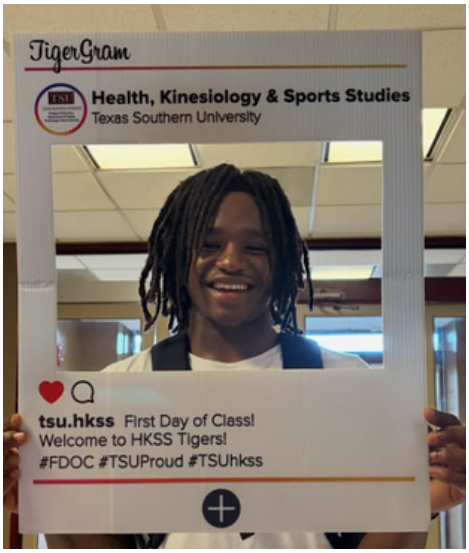
The Department of Health, Kinesiology, and Sport Studies (HKSS) warmly welcomed students back to campus as they began the Fall 2026 semester. Faculty and staff greeted students with warm smiles, a delicious breakfast, and plenty of excitement as they connected with students and celebrated the start of a new academic year. First-day photos captured special moments and memories as students kicked off the semester.

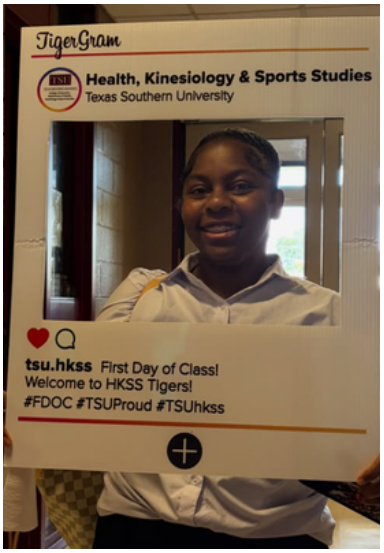


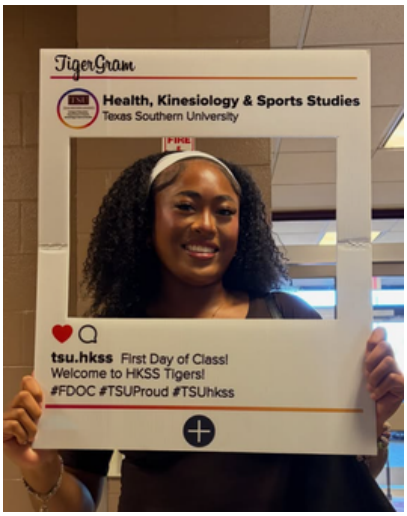


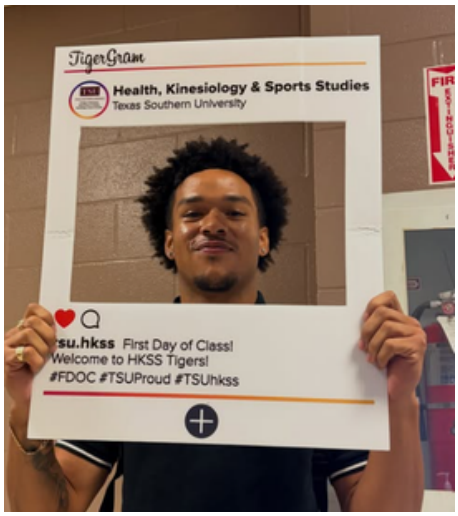


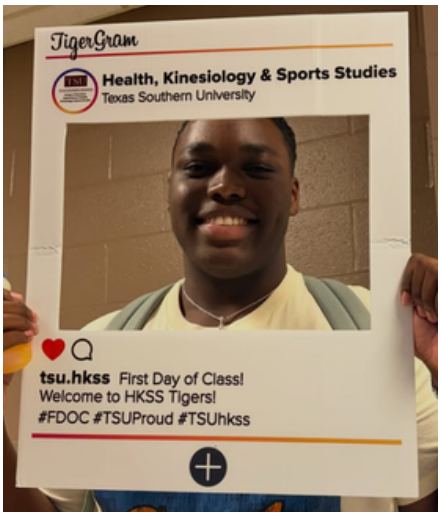






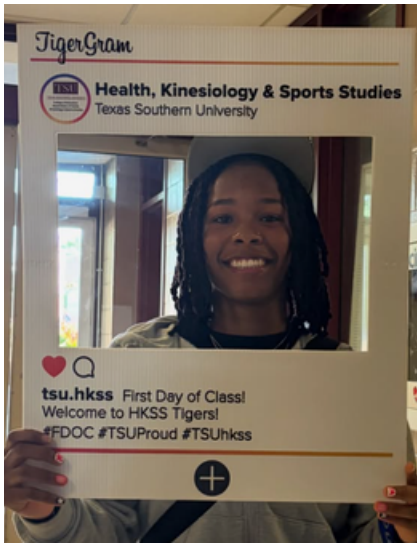

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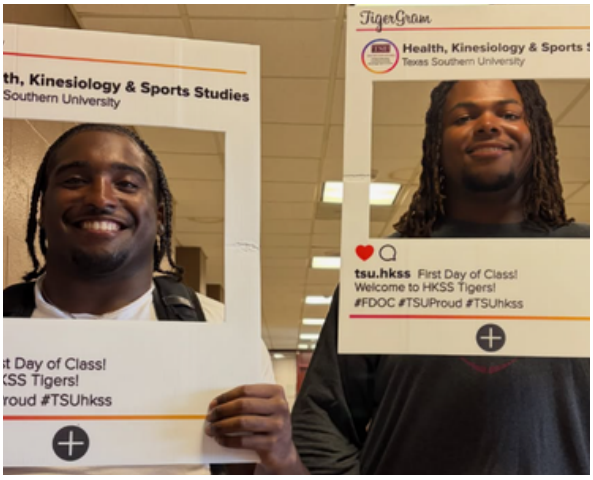

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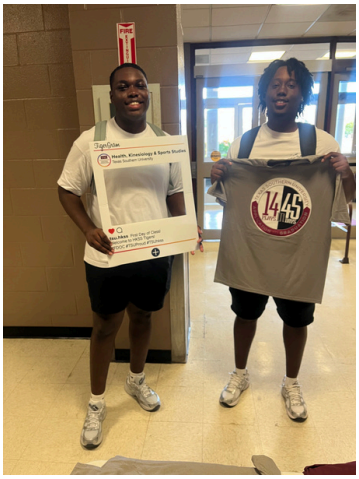
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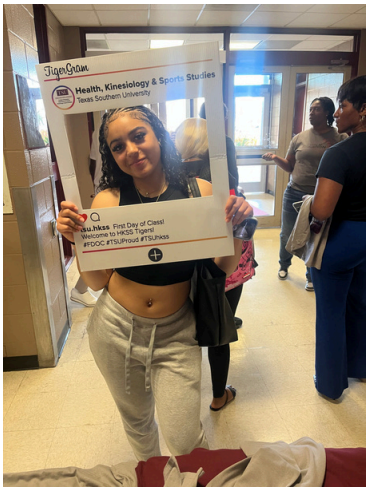
Starting the semester with connection, community, and COE pride! Students had the opportunity to Meet Their Success Team and celebrate the start of a new semester. Students also received their College of Education shirts, proudly representing COE as we kick off another exciting semester of learning, growth, and success!

















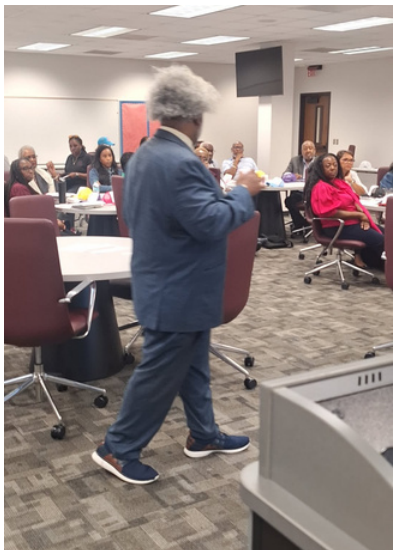
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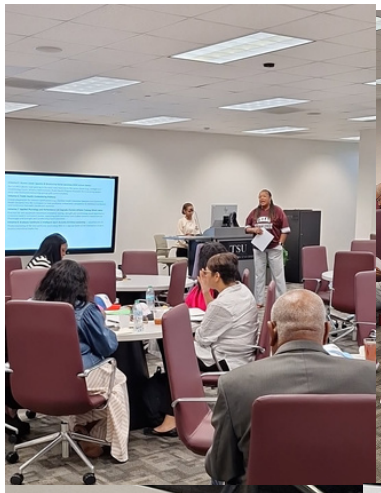
Open Faculty Meeting



Team-Building Icebreaker: “What Hat Are You Wearing This Year?”

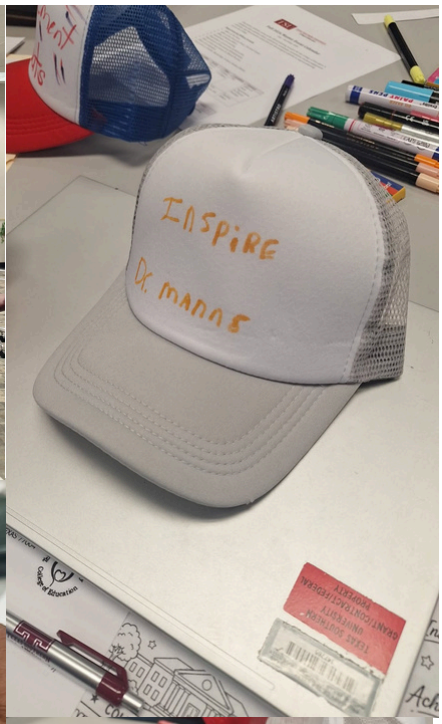
College of Education faculty and staff kicked off the Fall semester with a team-building icebreaker focused on collaboration and shared vision. Participants passed around a trucker hat and shared one word representing the “hat” they would wear to help the College succeed, such as Encourager, Innovator, Connector, Problem-Solver, Student Champion, or Team Player.

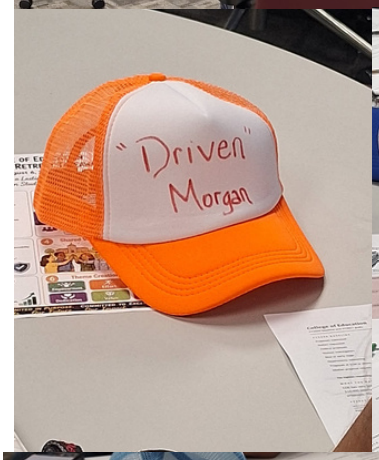
One College. Many Hats. One Band. One Sound. One Shared Vision.

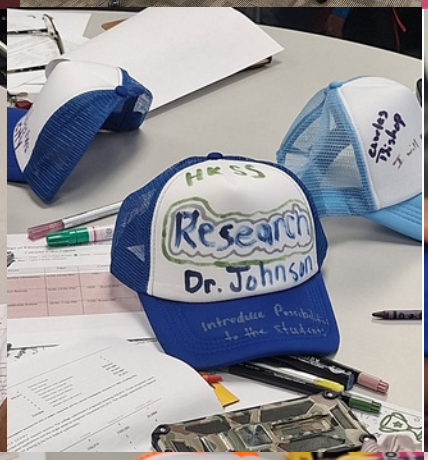


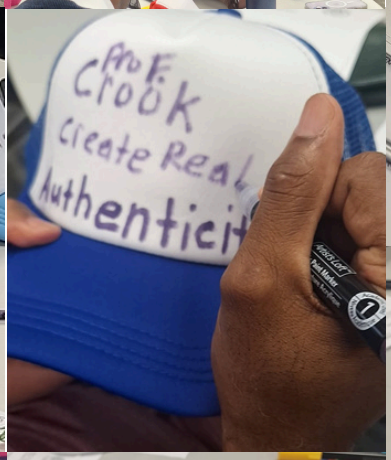




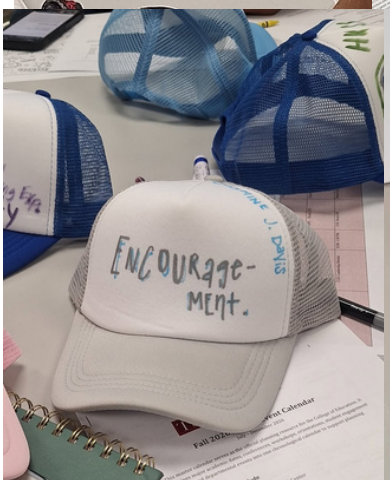




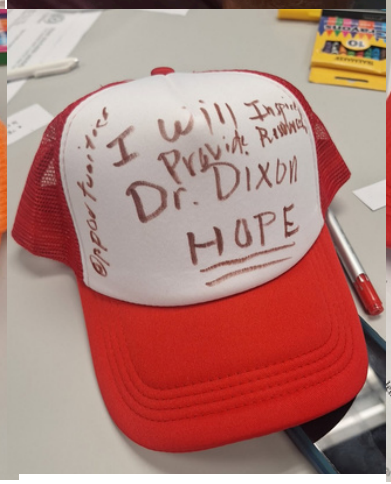








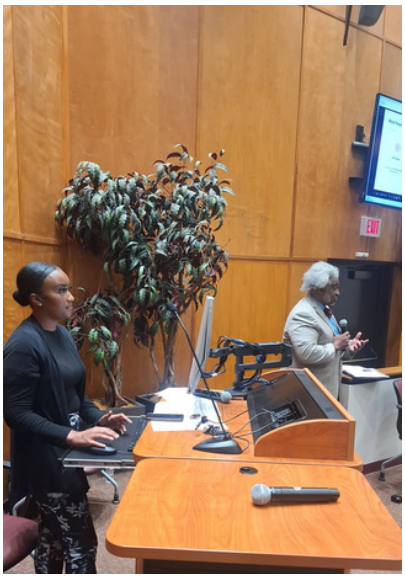




Graduate Townhall

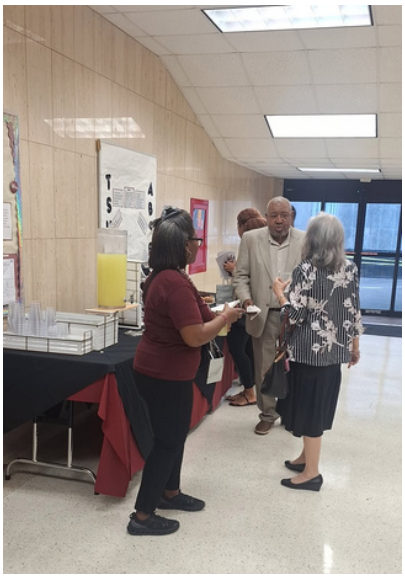
Our Graduate Town Hall brought students together with the Dean, department chairs, and the College of Education success team for an informative and engaging session. Students had the opportunity to connect with leadership, receive important academic and program updates, and learn about resources and support available to help them succeed throughout their graduate journey.













Graduate Workshop

Graduate Student Learning Series

On behalf of the Student Counseling Organization, Chi Sigma Iota, and the Graduate Student Association, graduate students gathered for the Graduate Student Learning Series: Advocacy and Graduate Student Leadership featuring Dr. Katherine Bacon. The session provided an engaging opportunity for students to learn more about advocacy, leadership, professional development, and the importance of using their voices to create positive change. Students gained valuable insights and practical strategies to support their growth as emerging professionals and leaders. CEUs were provided to participants, making the session a valuable professional learning experience.





COE in Action

Department of Curriculum and Instruction



C&I Block I Observations: Making an Impact Beyond the Classroom

C&I Block I students gained valuable hands-on experience through observations and community engagement with the Fort Bend Houston Super Neighborhood 41 Education Team. Students received training and utilized prepared curriculum packets to provide tutoring support to students within the Willowridge High School feeder pattern.

Students went above and beyond by volunteering on field trips, demonstrating their dedication to supporting students, engaging with the community, and gaining meaningful experiences beyond the classroom.





COE in Action

Department of Counseling

The Counseling Department continues to expand opportunities for faculty and students to engage in professional organizations, leadership development, service, and scholarship.

- **Student-Initiated TSU Counseling Association Newsletter**: Students launched a department-focused newsletter to highlight counseling initiatives, professional opportunities, and student accomplishments.
- **Student Leadership in Professional Publishing**: A counseling student was selected to serve as Editor of the inaugural HCA Journal, providing valuable experience in scholarly publishing and professional leadership.
- **TCA Ethics Competition**: Counseling students demonstrated their knowledge of professional ethics and teamwork by earning 2nd place in the Texas Counseling Association (TCA) Ethics Competition.
- **Faculty Fellowships & Leadership Development**: Faculty participated in prestigious professional development opportunities, including the AJC Fellowship and the TCA Leadership Institute, strengthening leadership skills and expanding professional networks.
- **NAMI Walk**: Faculty and students participated in the NAMI Walk, supporting mental health awareness, advocacy, and community engagement.
- **4th Annual AJC Fellowship** – George Washington University, Washington, D.C.: Faculty and students participated in the 4th Annual AJC Fellowship at George Washington University, gaining exposure to leadership, advocacy, and professional development opportunities in Washington, D.C.

These accomplishments reflect the Counseling Department's commitment to professional engagement, student leadership, faculty development, advocacy, and service to the counseling profession and community.

COE in Action









COE Spotlights Faculty

Dr. Delilah Davis, Dr. Kanisha Porter, and Dr. Marlena Robinson

The Department of Curriculum & Instruction proudly recognizes Dr. Delilah Davis, Dr. Kanisha Porter, and Dr. Marlena Robinson for their participation in the Deans for Impact—Texas Early Literacy Network (TEL Network).

As the network enters its second year, these faculty members continue to engage in professional learning, collaborate with educators from across Texas, and explore research-based approaches to strengthen the preparation of future teachers in early literacy.

Their dedication and leadership reflect TSU's commitment to preparing highly effective educators who are equipped with the knowledge and skills to support student literacy and success.





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COE Spotlights
Faculty



Dr. Syreeta Blacklock



Dr. Derrick Manns

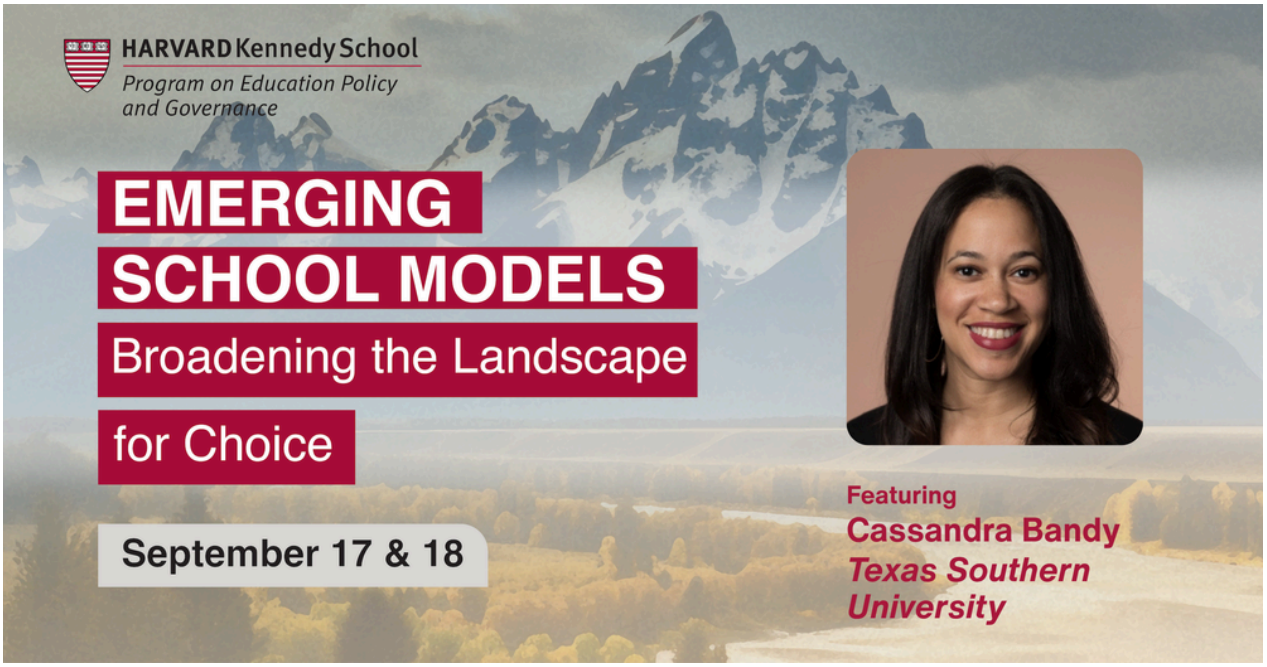
The Health, Kinesiology and Sport Studies (HKSS) faculty in the College of Education proudly recognize Dr. Syreeta Blacklock and Dr. Derrick Manns for their professional leadership and commitment to student success.

In 2026, Dr. Manns represented Texas Southern University at the National Association of HBCU Title III Administrators Conference, presenting on strategies to enhance student engagement and success. He also served as a webinar speaker for the SREB HBCU-MSI Collaborative.

Dr. Blacklock and Dr. Manns, along with colleagues, also hosted a Best Practices Session with Alcorn State University at Texas Southern University, supporting collaboration and the exchange of effective practices.
HKSS celebrates Dr. Blacklock and Dr. Manns for representing the College of Education and advancing the university's commitment to excellence and student success.

COE Spotlights Student

Cassandra Bandy
Educational Administration Doctoral Student



We are proud to recognize Cassandra Bandy, who will participate as a panelist at the Harvard Kennedy School conference, “Emerging School Models: Broadening the Landscape of Choice,” on September 18. Cassandra has been invited to share her research on convergent public funding in Texas as part of the panel, “Financing Emerging Schools: Is Current Funding Sufficient?” Her participation is a wonderful opportunity to showcase her research and contribute to an important national conversation on the future of school choice and innovative education models.

COE Spotlights Student

Leanna Long
Counseling
Master Student



We are proud to recognize Leanna Long, who was recently awarded first place at the master's level in the Texas Southern University Graduate School Scholarship Essay Competition. A student in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling program, Leanna's accomplishment reflects her dedication, academic excellence, and commitment to her educational journey. She received this prestigious recognition in May 2026. Congratulations to Leanna on this well-deserved achievement!



COE Spotlights Students

Dejanay Kelly, Breona Bradley, and Kierra Johnson

Counseling Master Students





The Counseling Department proudly recognizes Dr. Jessica Davis and counseling graduate students Dejanay Kelly, Breona Bradley, and Kierra Johnson for their outstanding performance at the 2026 Graduate Student Ethics Competition.

The team was invited to respond to a challenging professional ethical scenario that required critical thinking, collaboration, and the application of counseling ethics. Through their knowledge, preparation, and teamwork, they demonstrated a strong commitment to the ethical standards of the counseling profession.

Their exceptional performance earned them 2nd place in the competition! Congratulations to Dr. Davis, Dejanay, Breona, and Kierra on this outstanding accomplishment and for representing the Counseling Department with excellence.

COE Spotlights Student

Kierra Johnson
Counseling Master Student



We are proud to spotlight Kierra Johnson, a proud graduate of Texas Southern University with a Bachelor of Science in Health Studies. Kierra currently serves as a 10th Grade Chemistry Teacher at Yellowstone College Prep, where she continues to impact students through education and mentorship.

Kierra is also an accomplished leader and active member of the TSU community. She serves as President of the Graduate Student Association and Treasurer of the TSU Counseling Association. She was also inducted into the Tau Sigma Upsilon Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, recognizing her commitment to leadership and professional excellence.

On August 22, Kierra was one of two TSU students selected to receive the inaugural Houston Phi Delta Kappa TSU Endowed Scholarship. She is honored and grateful for the scholarship, which will support her journey toward becoming a school counselor.
Kierra continues to give back through university and community service, mentorship, and sharing her professional experiences with current students.





COE Spotlights Students

Areion Jones
Health Studies Undergraduate Student



Congratulations to Areion Jones, a Health Studies major, on being named to the Spring 2026 President's List. This prestigious recognition highlights Areion's dedication to her studies and commitment to maintaining a high level of academic achievement. We celebrate this accomplishment and wish Areion continued success throughout her academic journey!

Brandon Tryon
Kinesiology Undergraduate Student

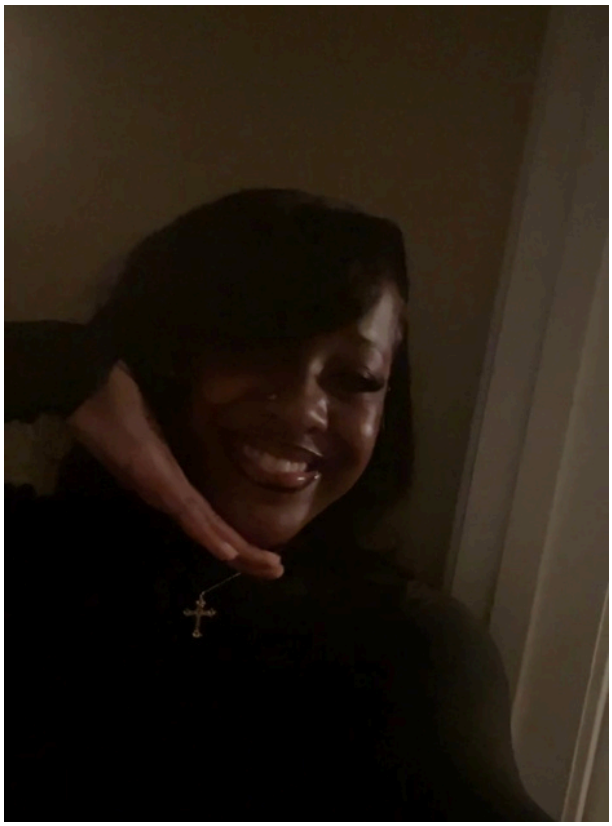


Brandon Tryon continues to demonstrate a strong commitment to academic success as he completes his final semester at Texas Southern University. A senior majoring in Kinesiology, Brandon was recognized for earning a place on the Dean's List during the past academic year. With an impressive 3.76 overall GPA, he is on track to graduate this December with his bachelor's degree in Kinesiology. We congratulate Brandon on his academic accomplishments and wish him continued success as he reaches this exciting milestone!

COE Spotlights Student

Ariel Moore

Athletic Training Undergraduate Student



We are proud to spotlight Ariel Moore, an Athletic Trainer (Non-Teaching) student in the Texas Southern University College of Education. Ariel earned Dean's List recognition throughout her freshman year, receiving this distinction during both the Fall and Spring semesters. She is also a member of SCLA, demonstrating her commitment to leadership, academic excellence, and professional growth. Ariel's SCLA membership spans July 12, 2025–April 12, 2026. Congratulations, Ariel, on your outstanding accomplishments and continued commitment to excellence! We are proud to celebrate your success.

COE Spotlights
Alumni

Adrian Ramirez
Interdisciplinary Studies



Congratulations to Adrian Ramirez, recipient of the TACO (Texas Association of Certification Officers) Classroom Setup Grant! A recent graduate, Adrian was selected for this honor after his essay was submitted for consideration. He received a $250 grant to support the setup of his classroom for the 2026–2027 school year. We are proud to celebrate Adrian's achievement and wish him continued success as he begins his teaching journey!

Alumni Spotlights

We want to celebrate YOU! Our alumni community is full of inspiring stories, achievements, and career milestones, and we'd love to share yours. Whether you've launched a new career, received a promotion, started your own business, completed an advanced degree, or accomplished something extraordinary, your journey matters.

By sharing your updates, you not only inspire current students but also connect with fellow alumni and showcase the incredible impact of our community. Let's celebrate your successes together and keep the spirit of our alumni network alive!
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