



*A Glimpse of
the Evolving
Harris-Stowe
State University*

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STATE UNIVERSITY

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A fully accredited institution of higher education.

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Harris-Stowe State University, located in midtown St. Louis, is a four-year institution that offers 15 degree programs in the areas of Accounting, Business Administration, Biology, Criminal Justice, Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Health Care Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, Information Sciences and Computer Technology, Mathematics, Middle School Education, Educational Studies, Professional Interdisciplinary Studies, Secondary Education and Urban Affairs. Ranked by *U.S. News* as one of America's Best Colleges in the Midwest, the university, which has been in existence for more than 150 years, offers the most affordable bachelor's degree in the state of Missouri. HSSU is home of the Don and Heide Wolff Jazz Institute.



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HSSU Statement of Vision

Harris-Stowe State University, an HBCU (Historically Black Colleges and Universities), will be a standard of academic excellence among urban institutions of higher learning, offering broad and diverse educational and co-curricular experiences that prepare students to graduate and serve as leaders in the local, state, national and global community.

HSSU Mission

Harris-Stowe State University's primary mission, as set forth in Senate Bill 153, is to address the higher education needs of the metropolitan St. Louis region.

In addition, the University is thoroughly committed to meeting to the greatest extent possible the needs of a student population that is diverse in age, culture, ethnicity and experiential backgrounds. In short, Harris-Stowe State University is strongly committed to providing a high-quality higher education experience that is both affordable and accessible to the diverse populations within and beyond the metropolitan St. Louis region.

DID YOU KNOW?

HSSU has collaborations with Webster University, Maryville University, Saint Louis University, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, Alabama A&M University and Goldfarb School of Nursing.





Accreditations

Harris-Stowe State University receives its institutional accreditation through The Higher Learning Commission. "The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is an independent corporation and one of two commission members of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), which was founded in 1895 as one of six regional institutional accreditors in the United States. The Higher Learning Commission accredits, and thereby grants membership in the Commission and in the North Central Association, degree-granting post-secondary educational institutions in the North Central region."

Within the institution, the Anheuser-Busch School of Business receives additional accreditation for its unique programs through The Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) and The International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE).

The College of Education receives additional accreditation through The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center is nationally accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

HSSU Board of Regents

Harris-Stowe State University is governed by the Board of Regents. Six voting members, appointed by the governor and confirmed by the Missouri Senate, serve six-year terms. One non-voting student member serves a two-year term.

The governing body of Harris-Stowe State University develops policy and provides oversight of the university administration and operation.

The Harris-Stowe State University Board of Regents mission is to govern, lead and further the proper function of Harris-Stowe State University in carrying out its state-mandated mission.



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Board Member



Dr. Art McCoy II
Board Member
HSSU Alumnus





Meet the New Interim President: Constance Gully

Q: What excites you about your role at Harris-Stowe?

A: The opportunity to serve and engage more with students.

Q: What is your vision for the university as you move into the future?

A: My vision is to expand opportunities for our students by providing and enriching academic, professional and cultural growth experiences that traditionally have only been available to the affluent.

Q: What has been your greatest challenge since serving as president?

A: Catching my breath.

Q: You have been at HSSU for the past 15 years. Do you feel that your current role as the CFO prepared you for what you are doing now? In what way?

A: Over the past 15 years that I have had the opportunity to work at Harris-Stowe, my passion for the students and the mission of this institution has grown daily, equipping me with the desire and fortitude to serve in any capacity in which I am asked to serve.

Q: You speak with real passion and advocacy for the students and for HSSU overall. From where does that stem?

A: My passion stems from 15 years of witnessing the impact that

access to higher education can have on an individual, the community, the economy and the global society in which we live.

Q: In your words, why is the mission of HSSU such an important one, especially to the STL region?

A: Harris-Stowe State University is small, yet has a mighty impact on the number of African-American and other under-resourced graduates in the region. The positive economic impact that Harris-Stowe has on the region, though often overlooked, positively affects many generations to come.

Q: Five years from now, where do you see our historic university?

A: It is my hope that Harris-Stowe will be nationally recognized for successful delivery of developmental course work, transitioning the academically underprepared to college ready and from there to being workplace ready lifelong learners and contributors to the community and the global society in the areas of Business, STEM and Education.

Q: What are your hobbies (what do you do in your free time), when you're not in presidential mode?

A: I take advantage of opportunities to serve God and the community outside of Harris-Stowe, and I enjoy time with family and friends often. In all that I do, I seek to be a positive example for our students and for my own son.



STEM Focused Education: HSSU's New Niche

Science, technology, engineering and math-centered (STEM) education has been on the rise at Harris-Stowe since being awarded a \$2.5 National Science Foundation grant to strengthen its scholarly focus in this area. As a result of the Undergraduate Research Experiences component of the National Science Foundation HBCU-UP project, HSSU has been able to provide undergraduate research opportunities to its students. There has been a 10-fold increase in student research participation at HSSU through this project component as evidenced in the table below. The grant proposed 20 undergraduate researchers. The data shows that by year four, 48 students participated in research opportunities, more than doubling grant anticipation goals.



Student Participation in Undergraduate Research at HSSU

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	
	2009	2010	2011	2012	Total
Mathematics Education Major	2	1	0	0	3
Science Education Major	1	0	5	4	10
Mathematics Major	0	1	3	1	5
Biology Major	0	0	12	18	30
Total	3	2	20	23	48

Over the past five years, Harris-Stowe has increased the level of undergraduate research opportunities provided to students in STEM areas. During this time, 12 HSSU students have conducted research at the St. Louis World Aquarium. Four scholars participated in research at the Missouri Botanical Garden and one at the Danforth Plant Science Center. Since 2009, a number of undergraduate research students have presented their research in oral and poster presentations at local, regional and national scientific conferences including Missouri Section of the American Society for Cell Biology, Botanical Society of America, National Science Foundation/American Association for the Advancement of Science (NSF/AAAS) Emerging Researcher National Conference, Argonne Science Research Laboratory and the National Organization for the Professional Advancement of Black Chemists and Chemical Engineers (NOBCCChE)

Regional Conference. Additionally, six Harris-Stowe STEM majors presented their research at the NSF/AAAS Emerging Researcher National conference last year, with one student winning second-place honors in the mathematics and statistics category. In addition, two Science and Mathematics Summer Academy students presented their summer science projects at the NOBCCChE Midwest Region Health Science and Biotechnology Conference in Indianapolis.

Enrollment in Mathematics & Biology Degree Programs

	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
	2010 - 2011	2011 - 2012	2012 - 2013
Mathematics Enrollment Projections	8	10	12
Mathematics Actual	5	15	20
Biology Enrollment Projections	16	20	23
Biology Actual	10	105	125
Total (Actual)	15	120	145

The development of programs in mathematics and biology and approval by the Missouri Department of Higher Education to expand HSSU's academic degrees beginning in the fall of 2010, was a major accomplishment for the university and was part of the Curriculum Development component of the HBCU-UP project. Enrollment in these two STEM degree programs has exceeded expectations, as evidenced above.





HSSU Partners with Goldfarb School of Nursing

Harris-Stowe State University and the Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College has entered into a collaborative articulation agreement that allows Harris-Stowe students to transfer the general education credits from HSSU into the upper division bachelor of science of nursing and the accelerated bachelor of science in nursing program options at GSON. In addition students at Harris-Stowe will have the option of completing a dual degree at both institutions—a bachelor of science in biology from Harris-Stowe and a bachelor of science degree in Nursing at Goldfarb. With this agreement, GSON will accept up to 58 semester hours of pre-registered nursing course work from Harris-Stowe to be applied to the upper division BSN degree offered at Goldfarb.

DID YOU KNOW?

HSSU faculty member Dr. John MacDougal discovered a new species of the passion flower.

HSSU & SLU Partner for Dual Degree in Mathematics & Engineering

Harris-Stowe State University and Saint Louis University have officially signed an agreement to offer students a dual degree in mathematics and engineering. The 3+2/3+3 program allows students to complete the requirements for a math degree at Harris-Stowe and continue at SLU for either two years by majoring in interdisciplinary engineering or three years with a major in mechanical or computer engineering, ultimately earning an engineering degree from SLU at the completion of the program. After five years, a student will graduate with two degrees.

The goal of the partnership is to increase the number of underrepresented graduates in the area of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Faculty members from both institutions, for the past two years, have been working on a rigorous curriculum that is sure to challenge, yet motivate all students involved. Students completing the mathematics degree will begin enrolling in the engineering portion starting fall 2014.

“I am so delighted that Harris-Stowe is able to partner with Saint Louis University to provide these unique academic opportunities,” said Dr. Dwyane Smith, vice president of academic affairs. “This collaboration is good for not only our community, but for the state.”

The signing took place October 2012, in the Parks College of Engineering, Aviation and Technology at Saint Louis University. President of KWAME Building Group Tony Thompson, a strong supporter of both institutions, and an outspoken advocate for minorities entering the fields of science, technology, engineering and math is the visionary behind this groundbreaking collaboration between a public HBCU and a private Jesuit higher education institution.



The Impact of Our Donors

Marguerite Bieler Notorangelo, who grew up on a dairy farm in Ferguson, Missouri, graduated from Harris Teachers College in 1940. Realizing at a very young age that she wanted to be a teacher, Harris was the perfect choice for her, as it was considered the best option for aspiring educators during that time. While at Harris, she played basketball and joined a sorority. She was hired as a teacher by the St. Louis Public Schools and later by the Ferguson-Florissant School District.

“She loved teaching,” said her daughter Marge Greenwald. “Most of her years were at Griffith School teaching fourth grade. She was well loved by her students, and many would stop her at Famous Barr or other stores and say hello.”

At Notorangelo’s 90th birthday party, she was honored with a scholarship in her name – The Marguerite Bieler Notorangelo Educators Scholarship – for students majoring in teacher education at Harris-Stowe State University. “When a scholarship was set up in her name, it was to honor her love of teaching and to make funds available to foster another teacher,” said Greenwald.

In 2010, Marguerite’s husband, Anthony Notorangelo, donated \$25,000 to HSSU to establish the renewable scholarship, and each year since the contribution, one student has received \$3,000 per semester.

Donor Gwendolyn Downs never attended college, but she and her husband Roger have always deemed education an important part of an individual’s success. Based on criteria that she and her family set, she annually gives to HSSU via two scholarships that she established in two of her brother-in-law’s names. Additionally, she takes it one step further and donates a car every two years to a deserving single mother who is working toward her bachelor’s degree, something that has never been done before at HSSU.

“I wanted to give back because people were so kind to us as children and always helped my parents,” said Gwendolyn Downs of she and her husband’s choice to donate funds to HSSU. “At this stage of our lives, it’s not about us; it’s about what we can do for someone else to make their life just a little bit easier.”

The need for committed donors like the Notorangelo and Downs family is now greater than ever before, as overall college fundraising – especially at Historically Black Colleges and Universities – has taken a downturn due to the economy. More than 93 percent of HSSU students rely on some form of financial aid, therefore, raising additional funds to assist students with earning their degree is a major university priority. Implementing new tuition structures, such as offering up to 16 credit hours for the same rate as a 12 credit-hour load helps students take more classes without added expenses, while keeping them on track toward graduation.



How We've Grown

Boy, how we've changed! Harris-Stowe's Givens Campus is comprised of seven buildings, all of which are equipped with the latest in technological advancements and state-of-the-art facilities. The beautiful 18-acre site is the location for which its athletic events take place, theatre productions are held, and it serves as the center for student life and academic activity.

Harris-Stowe State University Timeline



For more than 140 years this was the only building to represent what is today Harris-Stowe State University.
Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Administration Building
(Building named in 2005)



Former Vashon Community Center

1999



Rev. Dr. William G. Gillespie Residence Hall & Student Center

2006



William L. Clay Dr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center

2009



AT&T Library & Technology Resource Center

1998



Emerson Performance Center

2003



Freeman R. Bosley Jr. Residence Hall & Dining Facility

2011



HSSU Athletics

The Harris-Stowe State University Department of Athletics is committed to providing a competitive, culturally diverse and gender-equitable sports program that operates within the rules and regulations of the University, the American Midwest Conference (AMC) and the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The department and its student-athletes, strive to uphold the five “Champions of Character” core values, which are respect, responsibility, integrity, servant leadership and sportsmanship. The Hornets currently compete in seven sports including men’s and women’s soccer, women’s volleyball, men’s and women’s basketball, baseball and softball.

HSSU athletes are well-rounded students who excel on and off the playing field, with a number of them recognized as scholar-athletes and academic all-conference players. Harris-Stowe caters to the needs of student-athletes who come from within and beyond the metropolitan area in need of scholarship support to cover expenses such as tuition, room and board and books.



Preserving Our History

The former Vashon Community Center, which sits on the corner of Market Street and Compton Avenue, opened in 1937 as the second largest of the city of St. Louis' four recreational facilities for African-Americans. It was the only recreational outlet for African-Americans in what was then known as the Mill Creek neighborhood. Today, the building is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Property of Harris-Stowe State University, the plan is to eventually transform the facility into additional classroom space and a repository for the university's collection of historic papers and documents. It may also house the Don and Heide Wolff Jazz Institute, which currently exists in the Henry Givens Jr. Administration Building. In 2009, HSSU received \$1 million from the U.S. Department of Interior's National Park Service HBCU Historic Preservation grant program to prevent further damage from the structure of the building. The exterior of the center was restored in the spring of 2013. The interior renovations are pending additional funding for the project, therefore, the facility remains inoperable.

DID YOU KNOW?

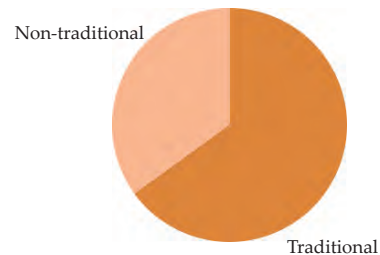
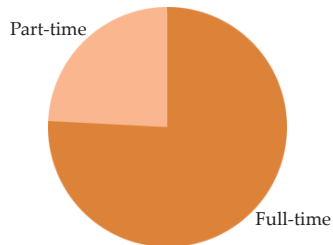
HSSU offers business degree programs in three areas that the U.S. Department of Labor considers to be the fastest-growing occupations, including accounting, health care management and marketing.





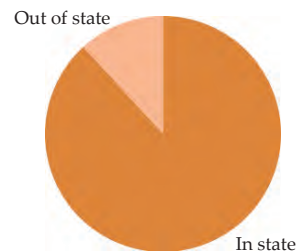
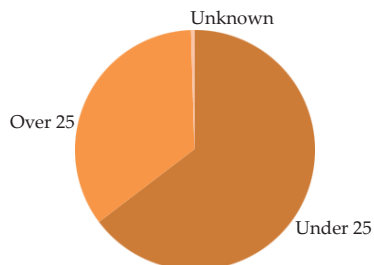
Our Campus

Student Enrollment
Full-time Students: 984
Part-time Students: 314



Traditional Students: 65%
Non-traditional Students: 35%

Students' Average Age
Students Under 25: 839
Students Over 25: 453
Unknown: 6



Student Residency
In state: 1145 (88%)
Out of state: 153 (12%)

DID YOU KNOW?
HSSU students can take up to 16 credit hours for the same cost as a 12-credit hour load.

Students who utilize financial aid: 91%
Student to Faculty Ratio: 31:1
Average Class Size: 13
Full-time Faculty: 43



William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center

The Harris-Stowe State University William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center is a comprehensive child care center for children six weeks to 5 years old. The program includes a full-day/full-year curriculum and an educational focus that enriches and enhances the cognitive, social, emotional and physical development of young children in an environment that promotes and supports informed participation of parents. Additionally, the Clay Center serves as a laboratory school that allows HSSU early childhood majors and those seeking certification to teach in the field to engage in practicum hands-on experience right on the Harris-Stowe campus. Since its opening in 2009, the Clay Center has proven to be a vital community resource that provides professional development opportunities for individuals working in the area of child care development.

The center offers a subsidized fee schedule to better meet the needs of the community at large. It is with this effort that HSSU seeks to present early childhood care options to those that are most in need and could benefit from outstanding child care services from qualified professionals.

In the fall of 2013, Ms. Deborah Thomas, lead infant teacher at the Clay Center was honored with the St. Louis American Foundation's PNC Early Childhood award for her work and commitment to early childhood education.

DID YOU KNOW?

HSSU graduates work in 29 school districts/education centers with two of the 29 being out of state.

Destination: Graduation

Leonard C. Johnson III

Deputy Chief of Staff

Office of the Treasurer, City of St. Louis

Class of 2010, Professional Interdisciplinary Studies

Q: How did HSSU prepare you for your current professional role?

A: Whether it was the knowledge and skills that I gained as a student leader or the professionalism that was required of me when I worked on campus, every part of who I am today was nurtured and groomed at HSSU.

Q: What is your fondest HSSU memory?

A: I have so many great memories of HSSU. One that I will never forget is when the Student Government Association partnered with the Saint Louis University to honor the legacy and life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., while at the same time raising awareness for the need of racial harmony throughout the city of St. Louis. HSSU students were able to raise more than \$13,000 toward the building of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial in Washington, D.C.



Our Graduates Hard at Work

- American Family Insurance
- Annie Malone
- Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield
- AT&T
- Bank of America
- Boeing
- Centene Corporation
- City of St. Louis
- Commerce Bank
- Deloitte
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Division of Youth Services
- Edward Jones Investment
- Eli Lilly
- Enterprise Holdings
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis
- Human Development Corporation
- Interlock Pharmacy
- JP Morgan
- Mercy Hospital
- Missouri Board of Probation and Parole
- Monsanto
- National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)
- Nationwide Insurance
- Saint Louis Public Schools
- Scott Air Force Base
- SSM DePaul
- State of Missouri
- The Habitat Company
- U.S. Bank
- United Healthcare
- Wells Fargo Advisors
- World Omni Financial Services

The HSSU Office of Career Services keeps current students and graduates abreast of various employment and internship opportunities. This list includes corporate and community partners that eagerly extend job offers to Harris-Stowe alumni each year. Additionally, the university offers degree programs in areas such as health care management and business, with a marketing option, which are two of the nation's fastest-growing occupations, according to the U.S. Department of Labor. Accounting and elementary school education are two occupations with the most job growth, and they are both offered at Harris-Stowe. We are proud of our graduates as they continue to leave their mark in corporate America and the world!

Q: Why is HSSU so important to this community?

A: Harris-Stowe is and has always been a beacon of hope for those who wanted or desired to obtain higher education. It has served as figurehead in the community to those who have been traditionally disenfranchised and denied an opportunity to a higher education that is accessible, affordable and diverse!

Q: What is something about your HSSU that you feel people should know?

A: People should know that Harris-Stowe has so much to offer, not just through its rigorous degree programs, but a wide range of student activities and other leadership opportunities that young people need in today's diverse and global economy.

DID YOU KNOW?

All 15 of HSSU's degree programs require 120 credit hours. This helps our students complete their degree and enter the workforce in four years.



Rep. Kimberly Gardner

Missouri House of Representatives

District 77, Democrat

Class of 1999, Health Care Management

Q: What is your fondest HSSU memory?

A: My fondest memory was being the first graduate of the Health Care Management program in May of 1999. I also remember the Rev. Jesse Jackson Jr. was our commencement speaker. I was so impressed and felt so special that I had finally graduated. I always tell people my most exciting and special graduation was at HSSU.

Q: Why did you choose HSSU?

A: I chose HSSU because I wanted the best affordable education I could find. HSSU provided me with the opportunity to finish my degree at a reasonable cost with a flexible class schedule, and in a major that I was passionate about.

Q: How did your time at Harris-Stowe prepare you for what you are now doing?

A: Harris-Stowe State University prepared me to go further in my educational pursuits. At HSSU I learned valuable tools that I used to obtain a J.D. from Saint Louis University and an MSN at Saint Louis University School of Nursing.



It Happened @ HSSU

Harris-Stowe is New Home of The Black Rep's 37th Season

Historic partnership of two legendary organizations to bring the arts and education communities together

Harris-Stowe State University and The Black Rep have announced that the theatre company will perform its 37th season at the university's Emerson Performance Center Bank of America Theatre. Three of its four productions this upcoming season will take place at HSSU.

Considered the premier African-American theatre company in the nation, The Black Rep, which was formerly housed in Grandel Theatre, will kick off its season in December on the Emerson stage. Interim President Constance Gully remarked that the partnership is an exciting venture for both Harris-Stowe and The Black Rep.

"It just makes sense for two renowned institutions to come together and integrate the resources to which we both have access," said Gully. "We are looking forward to exposing our students to the rich tradition that The Black Rep has always brought to this community and are pleased to work with Ron Himes on this collaboration. Our student theatre group, The Harris-Stowe Players, will have the opportunity to be hands on with the best in theatre, and that is such an honor."

Himes shared Gully's sentiments and expressed that the partnership has been at the heart of St. Louis education since before the Civil War," he said. "It meshes with The Black Rep's dedication to the city, from our start on St. Louis Avenue, through our many great years at the Grandel Theatre and now at Harris-Stowe State University."



The Black Rep Season 37

"Black Nativity" (Dec. 4-22)

Langston Hughes' retelling of the traditional Christmas story, expressed through dance and gospel music.

"The Meeting" (Jan. 8-26)

Jeff Stetson's play imagines a meeting (that never really took place) between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X.

"The Trials of Brother Jero" (April 9-27)

This comedy by the Nigerian Nobel laureate Wole Soyinka centers on a con man with a weakness for the ladies. Ron Himes, who directs the other three shows, plays the title role; Ed Smith directs.



SBA's National Small Business Week

Entrepreneurs across the state of Missouri joined together at Harris-Stowe State University this past summer to receive advice and best practices from successful local business leaders from the U.S. Small Business Administration's resource partner network at the SBA's National Small Business Week event in St. Louis.

During the event, SBA Administrator Karen Mills joined David Steward, founder and chairman of World Wide Technology, for an arm chair interview.

The breakout sessions included utilizing the small business supply chain with discussions led by experts on government contracting, and workshops on global entrepreneurship featured an expert from the Missouri Department of Economic Development.

Additional sessions included a panel of lender and venture capital experts providing tips on how to access capital in various stages of a business, an in-depth discussion on the Affordable Care Act.

Every year since 1963, the U.S. Small Business Administration takes the opportunity to highlight through National Small Business Week the impact of outstanding entrepreneurs, small business owners, and others from all 50 states and U.S. territories. This year's event was held June 17-21, in Seattle, Dallas, St. Louis, Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C., offering tips, tools and training for small businesses to start, succeed and grow.



Harris-Stowe Commemorates 50th Anniversary of the March on Washington

As citizens across the country converged on August 28, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington – where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his legendary “I Have a Dream” speech – Harris-Stowe State University along with Missouri State Representative Michael Butler and other area legislators and community leaders welcomed back students for the fall semester by celebrating this historic event in the Emerson Performance Center.

Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech was a defining moment of the American Civil Rights Movement. His speech, delivered from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom to more than 250,000 civil rights supporters, called for an end to racism in the United States.

“We looked forward to hosting this event on our campus, and exposing our new freshmen class and returning students to community leaders who, on a daily basis, work to preserve Dr. King’s legacy,” said HSSU Interim President Constance Gully, who also chairs the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration Commission of Missouri. “Dr. King’s words were historic that day in Washington, and we’re hoping to emphasize for our students what an important event that was in America.”

Rev. Earl Nance Jr., pastor of Greater Mt. Carmel Baptist Church and member of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration Commission of Missouri, served as the keynote speaker. Admission was free and open to the public and music was provided by the HSSU Don and Heide Wolff Jazz Institute.



Missouri State Representative Michael Butler (left) greets an attendee at the 50th Anniversary celebration.



Literacy Day volunteers read to children of the Clay Center and show them the importance of reading.

Harris-Stowe Celebrates International Literacy Day

Harris-Stowe State University’s College of Education celebrated International Literacy Day, a world wide observance by literacy leaders geared to promote the importance of reading.

An intergenerational reading event for early learners was the highlight, as HSSU students, faculty and staff were invited to read books to the children of the William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center. This effort was coordinated by Dr. Betty Porter Walls, HSSU professor of Education. This is the fourth year that the Clay Center has hosted this event to raise awareness and concern for the world’s literacy issues.

“The number of intergenerational readers has increased each year, and we are pleased to have members of the community, parents/grandparents, former professional football players, HSSU faculty and staff members from numerous university departments and students,” said Dr. Porter-Walls. “We are proud of the unique thank you cards, letters and art work we have received from the Clay Center children each year. The four years have been quite rewarding.”

Workplace Ready

Through diligence, dedication and a focus on co-curricular activities, Harris-Stowe State University students are making the most of the internship and job opportunities offered to them as students and earning their place in the workforce. HSSU students realize that academic excellence makes for an easy transition to what could potentially be the next phase of their career.

Jordan Fowlkes and Michael Tabb, senior accounting majors at the Anheuser-Busch School of Business (ABSB) at HSSU, received internships with The Boeing Company. Their training and professional development included budget forecasting for Supply Chain Management and Operations in the Boeing Defense, Space and Security unit in St. Louis.

Fowlkes, in addition to being considered a star student, has held several offices for student organizations at HSSU including former vice president of the Student Government Association (SGA), president of the Pre-Law Club and currently serves as president of the ABSB Accounting Students Association.

“Through this experience I have learned more about The Boeing Company, budget forecasting and further developed my leadership skills. In general, I hope to gain more knowledge about the vast field of accounting at the corporate level.” said Fowlkes, who is a former vice president for the Thurgood Marshall College Fund Student Advisory Council and a Des Lee Fellow for the United Way. Fowlkes was recently offered a position with Rubin Brown, one of the nation’s leading accounting and professional consulting firms.

2013 Health Care Management graduate, James Guest IV, walked away with a wealth of knowledge after spending his summer at Atlanta’s Centers for Disease Control, upon receiving his degree last spring. Guest’s 11-week program which was a partnership with Morehouse School of Medicine in Atlanta, Ga., involved research and counseling for incarcerated men to develop substance abuse prevention and HIV intervention programs. The experience he gained at the CDC made his transition from undergrad to graduate school a lot easier.

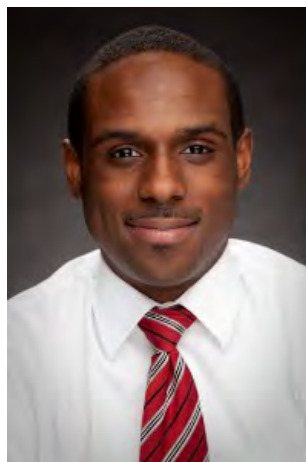
“The ABSB at HSSU does more than provide a quality education – they provide great internship opportunities for their students,” explained Guest. “Dr. Eisel, chair, of the Health Care Management department was a key advocate for me in attaining the internship. These are opportunities I needed to further my training and skills to be successful in my field and prepare me to enter grad school.”

Harris-Stowe’s College of Arts and Sciences collaborated with Saint Louis University (SLU) to provide a joint summer lab experience for senior Biology majors Rana Bost and Ronnesha Smith and sophomores Aya Alkhaleeli and Andres Nieto, who participated in a new summer internship program at SLU’s School of Medicine, Department of Pharmacological and Physiological Sciences. For six weeks, each student worked in a different medical research lab at the School of Medicine.

Research shows that students who leave college with no internship experience find it difficult to land a full-time job in their area of study. Simply graduating with a great GPA isn’t going to cut it anymore. Today’s employers are more interested in what sets students apart from their peers. Participating in an internship, or several, for that matter, is essential in an increasingly competitive job market. Not only does it give students edge, but it positions them to get the exposure they need to accumulate new skills. HSSU is proud to help its students facilitate their search for meaningful professional experience.

DID YOU KNOW?

In 2013 HSSU ranked 7th out of 38 public and private higher education institutions in the state of Missouri for graduating the most African-Americans.



Alumnus Cornelius Robinson is among the many former and current students who have benefited from an internship while attending HSSU. After completing his B.S. in Accounting, he is now employed with Eli Lilly.



Our Promise: To Ensure that HSSU is the Right Choice for Every Student

Uniquely, Harris-Stowe State University caters to the higher education needs many first-generation college students that otherwise would not have an opportunity to pursue a bachelor's degree. Our curriculum is designed to elevate those who may enter HSSU with academic challenges and hone the skills of the region's best and brightest. There is something for everyone at HSSU, and we pride ourselves on assisting students with finding their academic niche and developing their talents both inside and outside of the classroom.

Our fully accredited academic programs provide scholars with a competitive edge to excel within the workplace upon graduation. There are a multitude of professional internship opportunities that will enhance students' resumes and equip them with the hands-on experience employers seek. Professional and personal development opportunities are abundant, allowing students to travel and network with the finest that various industries have to offer.

Class sizes are small, and the HSSU faculty is eager and committed to assisting students with accomplishing their goals of earning their baccalaureate and gaining the knowledge needed to soar in their chosen career path. Their dedication to personalized teaching methods and scholarly activity is to be commended. Our facilities, many of which are contemporary and state-of-the-art, are equipped with the latest in technological advancements. Our growing college community is rich in distinctive traditions and known for its nurturing environment.

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