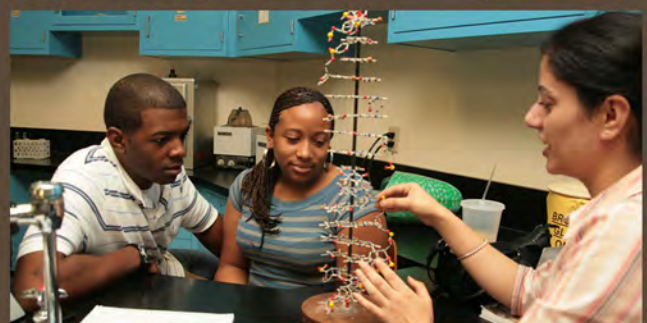




2011 Report to the Community



HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY

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Friends of Harris-Stowe State University:

On behalf of the entire faculty and student body of Harris-Stowe State University, I am pleased to present the 2011 President's Report to the Community. We are fortunate to have experienced tremendous growth over the past decade here at Harris-Stowe, both in student population and physical infrastructure, and we are delighted to highlight just a few of our significant accomplishments in this report.

Harris-Stowe traces its origin back to 1857 and celebrated its sesquicentennial in 2007, marking 150 years of educational excellence. Today, as one of two Historically Black Colleges and Universities in the state of Missouri, we have approximately 1,500 students enrolled on an annual basis and consistently offer the most affordable baccalaureate degree programs in the area.

Our graduates, many of whom are the first in their family to attend college, have gone on to serve as federal judges, members of the media, and as officers in our nation's military. These are just a few of the many critically vital leadership roles Harris-Stowe State University alumni perform on a daily basis throughout our country, and the world.

As you read this report, I hope it will bring to life the motto of Harris-Stowe State University — Affordable. Accessible. Diverse. While this message is simple, turning it into reality takes the efforts of an extraordinary team of talented individuals, as well as the entire St. Louis community. Without the unwavering support, guidance and generosity of our Board of Regents, faculty and staff, elected and appointed officials, and corporate leaders, none of this would be possible.

I was recently humbled and honored to accept an appointment by President Obama's administration to serve on the White House Initiative of Historically Black Colleges and Universities' (HBCU) Capital Financing Advisory Board. This board provides advice and counsel to the U.S. Secretary of Education and the designated bonding authority regarding the most effective and efficient means of implementing construction financing for HBCU campuses. In addition, it advises members of Congress on the progress of the program.

I was also very proud that HSSU recently received the prestigious Greater St. Louis Top 50 award from the St. Louis Regional Chamber and Growth Association (RCGA). This was the third consecutive year our University received this honor, and it is truly a testament to the significant contributions HSSU has made to the region and the positive impact we are making on the future of the business community.

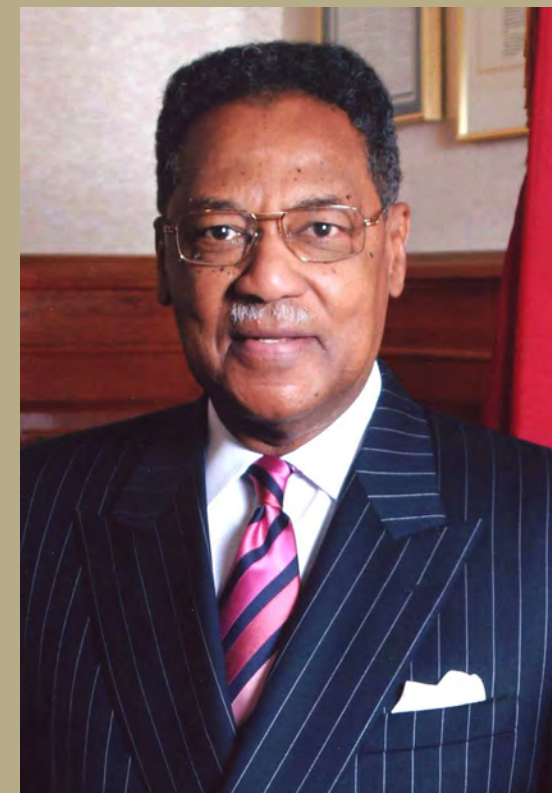
Finally, I would be remiss if I did not thank the members of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission for honoring me with their Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve as the chairman of this historic commission for the past 25 years.

I would also like to take this opportunity to personally thank the HSSU community for the support they have given me during the past 32 years. I have been blessed to watch the University grow from one building on nine acres, to eight buildings and a satellite campus covering a combined 53 acres, during my tenure. We have also blossomed from one degree program to 14 and are poised to continue to add more.

Continued growth and prosperity truly takes the support of a village, or in this case an entire community. Thank you for everything you do for Harris-Stowe State University. I hope you are as proud of our continued accomplishments as I am when you read this report.

Sincerely,

Dr. Henry Givens, Jr.
President Emeritus, Harris-Stowe State University



AFFORDABLE.

Harris-Stowe State University offers the most affordable baccalaureate degree programs in the St. Louis metropolitan area. More than 90 percent of HSSU students receive financial aid, and through donations made by the HSSU Board of Regents, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the University and many scholarship opportunities are offered exclusively to Harris-Stowe students. For many of those who matriculate at Harris-Stowe, they are the first in their families to either attend or graduate from college.



The Clay Center Earns National and International Recognitions

Since its opening in August 2009, the William L. Clay, Sr. Early Childhood Development/ Parenting Education Center has become a vital resource to the St. Louis community, as well as a national center for teacher training. The 50,000 square-foot, state-of-the-art building serves the needs of four learning groups: young children, young parents, professionals in the field of early childhood education and HSSU students majoring in Early Childhood Education.

Dr. Patricia Johnson serves as director of the center and its programs. All educators at the Clay Early Childhood Center are certified, degreed professionals, some at the master's level. "The center's association with Harris-Stowe State University allows students to access the University's resources on a daily basis," Dr. Johnson said. "Children are put on the path to higher education right from the very start. It's a tremendous asset to the community, as well as the University."

The center is a safe, healthy and comprehensive child development facility providing full-day, year-round learning experiences for children 6 weeks to 5 years of age. Nearly 100 children currently attend the center each day. In addition, more than 575 Harris-Stowe students majoring in education have benefited from the Clay Center's resources, and the center serves as a venue for many of HSSU's Early Childhood Education classes — allowing the students to experience hands-on Early Childhood Education theory and practice.

During its first two years, the Clay Center has become a national center for education by partnering with a multitude of national, regional and local organizations to become a headquarters for theory, leadership and best practices in Early Childhood Education. For instance, in April 2011, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) held a pre-service teacher institute at the Clay Center.



The Clay Center has hosted events for a number of prestigious organizations including:

- National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
- University of Missouri-Columbia's Cooperative Extension program
- U.S. Green Building Council-Missouri Gateway Chapter
- National Association for the Education of Young Children
- International Reading Association (IRA)

Many have taken note of the center and its accomplishments. The center earned Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification. It is constructed from more than 20 percent recycled materials and contains a highly energy-efficient mechanical system with an energy wheel.

The facility also received the 2010 Project of the Year award at the Associated General Contractors of St. Louis' Keystone Awards, the Best of 2010 Award of Merit by *Midwest Construction*, the 2010 Regional Excellence Innovation Award by *St. Louis Construction News & Real Estate*, and the 2009 Quality Concrete Award by the Concrete Council. The center was recognized internationally by architectural digests in Argentina and Korea.

Harris-Stowe State University Means Business

The Anheuser-Busch School of Business (ABSB) is one of University's fastest-growing schools. More than 35 percent of HSSU's students are enrolled in the School of Business. It currently offers five business programs and is committed to preparing its graduates to become tomorrow's business leaders. The school offers degree programs in Accounting, Business Administration, Health Care Management, Hospitality and Tourism Management, and Information Sciences and Computer Technology (ISCT).

The ongoing success and expansion of the Anheuser-Busch School of Business has been made possible by strong federal, state and local support, as well as major funding and support from many corporations. Following is a list of the many collaborations and partnerships that have tremendously benefitted the ABSB:

- Ameren
- Anheuser-Busch Inc.
- Better Family Life
- Boeing
- Commerce Bank
- Deloitte
- Emerson
- Enterprise Rent-A-Car
- Fuse Advertising
- Grace Hill Community Health Center
- KPMG
- Kwame Building Group
- Maritz
- Society for Financial Education and Professional Development
- St. Louis Community College
- St. Louis Region Entrepreneurship Educators
- The Regional Business Council
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Urban League of St. Louis
- Wal-Mart
- Webster University
- Worldwide Technology



Anheuser-Busch Establishes Scholarship Fund for Harris-Stowe Business Students

In September 2009, the Anheuser-Busch Foundation announced a \$1 million gift to Harris-Stowe State University for the establishment of the Anheuser-Busch School of Business Scholarship. The new scholarship fund will give more than 100 worthy business students the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed within the business field.

"We are grateful to Anheuser-Busch for their continuing support of our institution and this generous investment in our business school students," said Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. "Not only will Anheuser-Busch scholarship recipients benefit from

the financial assistance, but participating may make them more marketable in their job search, as they will have the opportunity to learn directly from mentors in the St. Louis business community."

Each student will be assigned a mentor from HSSU's African-American Business Leadership Council. These successful business leaders will serve as a resource for the students as they complete their studies at HSSU and begin their transition into the business world.

To qualify, applicants must be a junior or senior, full-time students with a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or

higher and demonstrate a need for financial assistance.

"Supporting Harris-Stowe State University's School of Business and Anheuser-Busch scholars is particularly important to us because so many of them will work in St. Louis after their college graduation," said Johnny Furr, former vice president of community affairs for Anheuser-Busch and owner, Furr Strategies. "We know that by investing in them now, they'll reinvest in our community as college graduates." HSSU's business school was named in honor of Anheuser-Busch in 2005.



Ferrin Young was one of the 2011 Anheuser-Busch scholars. A senior majoring in Marketing, Young chose Harris-Stowe because of its affordable undergraduate degree program. But like many HSSU students, funds for tuition were still tight. "Had it not been for Anheuser-Busch's generous donation, I would have been forced to borrow additional money in student loans," Young said. "This scholarship is going to help tremendously, and I am very appreciative. It will allow me to focus on my studies and hopefully achieve my ultimate goal, to attend medical school."

The degree programs at the Anheuser-Busch School of Business (ABSB) prepare graduates to become the business leaders of tomorrow by equipping students with the ability to identify, analyze and solve complex business issues. In addition, internship opportunities with businesses from around the country and hands-on training at HSSU, such as the tax clinic and Bob Virgil Center for Entrepreneurship, allow students to gain practical, real-world experience and insights prior to graduation — making them valuable assets to future employers and allowing them to immediately contribute to the success of the organization.

Harris-Stowe State University is home to the St. Louis Chapter of the Ben Carson Reading Project. Charles Gooden, dean of student affairs, serves as the chapter's liaison. The mission of the organization, which was founded by Dr. Ben Carson, a pediatric neurosurgeon, and his wife, Candy, is to establish reading rooms in elementary schools throughout the country and to promote literacy. As part of the school's ongoing commitment to community service, each semester HSSU students collect children's books for the project which, in turn, are donated to elementary schools throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area.



Students at the Anheuser-School of Business are actively involved in student chapters of many prestigious national professional organizations. ABSB faculty advise student organizations and accompany them to national conferences throughout the year. Organizations represented include:

- American Marketing Association
- Accounting Students Association
- Delta Mu Delta
- Association of Information Technology Professionals
- Entrepreneurship Club
- Students in Free Enterprise
- Financial Management Association
- Pre-Law Club



Dr. Ben Carson, left, meets members of the HSSU community.

HSSU Receives \$2.498 Million Grant from the National Science Foundation

Harris-Stowe State University received its largest grant ever in August 2008 when the National Science Foundation (NSF) awarded \$2.498 million to the University to increase student retention in the areas of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Only five institutions in the entire United States were awarded a grant of this nature by the NSF.

The first portion of the grant funded the Academy for Science & Mathematics for incoming freshmen and the Summer Undergraduate Research Program, which began in 2009 and has been held every summer since. The goal of the academy is to prepare incoming freshmen from the St. Louis metropolitan area for the rigors of first-year college courses in science and math. Students participate in academic instruction, supervised study sessions, field experiences, seminars and guest lectures, with a specific focus on introductory concepts in biology, chemistry, mathematics and literacy. In addition to tuition, the grant provides students with a stipend for room and board.

The students in the back row, Muziwi Nyampfene, Brooke Presley and Christina Graves, were guided in their undergraduate research by the HSSU faculty and staff in the front row, Dr. Ann Podleski, Dr. Michelle McClure, Dr. Dwyane Smith and Dr. Lateef Adelani, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.

"Harris-Stowe's NSF grant runs through 2013," said Dr. Dwyane Smith, vice president for academic affairs. "Our goal is to provide summer academic opportunities for more than 400 first-year college students. This is an amazing opportunity to promote science and mathematics among minority students."

The second part of the NSF grant funds the Summer Undergraduate Research Program, headed by Dr. Lateef Adelani, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. To date, three HSSU students have each received a \$1,500 stipend through the grant to conduct research. "Undergraduate research is important because it moves students from being the consumers to the creators of knowledge," said Dr. Adelani. "To research is the only way they can begin the process of creating their own understanding of knowledge instead of reading from a book or somebody else's idea."



This is HSSU: Brooke Presley

During her senior year as a secondary math education major, Brooke Presley participated in the Summer Undergraduate Research Program. Her research investigated the relationship of cellular automata on classroom organization. "I gained a great foundation of how to begin a research project and that it's important to research something that is important to you," Presley said. "Research takes lots of time and work, so it's important that you're connected to the subject. I also developed good organizational skills and learned how to pull research together into a presentation."

The summer program also inspired Presley to continue her research after the program ended. "I realized that you don't have to find a topic that is brand new. You can research something that someone else has already started." Presley, who has now graduated from HSSU, is currently employed as a math teacher at Carnahan High School in St. Louis. She hopes to one day have the chance to examine cellular automata in her classroom.



"I had difficulty with math in high school and can tell that the academy has positively impacted my comprehension and math skills already. Further, I have improved my study habits and have learned how to be better prepared for lectures."

— Duane Burnett, HSSU Health Care Management student and Academy for Science & Mathematics participant



For more than a decade, the African-American Business Leadership Council (AABLC) has played an instrumental role in charting the growth of the Anheuser-Busch School of Business. Members of the AABLC include the region's top African-American leaders in business and industry, all of whom have gained national success in their fields.

The council works to support the strategic plans of the ABSB by providing insight, advice and guidance on the ongoing enhancement of its programs. Many council members have also opened their doors to students by providing them with internship and mentoring opportunities.

"The AABLC at Harris-Stowe is one of our most prized possessions and represents the best of African-American leadership in this region," said Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. "It puts Harris-Stowe in a unique position to introduce our business students with outstanding professional talent who have, in so many ways, left their marks on this community, this country and this world."

The chairman of the African-American Business Leadership Council is David Steward, founder of World Wide Technology Inc. Steward knows all too well the challenges of running a minority-owned business and has much expertise to share with Harris-Stowe's business students. "My dad was my biggest influence — he was the first entrepreneur I knew and was prepared to do whatever was needed to provide for his family, all with an eleventh-grade education," Steward said. "So,

to me, there was no excuse not to take care of my own home and family obligations." Steward further explained that an exceptional work ethic is a common thread among AABLC members. "Faith and hard work are what matters and that when you tackle a job, you give it your best, always," he said.

In addition to Steward, the AABLC is comprised of Alonzo Byrd, assistant vice president for government and public affairs at Enterprise Rent-A-Car; Reginald Dickson, founder and former president of INROADS Inc; Arnold Donald, former president and CEO of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International; Johnny Furr, Jr., former vice president of community affairs and consumer outreach of Anheuser-Busch Inc. and owner, Furr Strategies; Michael Kennedy, chairman and CEO of KAI; Wayman F. Smith, III, attorney and president of the Smith Partnership LLC; Donald M. Suggs, publisher of the *St. Louis American*; Lawrence Thomas, principal for inclusion recruiting at Edward Jones; Anthony Thompson, president and CEO of KWAME Building Group; Kelvin R. Westbrook, president and founder of KRW Advisors LLC; Dr. James Whittico, physician; David Price, CEO and president of Birditt Price LLC; and Todd Weaver, president and founder of Legacy Building Group.

Through the AABLC, more than \$1.5 million has been raised for Harris-Stowe's business school. "Our investment demonstrates the AABLC's commitment to the next generation of business professional and entrepreneurs," said Steward. "The AABLC gives me an outlet to demonstrate my commitment to the next generation, just [like] the example that my dad set for me. It allows me to pass on the blessing."

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Established in 2009 and located at HSSU's Anheuser-Busch School of Business, the Bob Virgil Center for Entrepreneurship was created to cater to the needs of local and regional minority entrepreneurs, while focusing on enhancing business education and programs. Additionally, the center aims to be a leader in entrepreneurship, small business development and innovation and to provide exceptional entrepreneurial training to business students and the community at large. The Bob Virgil Center is directed by HSSU Instructor of Business Administration, Richarlene Beech and HSSU Assistant Professor of Business Administration Dr. Shawni Jackson-Triggs.

A few of the services offered by the center include:

- Counseling to existing and pre-venture entrepreneurs in developing markets
- Sponsoring business seminars and workshops to assist entrepreneurs with planning and launching their businesses, managing personnel, creating financial and cash flow analysis, maintaining taxes, marketing their services, and developing customer relations
- Serving as a small business development learning laboratory for business students with a specialization in entrepreneurship



Opened in September 2010, the new Anheuser-Busch School Business' Business Library and Technology Center is a state-of-the-art resource for students on the University's South Campus.



From left, Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. and Dr. John Wilson, Jr., executive director of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) meet with AABLC members Alonzo Byrd, assistant vice president for government and public affairs at Enterprise Rent-A-Car and David Steward, founder of World Wide Technology Inc.

ACCESSIBLE.

Harris-Stowe was the first public teacher education institution west of the Mississippi and traces its origin back to 1857. Today, more than 150 years later, HSSU currently offers 14 undergraduate degree programs.



Department of Teacher Education



Harris-Stowe State University has a more than 150-year history of preparing students to instruct in the classroom. Under the leadership of Dr. Latisha Smith, dean of the College of Education, students receive a well-rounded educational experience that allows them to excel in the areas of Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education, Middle School Education and Secondary Education. The college's goal is to continually prepare "effective teachers for a diverse society."

Five HSSU Education Students Honored in National Scholarship Program

In partnership with the Thurgood Marshall College Fund (TMCf), the Siemens Foundation selected 33 Siemens teacher scholarship recipients from 18 schools nationwide during 2010. Five of those selected were Harris-Stowe State University students.

Students from Historically Black College and University (HBCU) schools who were pursuing teacher careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics were eligible. Each HSSU scholarship recipient received \$4,400 and attended the Siemens Foundation's Science Day program, a partnership with Discovery Education.



College of Arts & Sciences



By offering many of the general education requirements at HSSU, the College of Arts & Sciences is the gateway to all degree programs. In addition, the college offers concentrated studies in the areas of fine arts, theater, humanities, foreign language, life sciences, physical sciences, music and computer education. Beginning with the 2010 fall semester, the college added two new degree programs: Biology and Mathematics. Dr. Lateef Adelani serves as dean of the College of Arts & Sciences.



This is **HSSU:** Dr. Ann Podleski

Dr. Ann Podleski, associate professor of mathematics at Harris-Stowe State University, was honored on April 6, 2011, at Governor Jay Nixon's Award Luncheon for Excellence in Education. The event was held in Jefferson City, MO. on the campus of Lincoln University.

"For more than two decades, Dr. Ann Podleski has been dedicated to inspiring and educating the students of Harris-Stowe," said Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. "Not only does she share her passion for mathematics with her students on a daily basis, but she is also an invaluable member of our faculty by continuously motivating her colleagues to raise the bar and be the best educators they can be. I am thrilled she has received this well-deserved honor."

The luncheon honored faculty members at Missouri's public four-year colleges and universities for their excellence in challenging and motivating Missouri students to reach their maximum potential. The awards were presented to an outstanding faculty member from each participating higher education institution in the state and were based on effective teaching, effective advising, service to the university community, commitment to high standards of excellence, and success in nurturing student achievement.

"An old Chinese proverb states, teachers open the door, but you must enter by yourself," Dr. Podleski said. "I think being an effective teacher is a very fine balancing act — to know how wide to open the door, to know how to inspire a student to enter through the door, and to know when to walk through the door along side them."

Dr. Podleski was instrumental in securing a \$2.5 million grant from the National Science Foundation, the University's largest to date. The grant will be used to increase the number of students graduating with degrees in Mathematics and Biology, as well as Teacher Education programs with emphasis in either math or biology. She was also instrumental in the founding of HSSU's student chapter of Kappa Mu Epsilon, a national math honor society. Harris-Stowe State University was honored to host the national Kappa Mu Epsilon convention on April 14-16, 2011.

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Harris-Stowe Dedicates Second Residence Hall and New Campus Dining Facility in Honor of Atty. Freeman R. Bosley, Jr.

A dedication and naming ceremony, to mark the opening of a second residence hall and new student dining facility on the campus of Harris-Stowe State University, took place on Friday, August 12, 2011. The recently completed 65,000 square foot, four-story structure is designed to enhance the college living experience by offering state-of-the-art living amenities for all HSSU students, in particular freshmen. The facilities were named in honor of Attorney Freeman R. Bosley, Jr., the first African-American mayor of the City of St. Louis and long-time advocate of Harris-Stowe State University.



"This opening truly represents the final phase in the transformation of our University," said Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. "Our new residence hall and dining facility will allow students to have a well-rounded college experience by participating in leadership activities, developing life-long friendships, and focusing on their long-term goal of earning a college degree, without ever leaving our campus. We could not have achieved this mission and vision without the unwavering support of Attorney Freeman R. Bosley, Jr. I am privileged to be dedicating this facility in his name."

During his tenure as the mayor of the City of St. Louis, Bosley played a critical role in the university's acquisition of 18 acres of prime land adjacent to its campus, valued at \$12 million, for only \$10.

"Harris-Stowe's tremendous campus expansion during the past 15 years simply would not have been possible, if not for this historic land acquisition approved by Mayor Bosley," Givens said. "Five buildings have been subsequently constructed on the land, allowing the university's vision to become a reality as well as helping to stimulate the revitalization of mid-town St. Louis."

Harris-Stowe has been dedicated to serving the educational needs of the St. Louis community for more than 150 years. The university became a residential campus in 2006, when it opened its first residence hall named in honor of Rev. Dr. William G. Gillespie. Since that time, there has consistently been a waiting list of students seeking to live on campus.

Ground was broken for the new residence hall in July 2010. The year-long, \$17 million construction project was managed by KWAME Building Group. Architectural services were provided by Grice Group Architects and Trivers Associates Architects. K&S Construction was the general contractor.



HSSU Mourns the Passing of a Dear Friend ...

Rev. Dr. William G. Gillespie, former pastor of Cote Brillante Presbyterian Church and chairman emeritus of the Harris-Stowe State University Board of Regents, passed away on June 3, 2011, at the age of 80. Gillespie was a tremendous advocate and asset to the University, as well as the St. Louis Community, for more than three decades. In 2006, the University named its first residence hall in honor of Rev. Dr. William G. Gillespie.

Campus Expansion



**Bosley Residence Hall
(2011)**



**AT&T Library and Technology
Resource Center
(1998)**



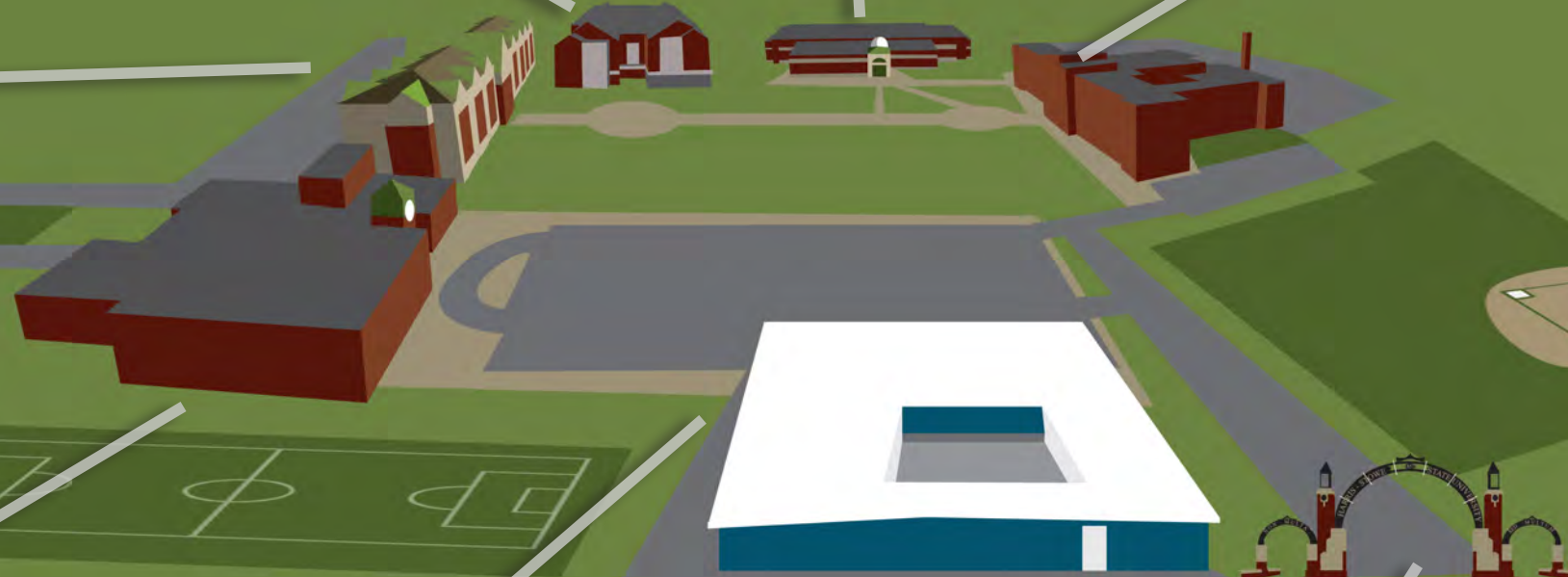
**Dr. Henry Givens, Jr.
Administration Building
(1963)**



**Vashon Center (Future Home
of the Wolff Jazz Institute, Art
Gallery and other areas)
(1999)**



**Rev. Dr. William G.
Gillespie Residence Hall
and Student Center
(2006)**



**Emerson Performance
Center
(2003)**



**William L. Clay, Sr. Early
Childhood Development/
Parenting Education Center
(2009)**



**U.S. Bank Entryway Arch
(2004)**



**Anheuser-Busch
School of Business
(2005)**



This is
HSSU:

Dr. LaTisha Smith

Harris-Stowe State University Dean of the College of Education, Dr. LaTisha Smith, was recently honored by the Professional Organization of Women (POW) at its annual Women of Distinction Awards program.

"I am humbly grateful for being nominated and selected for this award," said Dr. Smith. "I feel blessed twice over for receiving recognition for doing something I love to do, which is work in and promote the field of education. I am equally excited to share this moment with my biological family, my Harris-Stowe family, and all my friends and loved ones."

Dr. Smith attended the University of Missouri-Columbia and Nova Southeastern University; she has a doctorate of education, a master's of education, a bachelor of science and certifications in Learning Disabilities, Behavior Disorders and Mental Retardation.



Harris-Stowe State University Participates in National Day of Service to Honor the Memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

More than 125 Harris-Stowe State University students participated in a "Day of Service" to commemorate the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday in 2011. The University partnered with Mayor Slay's office, as well as AmeriCorps St. Louis, to deliver 6,000 compact fluorescent light bulbs to residents of the 22nd Ward. The goal of the student-led effort was to help families maximize their energy efficiency and reduce their utility bills. The event opened with remarks from Mayor Slay and concluded with a reflection piece about Dr. King. The project was made possible through a grant by the Missouri Campus Compact, the North Carolina Campus Compact and the Corporation

for National and Community Service. Ameren donated the bulbs.

"This day of service was a fitting tribute and great way for our students to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s legacy by working together to enhance our community," said Charles Gooden, dean of student affairs at Harris-Stowe State University. "These dedicated Harris-Stowe students were joined by thousands of Americans across the country in making this holiday a day on, not a day off, by serving others. By serving today and throughout the year, we honor Dr. King and help realize his dream of equality and opportunity for all."



In Memory of Dr. George H. Hiram

Dr. George H. Hiram, former executive vice president for administration at Harris-Stowe State University, passed away suddenly on Friday, October 30, 2009, after complications from surgery. Dr. Hiram worked for the University for nearly 30 years under President Henry Givens, Jr.

Dr. Hiram graduated, as an honor student, from Sumner High School in 1938. He immediately enrolled in the junior college division of Stowe Teachers College. In the fall of 1942, Dr. Hiram was drafted into the U.S. Army and served nearly four years in World War II. He remained in the army until early 1946, at which time the war ended and George, having been awarded his A.B. degree by Stowe, in absentia, back in 1943, returned to Stowe to complete two courses in Education in order to begin serving as an elementary school teacher at the former Waring School – now the site of Saint Louis University's Chaifetz Arena.

In 1938, George earned his master's degree in Education at SLU, and later was given a Parsons Blewitt Scholarship by the Saint Louis Public Schools to conduct a doctoral study on teaching children critical thinking, the basis for his doctoral dissertation. Soon after receiving his doctorate, Hiram left the public schools to join the faculty at SLU where, he later became first the head of SLU's Department of Education and later the University's vice president for personnel administration.

In 1980, at the request of Dr. Henry Givens, Jr., who had been named the new president of Harris-Stowe College a year earlier, Hiram joined the administration of Harris-Stowe State College as its dean of academic affairs, and, later, as its vice president for academic affairs and administration. He retired from that position in 1987, but continued as a part-time consultant at the College until October 1999, when, at President Givens' request, he came out of retirement as the College's executive vice president for administration, a position which he has held until September of 2009. He has received numerous awards and recognitions, including an honorary doctorate from his alma mater and has served on a number of governing boards.

Harris-Stowe Celebrates its 154th Commencement



Other evening awardees included the President's Distinguished Alumni honorees. Recipients included: Mr. Thomas Champion, instructor of math, science and physical education in the Kirkwood School District; Dr. Timothy Champion, women's soccer head coach at Saint Louis University; Ms. Candace Dickson, contract administrator for the City of St. Louis and president, Harris-Stowe State University Alumni Association; Dr. Erlene Bass Nelson, retired educator and mentor; Mrs. Mary Ellen Offer, retired educator; Ms. Esperanza Veal, principal of Patrick Henry Downtown Academy; and Mr. Jason Ware, executive assistant and operations manager at Haven of Grace.

The graduating class, represented by Derek Collins, student representative to the HSSU Board of Regents, presented a gift to the University. Pictured at right with HSSU President Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. is Lucas Rodrigues Alves, a Business Administration major and class valedictorian.



Harris-Stowe State University held its 154th Commencement Convocation on Tuesday, May 10, 2011, at Powell Symphony Hall. More than 140 graduates had degrees conferred in the areas of Teacher Education, Urban Affairs and Business. The keynote speaker for the evening was Cynthia J. Brinkley, vice president, Global Human Resources at General Motors Corp. and former member of the Harris-Stowe State University Board of Regents. She was honored with a Doctorate of Humane Letters. Several honorary degrees and awards were also presented during the ceremony.

- Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. was honored with a Doctorate of Humane Letters.
- Mrs. Belma E. Givens, a native St. Louisan and wife of Harris-Stowe's president, received the Golden Palm-Laureate award.
- The Distinguished Community Service to Education Award was presented to Area Resources for Community and Human Services (ARCHS).
- Mrs. Sandra Murdock received an award for her distinguished service to Harris-Stowe State University.



DIVERSE.

Formed by the combination of two predecessor institutions, Harris Teachers College and Stowe Teachers College, the school has subsequently been called Harris Junior College, Stowe Junior College, Harris-Stowe College, and Harris-Stowe State College. In 2005, it was given its current name and university status. HSSU currently has more than 1,500 students. Most classes at Harris-Stowe do not exceed 30 students, and HSSU has a low 15:1 student-to-faculty ratio. Harris-Stowe State University is one of only two Historically Black Colleges and Universities in Missouri.



25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Kick-off Program

Harris-Stowe State University hosted the 25th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Kick-off program on Saturday, January 8, 2011. The event attracted more than 2,000 people. Judge Greg Mathis, nationally recognized as an advocate for justice and an award-winning television court judge, served as the keynote speaker. The presentation of the lifetime achievement award to HSSU president, Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. was a highlight of the evening. Dr. Givens has chaired the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. State Celebration Commission since its inception, 25 years ago. With the assistance of his fellow commissioners, he turned Missouri's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration into the second largest in the nation. The Commission, established in 1985, consists of governor-appointed members throughout the state of Missouri who come together to host events that preserve Dr. King's legacy.

International Opera Star Touches the Lives of HSSU Students

In 2011, Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. stepped down as chair and gave the reins to Constance Gully, HSSU executive vice president for business and financial affairs, who now serves as commission chairwoman. Since its inception, all state kick-off programs have been held at Harris-Stowe State University.

A reception immediately followed the program featuring Steve Schankman and the Fabulous Motown Revue.



As part of the 2011 celebration of Black History Month, Harris-Stowe State University, along with AT&T and the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus, co-hosted a screening of "When I Rise" in the Main Auditorium of the Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. Administration Building on February 17, 2011. The feature-length documentary told the story of Barbara Smith Conrad, a gifted University of Texas music student in the mid-1950s, who finds herself at the epicenter of racial controversy, struggling against the odds and ultimately ascending to the heights of international opera. Her distinguished career, which included performances with the Metropolitan Opera, Vienna State Opera, Teatro Nacional, Houston Grand Opera, New York City Opera, and Pittsburgh Opera, among others, has touched the lives of audiences around the world.

"We were thrilled to host the St. Louis screening of "When I Rise" on our campus," said Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. "The film contained important and powerful messages that truly embody the spirit of Black History Month. The opportunity for our students to meet Ms. Conrad in person, as well as to hear her perform, was a fantastic experience that they will carry with them for years to come. We are very grateful to AT&T and the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus for sponsoring this event."

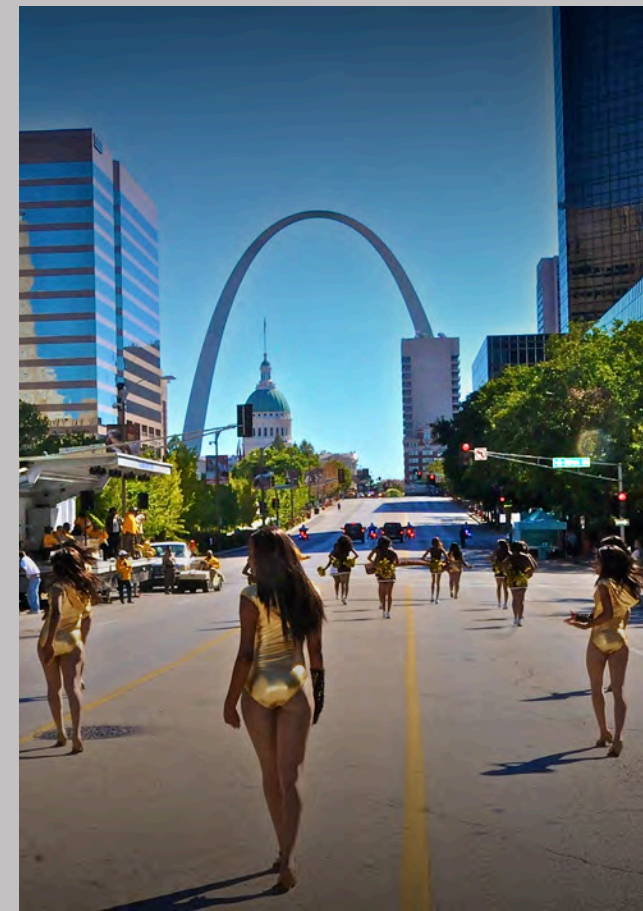
Prior to the screening, Conrad met with a group of about 100 HSSU students. During the discussion, she described her journey and asked students to share their dreams, to which she offered advice, wisdom and courage. Conrad discovered that she and HSSU student Theresa French, a member of the Concert Chorale and Gospel Choir, shared a passion for vocal performance. The two quickly bonded and Conrad even asked French to send her a tape recording. The session ended with the two embracing in a heartfelt hug.

A VIP reception was held prior to the film's evening screening. After the showing, Conrad treated the crowd to a performance, which resulted in a standing ovation. Conrad then left the crowd with some final thoughtful advice during the closing panel discussion which also included Tim O'Leary, general director of Opera Theatre of St. Louis, and Jim Kirchherr, of the NineNetwork.

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-Dr. Henry Givens, Jr.

Harris-Stowe Celebrates Homecoming



Each fall, Harris-Stowe State University invites its alumni, students, faculty, staff and the entire St. Louis community to celebrate its rich tradition of educational excellence. Homecoming 2011, themed "Celebrating the Present, Looking to the Future, Embracing Our Past" took place, September 22 through October 1, 2011. The week, filled with numerous student and alumni events, began with the Kickoff, an HSSU homecoming tradition, and ended with the annual Homecoming parade and President's tailgate party.





Alumni are Golden!

On Oct. 1, 2011, more than 200 alumni and friends gathered in the Landmark ballroom of the Renaissance Grand Hotel in downtown St. Louis to celebrate "Glitz, Glamour and Giving: A Tribute to Dr. Henry Givens, Jr." The highlight of the 13th annual black-tie gala was a moving tribute to HSSU's retiring president, Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. Shirley A. Brown, class of 1965, served as the chairperson of the affair. Julius Hunter, '65 was the master of ceremonies. Reception entertainment was provided by renowned jazz singer, Denise Thimes. Monies raised from the event fund scholarships for HSSU students.



The Road to Success Begins at HSSU

The first phase of the Harris-Stowe State University Alumni Association's "Buy-A-Brick" project has been completed, and bricks have been laid in front of the main entrance of the Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. Administration Building. The project's success is due in part to two generous donations. First, the project received \$71,000 from the Alumni Association. Dr. Wilma Wells also donated \$10,000, and her employer, the Danforth Foundation, matched her contribution. All proceeds from the Buy-A-Brick project benefit the University's campus expansion fund. Plans to lay additional bricks in the second phase are already underway. Each year, the HSSU Alumni Association awards \$10,000 in scholarships to deserving HSSU students. These scholarships are made possible by proceeds from alumni events, alumni donations and the wonderful support of the HSSU Alumni Association whose active members are listed below



Members of the Harris-Stowe State University Alumni Association (as of 9/15/2011)

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| Agnew, Sheena K. | Collins, Derek J. | Diederichs, Dr. Ronald E. | Ferguson, Audrey Buford |
| Allumns, Shermika M. | Collins, Paula Annette | Dineen, Thomas K. | Fields, Lisa M |
| Anderson, Dr. Mildred R. | Conner, Grace Shonta | Dittrich Jr., Thomas | Fisher, Caroline M. |
| Archibald, Sarah | Cotner, Victoria M. | Donaldson, Nikkia B. | Fitzwater, Angela Dawn |
| Attyberry-Chandler, Barbara | Covington, Dr. Freda M. | Douglas, Angelique Shirelle | Florez, Westelle A. |
| Austin, Travis Darnell | Cunningham, Angelica Starr | DuBose Jr., Joseph | Foxwell, Phillip W. |
| Banker, Kathryn Imbs | Cusumano, Cary D. | DuBose, J. Elaine | Franklin, Mary Louise |
| Bauer, Timothy F. | Daily, Terri Simone | Dupree, Jacquelyn Marie | Franks, Christina L. |
| Beckwith Jr., Lynn L. | Dampier, Jamila S. | Eddings, Letisha N. | Garcia, Thomas Cortez |
| Bell, Regina | Daniels, Camden E. | Epstein, Bernard | Garrett, Clothilde Wilder |
| Bell, Wilzetta M. | Davis, Danette M. | Essex, Tristan Maurice | Gary, Valerie Marie |
| Bentley, Veronica E | Davis, Joycene B. | Fageins, Monique | Glasco, Nazaree |
| Bimschleger, Paul C. | Denney, Dr. Diane Meoli Rogers | Fall, Ahmadou Bamba | Gooch-Elliott, Audrey |
| Bostic, Steven Thomas | Dickson, Candace | Feemster, Qiana Katherine | Gooden, Dr. Frances Taylor |
| Bowman, Jean M. | | | |
| Bowolak, Patricia Ann | | | |
| Boxley, Lisa M. | | | |
| Boyd, Ashley Julia | | | |
| Boykin, Theatrice | | | |
| Bracy, Shirley A. Hall | | | |
| Brantley, Omari | | | |
| Brooks, DeShannon Christian | | | |
| Brooks, Eunice R. | | | |
| Brooks, Natalie A. | | | |
| Brooks, Regina Yvonne | | | |
| Brown, Sharon L. | | | |
| Brownfield, Pamela D. | | | |
| Buchanan, Ashley Renee | | | |
| Buehler, Kathleen Ann | | | |
| Burch, Nikia R. | | | |
| Campbell, Yolanda J | | | |
| Carter, Doris J. | | | |
| Carter, Hughes, III | | | |
| Cesar, Shanell | | | |
| Chambers, Florence C. | | | |
| Chapman, Darius M. | | | |
| Chatwell, Yvonne Taylor | | | |
| Cobbs, Etheryn Elizabeth | | | |
| Cole, Batrice Marie | | | |

Campus Dedication

The Harris-Stowe State University Board of Regents held a special ceremony on September 30, 2011, to honor retiring president Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. by naming its main campus, located at 3026 Laclede Avenue, the "Henry Givens, Jr. Campus."



The celebration took place under the U.S. Bank Entryway Arch off of Compton Avenue, immediately before Harris-Stowe's annual Homecoming parade.

A native St. Louisan, Dr. Givens was president of Harris-Stowe State University for more than 32 years. Under his leadership, the University greatly expanded its degree programs, tripled its enrollment, increased its facilities from one building to eight and changed its status from college to university.



Annual Alumni Recognition Luncheon

Photos on this page and the next are from the seventh annual Alumni Recognition Luncheon that was held on May 22, 2011 at the Norman K. Probst Golf Center in Forest Park. More than 100 alumni attended the event.



Goodwin, Suzanne Marie
 Gower, Dr. Eleanor Casey
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 Gray, Kalifa
 Greco, Paul Vincent
 Griffin, Marlon D.
 Haley, Dornita Jontue
 Hall Jr., Henry
 Hanks, Kellian Elise
 Hardin, Lisa M.
 Harris, Emma Delois
 Harris, Jonathan M.
 Harrison, TaMenia Lashea
 Hatcher, Felicia Antoinette
 Haynes, Jonathan Karl
 Haynes, LaVada
 Henderson, Corey Daniel
 Henderson, Shannon Rachelle
 Hickman, Laura L.
 Hines, Angelica M.
 Hoerr, Dr. Thomas R.
 Hoerr, Karleen O.
 Howell, Trelvia N.
 Hunter, Jason Devion
 Hutchins, Scharad Tialond
 Hutter Jr., Carl H.
 Iffrig, Thomas "Tom"
 Ingram Jr., John E.
 Ingram, Charlotte Marie Scott
 Jackson, Cynthia T.
 Jacobs, Sarah A.
 James, Cory Catrell
 Jerelds, Richard D.
 Johnson, Ada M.
 Johnson, Geraldine W.
 Johnson, Grover C.
 Johnson, Jeffrey Jermaine
 Johnson, Muriel L.
 Johnson, Patrice A.
 Johnson, Rosalee
 Johnson, Ruth B.
 Joiner, Krystal Starr
 Jones, Andrea Lakeshia
 Jones, Bianca Erica
 Jones, Chandra Dennien
 Jones, Sheri Martina

Jones, Valerie Denise
 Kelly, Jessica M. Thomas
 Knox, Celestine L.
 Knox, Tiffany Michelle
 Laws Noel, LaQuinn Olivia
 Lay Sr., Justin Alan
 Leach, Kamica Lasha
 Lee, Marlon
 Lewis, Benny C.
 Link Jr., Jerome E., O.B.E.
 Loyd, Teresa Monic
 Maclin, Anton H.
 Malcolm, Dolores B.
 Martin, Kohl
 Martinez Jr., Basilio
 May, Shirley Ann
 McCray, Kathleen
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 Mullins, Karmen Lynnette
 Murphy, Alicia Marie
 Myers, Linda C. Pryor
 Neff, Christopher J.
 Niblett, Sylvester O
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 Nicholson, Kelly D.
 Pargo, Steven J.
 Parker, Travis Taylor
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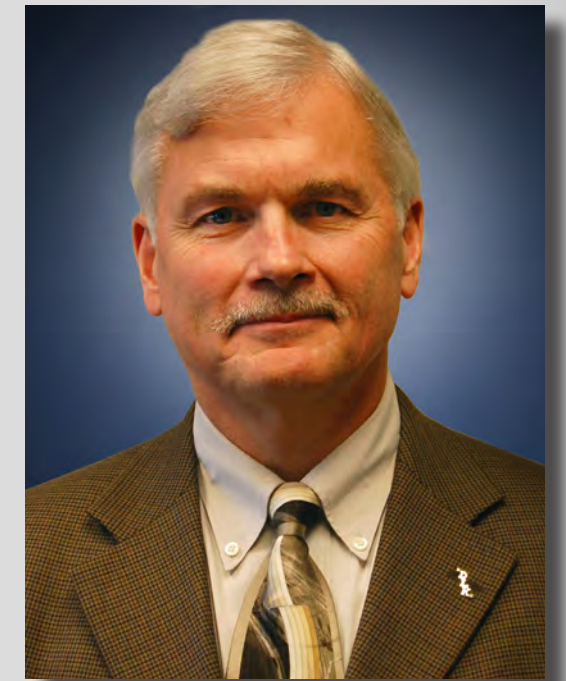
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 Pittman, Charlene
 Pope, Lenise Q.
 Pounds, Mallory Nicole
 Price, Joyce A. Jacobs
 Pulley, Lilith Janel Stanford
 Reddick, Johnnie L.
 Reid, Adrienne D.
 Reiss, Gia W.
 Rhem-Glaspy, Kashmir Danielle
 Rhode, Rebecca Lynn
 Riley, Jeanine M.
 Robinson, Alcurtis
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 Roseman, Bessie Roseman
 Scaturro, Jenelle L.
 Schone, Ruth A.
 Scruggs, Edward
 Senne, Boitumelo G.
 Sevier, Dorothy Bell Abram
 ShaBazz, Rebekah
 Shaw, Judy Ferguson
 Shelton-Chaney, Sandra, Ed. D.
 Silvers, Sabrina Monae
 Simmons, Maureen M.
 Smith, Shaunta Rene
 Smith, Tamara L.
 Spears, William Charles
 Stallworth, Christine Wilson
 Staples, Acey J.
 Steck, Mary Ann
 Steely, Kasey Elizabeth
 Stenger, Catherine Metzger
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 Stevens, Laniya Star
 Stewart, Phillip Brandon
 Stokes, Tiara Marie
 Streiler, Kathi
 Taylor, Stephanie D.
 Taylor, Tiffany S.
 Teague, Lakeisha Renee

Thomas, Cleveland
 Thomas, Leslie Sheree
 Titsworth, Lois
 Turner, Clyde S.
 Turner, Sheena A.
 Tyler, Berretta
 Vaughn, Alvah M.
 Visor, Arthur, Ph.D
 Vorce, Toni M.
 Vrontez, Shanel Deon
 Walker-Smith, Latoya Anita
 Wallace, Damon E.
 Wallace, Denise Shauntel
 Walsh, Kevin B.
 Ward, Cameron M.
 Washington, Phyllis Bolden Smith
 Wasyluka, Ray
 Wayne, Marilyn
 Wayne, Terell
 Webb, Shonta
 Wells, Dr. Wilma M.
 West, Juanita Essex
 West, Vincent D.
 White, Annie S.
 Whitmore, Armetta C. Givens
 Williams, Adam Christopher
 Williams, Kiplon Christopher
 Williams, Laura Lisa
 Williams, Miranda L.
 Williams, Napoleon, III
 Willis, Kelvin B.
 Willis, Thelma W.
 Woods, Beverly Frasher
 Wooten, Andronette R
 Wright-Quigless, Sylvia
 Yohe, Margaret Moehl
 York, Courtney E.
 Yost-Cody, Susan
 Young, Marquettia E.
 Young, Roxanne R.
 Zytowski, Donald G., Ed.D.



This is HSSU: Don Kaverman

Go Hornets! With three men's sports teams and four women's sports teams, HSSU boasts a busy schedule of soccer, basketball, baseball, softball and volleyball. And the man who keeps the Hornets' campus buzzing is Don Kaverman, director of athletics. Kaverman joined the University in 2010. He previously served as athletic director at Southeast Missouri State from 1999 to 2009. Kaverman presided over a very successful athletic program on and off the field. Southeast claimed 25 Ohio Valley Conference team championships, eight OVC tournament championships, and sent nine teams and numerous individual athletes onto NCAA competition during his tenure as director of athletics. In addition, 50 percent of all student-athletes earned a cumulative grade point average exceeding 3.0.



Kaverman holds a master's degree in Physical Education and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration, both from Michigan State. He is active in a number of organizations including serving on the NCAA Committee for Competitive Safeguards and Medical Aspects of Sports and chairing the Drug Education/Drug Testing subcommittee. He is an active member of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and is the past president for the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Athletic Directors Association. In addition, he served on the NCAA FCS Football Committee and the Division I Football Issues Committee.



And All That Jazz ...

Harris-Stowe State University is home to one of the largest privately owned jazz collections in the United States, the Don & Heide Wolff Jazz Institute. Established in 2002, through a generous contribution by former Board of Regents member Don Wolff and his wife, Heide, the institute recently also added a jazz walkway and art repository that features album cover art from a variety of legendary performers. The expansion was funded through a generous donation by AT&T and Don Wolff. The mission of the institute is to help educate Harris-Stowe students, as well as members of the St. Louis community, about the music genre and its various artists.



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HSSU

Founded: 1857

Location: St. Louis, Missouri

Enrollment: Approximately 1,500

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Main Phone: (314) 340-3366

Website: www.hssu.edu

Facebook: www.facebook.com/HarrisStowe

Twitter: HarrisStowe

YouTube: HarrisStoweHornets

Mascot: Hornet

Governing Board: The Board of Regents, consisting of six members appointed by the Governor and approved by the State Legislature

President: Appointed by the Board of Regents

Faculty: Approximately 60 full-time, regular ranked faculty, representing various disciplines

Professional Staff: Approximately 80 full-time employees in administrative positions

Support Staff: Approximately 70 full-time employees in various positions of support

Number of Degree Programs: 14 in four major disciplines: Business, Teacher Education, and Urban Affairs

Number of Campuses: Two

Operational Funding Sources: Federal and state government, tuition and fees, grants, scholarships, contributions from corporate and business communities, individuals, alumni, and supporters



Major Milestones in the History of HSSU Under Dr. Givens' Leadership

1979

The state of Missouri passes legislation that transfers Harris-Stowe from the St. Louis Public Schools to the Missouri System of Higher Education.

1981

The state of Missouri approves baccalaureate degree programs in Early Childhood Education, Middle School Education and Urban Education.

1987

Harris-Stowe is federally recognized as one of the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities under the U.S. Department of Education.

1993

The state of Missouri approves expansion of the baccalaureate degree programs to include Business Administration, Secondary Education and Criminal Justice. The word "State" is added to the College's name.

1996

Acquisition of the former Laclede Town site, nearly 18 acres of land, for just \$10 from the City of St. Louis. Five buildings have been constructed on this land.

1998

Construction on the AT&T Library and Technology Resource Center began.

1999

Harris-Stowe acquires the Vashon Community Center and its land for just \$10 from the City of St. Louis.

2003

The College completes its fourth building, the Emerson Performance Center. The center houses the Board of Regents Gymnasium, the Bank of America Theatre and the Whitaker Foundation Art Room.

2004

The U.S. Bank Entryway Arch is dedicated. The landmark is symbolic of the great opportunities that await when you pass through its gateway.

2005

The institution's name is officially changed to Harris-Stowe State University. In addition, the Anheuser-Busch School of Business opens.

2006

Harris-Stowe becomes a residential campus with the opening of the Rev. Dr. William G. Gillespie Residence Hall and Student Center.

2009

The William L. Clay, Sr. Early Childhood Development/ Parenting Education Center is dedicated.

2011

Harris-Stowe dedicates its second residence hall and new campus dining facility in honor of Atty. Freeman R. Bosley, Jr., the first African-American mayor of the City of St. Louis and a long-time advocate of HSSU.



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