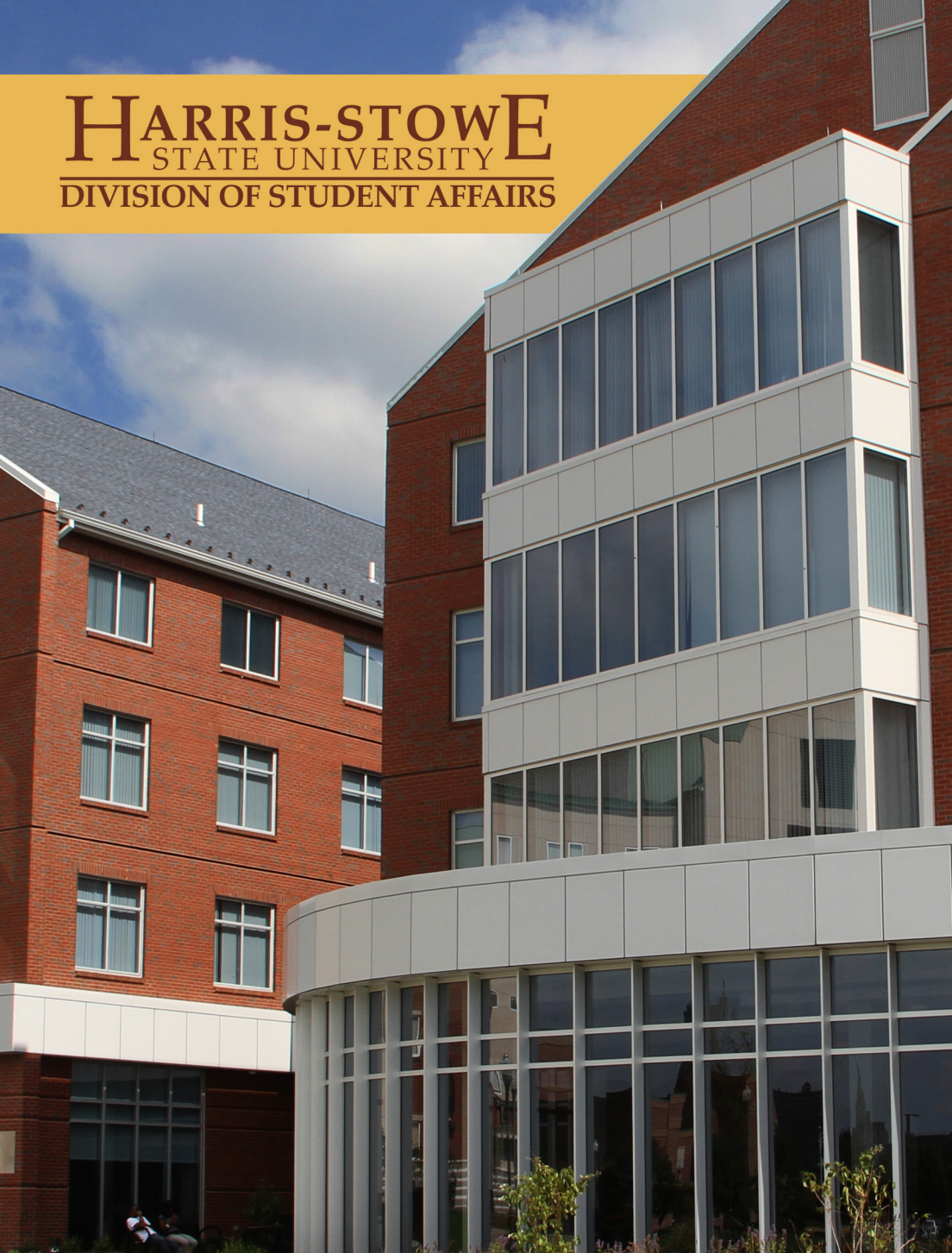


HARRIS-STOWE

STATE UNIVERSITY

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS



2014-2015
End of Year Report



Welcome Week

All our orientation activities led up to Welcome Week.

Welcome Week is a long-standing tradition at Harris-Stowe State University. For returning students it was “welcome back” to campus and to St. Louis, Missouri as we began the academic year. For new and transfer students, it was the first taste of all that HSSU has to offer.

In addition to Welcome Week traditions like the Rites of Passage and the picnic on the quad, new HSSU students chose to participate in a wide array of programs that ranged from service to civic engagement to athletic engagement all highlighting HSSU connections to St. Louis, as an Historically Black University. By pairing days of exploration and service with evening programs that highlight student leaders and student organizations, students had the chance to experience St. Louis in the context of the city’s challenges and celebrations.



Homecoming 2014

On October 25–November 1, Homecoming 2014 featured many exciting events and brought back familiar faces to campus! It was great to see alumni, current students, families, faculty and staff enjoying the many fun events that happened during 2014 Homecoming week. Homecoming included the following events:

- Sunday, October 26 – The 16th Annual Alumni Gold Gala – Harris-Stowe’s Don & Heide Wolff Jazz Institute Inducted Honorees into the St. Louis Jazz Hall of Fame at this event, which featured local musicians who lived and worked in the area during their careers
- Thursday, October 30 – A Comedy Show followed by a Bonfire & Laser Light Show that lit up the Quad while students enjoyed the night
- Friday, October 31 – The “Show-Me Show-Down” Battle of the Greeks Step Show followed by the Undergraduate Homecoming Party





Training and Conferences

Association of Black Psychologists, St. Louis Chapter - partnered to host Emotional Emancipation Circle Training to assist with healing following the unrest in and around Ferguson

Student Leadership Day Conference - a one-day conference on students leading through crisis, held in response to the youth-led movement in Ferguson, Mo.

Wells Fargo, Delta Airlines and National Black College Alumni Hall of Fame Foundation, Inc. - hosted Young Legacy Lecture series titled, "Building Dreams through Leadership" for HSSU student leaders

St. Louis Student Affairs Group - hosted dean of students, vice presidents and other Student Affairs professionals in the Metro St. Louis area to share ideas and best practices from surrounding universities



Hornets Day at the Capitol - HSSU hosted its first Hornets Day at the Capitol on April 8, 2015. More than 115 faculty, alumni, students and administrators were on hand to advocate for HSSU, speak with state lawmakers and showcase the many programs, initiatives and achievements happening at HSSU



New Initiatives

Student Affairs will lead two important initiatives instituted by Harris-Stowe President Dwaun J. Warmack:

Center for African-American Male Initiative - aims to propel African-American male students to become high academic achievers, active collegiate leaders on campus, change-agents in the local community and secure in their position as America's most recruited African-American male college graduates

Center for Non-Violence and Abuse Prevention - serves as a platform to educate, facilitate programs and provide resources that address different forms of abuse and violence

Know Justice, Know Peace - as part of the Clinton Global Initiative, HSSU students created this program to educate youth and young adults on their rights and responsibilities when dealing with those in positions of authority. The initiative aims to mitigate the friction resulting from the rapid changes in neighborhood demographics and close the communications gap among people from diverse backgrounds. If funded by the Clinton Global Initiative, this program will launch during the fall 2015 semester in partnership with school districts throughout the metropolitan St. Louis area, also aims to alleviate levels of hostility when confronted with situations that have the possibility to escalate into violence. The program seeks to implement this change through several key elements:

- Mentoring
- Counseling and Mental Health Services
- Directed Discussions





Student Affairs Grant Opportunities

The Division of Student Affairs is committed to seeking opportunities to impact the overall quality of student life. Together with the Office of Sponsored Programs, the Division of Student Affairs has submitted the following grant proposals:

- Student Support Services Grant (\$1.1 million)
- Violence against Women Campus Grant (\$300,000)
- SAMSHA on Suicide Prevention (\$300,000)



Community Outreach/Partnerships



A vital component of Student Affairs is Community Outreach and/or Partnerships. Harris-Stowe State University's Division of Student Affairs is collaborating with the following community partners.

Ferguson-Florissant School District - Following the tragedy in Ferguson, Mo., Harris-Stowe faculty and students partnered with Griffin Middle School to provide meaningful mentorship to at-risk middle school students.

United Way - This mandatory program for HSSU student leaders provides valuable experiences through Service Works, which has four primary components:

- A 10-module curriculum that trains students in professional skills, such as networking and communicating across dissimilarity
 - Three service projects supplemented by a capstone project organized by the participating students, and one-on-one and small group mentoring sessions with Success Coaches
 - Workshop sessions led by volunteer Module Facilitators
- Participants commit to attending weekly modules, participating in three mentor-led service projects and completing a capstone project, in which the students create and lead a service project.

Links, Inc., Gateway Chapter in St. Louis – Beginning in the fall 2015 semester, one of the nation’s oldest and largest volunteer service organizations for women will provide mentorship to HSSU female students. Links, Inc. is committed to enriching, sustaining and ensuring the cultural and economic survival of African-Americans and persons of African ancestry.

Young Citizens Council of St. Louis (Peace Rally) - Provided a safe, relevant platform for youth to unite, voice their thoughts and ideas, and turn them into constructive actions for justice.

American Red Cross - During Spring Break, HSSU students assisted local fire departments with the distribution/installation of smoke detectors throughout metro St. Louis. Winning American Red Cross Volunteer Award



Renovations and Improvements

To encourage a comfortable and secure environment, HSSU updated the furniture in Gillespie Residence Hall’s Lobby and Game Room and will upgrade campus security through an extensive campus surveillance project.



New Programs

Emerging Leaders Program - Designed for rising leaders who aspire to hold a student leadership position on campus and/or in the community, this fast-track leadership program provides tools to successfully interact with the Office of Student Engagement, and participate in campus organizations. Students will also develop their leadership abilities through workshops, activities and reflection in order to prepare them for leadership experiences at HSSU and beyond.



Inaugural Student Leadership Awards Banquet- Honors students, faculty, staff, or organizations that have exemplified leadership throughout the academic year.

The Conversation - A series of nationally-reknown motivational speakers that focus on providing different voices and perspective on current urban issues facing today's college students.



NEW FACES in the Division of Student Affairs

The Division of Student Affairs is excited to welcome some new faces to HSSU!



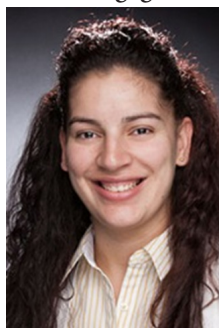
Roslyn L. Harvey, Student Health Services Director

Ms. Harvey is a registered nurse and has a degree in Clinical Psychology. She has worked for the City of St. Louis Department of Health and Public School Systems. Ms. Harvey has provided oversight in the areas of health promotion, health education and wellness and HIV/AIDS education, prevention and surveillance.

Catherine Negron, Director of Student Engagement

Ms. Negron obtained her Master's degree in Student Affairs from the University of South Florida (Tampa) in May 2014. As a graduate student in the program, she served as a Graduate Assistant for the Honors College where she was responsible for the academic, personal and social growth of 25 first-generation college students. She also interned for USF's Office of Parent & Families and for the Office of Orientation at the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California.

Upon obtaining her M.Ed., Ms. Negron relocated to Langston, Oklahoma to serve as the Curriculum Coordinator for the Upward Bound program at Langston University. She also assisted with summer Orientation; Welcome Week; Fall Family Weekend, Homecoming; evening/late co-curricular events and activities; Judicial Advisory Board; instructed two freshmen Personal & Social Development Courses (PSD); and assisted with the implementation of a sexual assault support group on campus.



Jourdan Hilaire, Assistant Director of Housing Mr. Hilaire is a recent graduate of the University of the Pacific in Stockton, CA where he received his Masters in Educational Administration and Leadership with an emphasis in Student Affairs. He received Bachelors of Arts in African-American Studies with a minor in Human Services from California State University, Fullerton in 2013. Mr. Hilaire is a native of Los Angeles, CA and was a Division I track and field athlete.

Reuben Rifin, Residential Life Coordinator and Coordinator Black Male Institute

Mr. Rifin hails from Naples, FL and is a graduate of Bethune-Cookman University in Daytona Beach, FL where he exuded servant leadership to the best of his ability in roles of Class King, Student Government Association Vice President and Serving on the President's Executive Board for African-American Male Achievement initiative. Mr. Rifin will humbly serve dual roles at Harris-Stowe State University as the Residential Life Coordinator for Bosley Hall and Coordinator of the Black Male Institute "D.R.E.A.M.S. Academy". Mr. Rifin is currently a Masters Ed. candidate at Saint Louis University and a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

