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Artist C'babi Bayoc discusses his mural, seen behind him, after just unveiling it at HSSU's Early Childhood Center.

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## C'babi Bayoc Unveiled New Mural of Children at HSSU's Early Childhood Center

Artist C'babi Bayoc unveiled a new mural of the children enrolled in Harris-Stowe's William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center in December in the center's plaza. The event was a partnership between HSSU and Area Resources for Community and Human Services (ARCHS).

HSSU President Dr. Henry Givens Jr. and ARCHS Chief Executive Officer Wendell Kimbrough both made remarks. HSSU faculty, staff and especially the center's infants and toddlers attended the ceremony.

The mural is an original work of Bayoc's, designed after he visited the center and spent some time with the children, while watching them engaged in their day-to-day activities.

# HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

## *Save the Date!*

Mark your calendars for the Harris-Stowe State University  
Alumni Association's premier events:

### Sixth Annual Recognition Luncheon

Saturday, June 26, 2010,

at the historic Randall Gallery

999 N. 13th Street; St. Louis, MO 63106

Tickets: \$45

\$400/table of 10

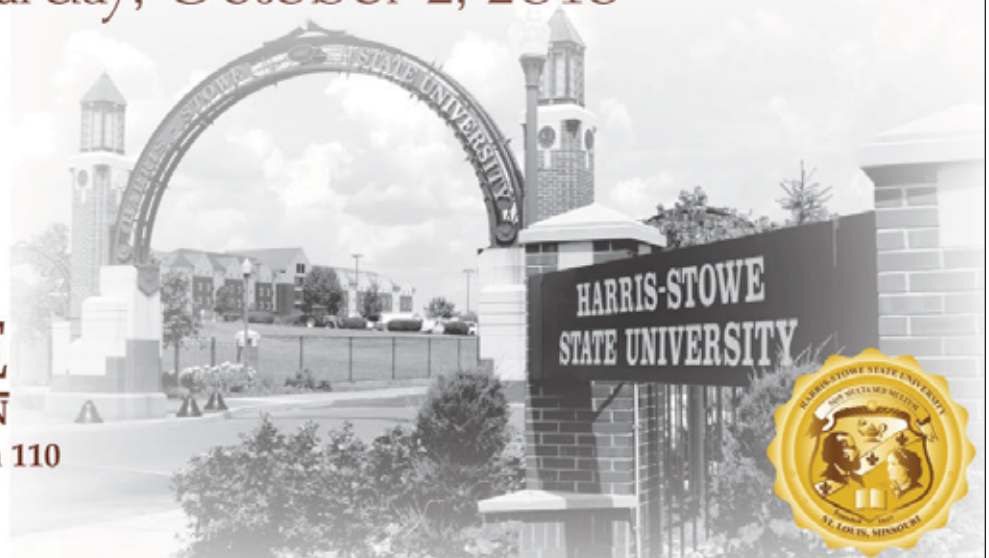
### 12th Annual Gold Gala Scholarship Dinner Dance

The Culminating Event of Homecoming!

Saturday, October 2, 2010

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For more information, contact Harris-Stowe's Alumni Office at (314) 340-5754 or [alumni@hssu.edu](mailto:alumni@hssu.edu).

## Message from the HSSU Alumni Association President



Dr. John E. Ingram Jr.  
HSSU Alumni Association President

Dear Harris-Stowe alumni,

It is my hope that the new year, 2010, is bringing you love and happiness. We have so much for which we should be thankful.

You are encouraged to renew your membership, if you have not already done so. When you renew your membership, at a cost of just \$25, it will remain valid through May 31, 2011! This is truly a major benefit.

Also, the Alumni Association has decided to once again offer Lifetime Memberships. Lifetime Memberships are available now through May 31, 2010, at the low cost of \$300. Many alumni have lamented that they did not take advantage of this opportunity last year, so do not miss out again! Take advantage of this opportunity NOW! Pay \$300 now, and you will never have to pay your dues again, and you will always get to enjoy the many Alumni Association membership benefits. Go to [www.hssu.edu/alumni](http://www.hssu.edu/alumni) where you can join online or contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at (314) 340-5754 or at [Alumni@hssu.edu](mailto:Alumni@hssu.edu) for more information.

On the opposite page, you will find information about two very special events — namely, the Sixth Annual Recognition Luncheon and the 12th Annual Gold Gala Scholarship Dinner Dance. Be alert to the fact that you will not want to miss either event.

In this new year, let us double our efforts to support the Harris-Stowe State University Alumni Association and the entire Harris-Stowe family.

Sincerely,  
John E. Ingram Jr., Ph.D.  
President  
Harris-Stowe State University Alumni Association

## Nominations Needed for HSSU Alumni Association Board Positions

The HSSU Alumni Association Nominating Committee is seeking nominations for the roles of president, vice president, parliamentarian, two Board members and the 2011 Nominating Committee. Please see below for the job descriptions:

### President

The president shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Alumni Association and shall serve as an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. He or she is responsible for appointing all committee chairpersons, including the following standing committees: Membership, Budget and Finance, Bylaws, Scholarship and Courtesy.

### Vice President

In the event of the absence of the president, the vice president shall perform the duties of the president. He or she shall also serve as an ex-officio member and liaison for all committees, except the Nominating Committee.

### Parliamentarian

The parliamentarian shall assist the presiding officer in the interpretation of the Bylaws of the association and proper

parliamentary procedures. He or she shall serve as chair of the Bylaws Committee.

### Board Member

All Board Members shall be dues-paying Alumni Association members.

### Nominating Committee Members

The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, and they will present a slate of candidates for office, members of the Board of Directors, including candidates to serve on the following Nominating Committee.

Officers and Board Members must attend all Board Meetings, which are on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in HSSU's AT&T Library and Technology Resource Center. After three consecutive unexcused absences or if the person fails to perform his or her duties, the person may be removed from office.

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please contact Nominating Committee Chairwoman Sarah Archibald at [SleeArchibald@aol.com](mailto:SleeArchibald@aol.com) or at (314) 650-2458 by Friday, April 2.



## Eye on Alumni



Alumna Audrey E. Claus

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Alumna Audrey E. Claus co-authored with Dr. William Kottmeyer, five editions of *Basic Goals in Spelling*, a series of eight books, one for each grade level. The series sold more than 225 million copies, and Claus traveled extensively to promote the series.

Claus was a devoted member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Ferguson, where her father, Reverend Herbert C. Claus, was minister. She graduated from Harris Teachers College in 1942 with a bachelor's in Education, and she earned two master's degrees from Washington University.

Within the St. Louis Public School system, Claus worked as an administrator and teacher, specializing in curriculum for primary grades.

Claus actively volunteered in many organizations, including the St. Louis Herb Society, the Missouri Botanical Garden and the Saint Louis Symphony Volunteer Association.

Her passion for music led her to endow the Reverend Herbert C. and Estelle Claus Principal Flute Chair to the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra in honor of her parents. Every other week, she attended concerts at Powell Symphony Hall.

On January 24, Claus died in her home from a stroke.



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On February 9, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE) bestowed the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award to Harris-Stowe alumnus Jesse B. Harris Jr. for exemplifying "the philosophy of nonviolent social change as demonstrated by Rev. King."

Harris graduated Harris Teachers College in 1965 with a Bachelor of Arts in Education, and he also studied music at his alma mater with Henry Isenkramer and Wirt D. Walton.

Harris now works as a counselor at SIUE, where he has been a member of the staff for nearly 42 years. For more than 20 of those years, he served as treasurer for the SIUE Staff Senate where he helped raise thousands of dollars for the Staff Senate Scholarship Committee, and he continues to plan new fundraising efforts through the Staff Senate.

His scholarship efforts don't stop there. He also serves on the board for the John E. and Regina S.

Nance scholarship program at Washington Tabernacle Baptist Church in St. Louis and has done so since 1974. In this role, Harris has provided academic workshops for scholarship applicants.

Harris also serves on various boards of directors, such as Carver House, Legend Singers, Saint Louis University Student Success Center, the National Association of Developmental Education, the Midwest Regional Association for Developmental Education and the American College Personnel Association.

"My interest in trying to emulate Dr. King goes back to a family and faith argument," Harris told SIUE. "I live by the notion that if I can help someone as I pass along, then my living will not be in vain. ... In the neighborhood and in the community, I have to acknowledge that if I don't want to become part of the problem, I need to be part of the solution. This was the way I was brought up, and, after moving to the big city [from Cotton Plank, AR], I realized things would be different but I still held on to those values."



Alumnus Marvin Neals

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Not only did Marvin Neals graduate Sumner High School and Harris Teachers College (1966), but he gleamed as a basketball star.

Now the Creve Coeur resident shares his passion for the sport as a coach. He served as head basketball coach at Soldan High School, where he won a Class 4 crown, and for the past 10 years, he has coached the Cardinal Ritter College Prep boys' basketball team.

Neals led the Lions to Class 3 state titles in 2003 and 2006, and his 2003 team went undefeated. In his tenure at Cardinal Ritter, Neals never coached a team that didn't win at least 19 games.

Neals' current team has had some impressive triumphs over larger schools, including McCluer North High School.

Three of Neals' players score an average of 16.5 points a game or better, which is a major component of the team's success.

"Basketball's my life," Neals told *Suburban Journals*. "I love working with young kids. It's what God put me on earth for."



Alumna Glendora P. Ryce

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Glendora P. Ryce was known for being a remarkable teacher and tireless community servant. Born to Charlie and Lillie Pearson, Ryce grew up in St. Louis, where she attended St. Louis Public Schools and earned her bachelor's in Education from Harris-Stowe College.

She began her teaching career at her church, Cleaves Memorial Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, now called the Murchison CME Church, where she taught Sunday school. Ryce continued to teach in St. Louis at Bates Elementary School.

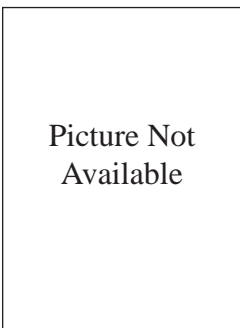
She married Reverend Amos Ryce II and moved with him to Moultrie, GA, where she continued to educate children at Okapilco Elementary School. Between Bates and Okapilco Elementary Schools, Ryce's teaching career spanned a commendable 35 years.

Ryce didn't limit herself to teaching only children; she also served as an instructor of adult literacy for Moultrie Technical College.

Throughout her teaching years, she also remained active in her faith. She acted as director of the Board of Christian Education for the South Georgia Region-Sixth Episcopal District of the CME Church and actively participated as a member of the Williams Tabernacle CME Church.

Ryce served the community as a member of the Thomasville Alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., Georgia Retired Educators Association, The Women's Federated Club of Moultrie, American Cancer Society, Colquitt County Democratic Committee and Habitat for Humanity of Colquitt County.

After her husband's death, Ryce established The Rev. Amos Ryce II Scholarship Fund, which her family credits as the highlight of her career. Last November, the organization renamed it The Rev. and Mrs. Amos Ryce II Scholarship Fund in her honor. Ryce passed away on January 15, 2010.



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Alumna Lillian Saunders

Lillian Saunders supported the St. James AME Church and the Grace United Methodist Church. She graduated from Sumner High School and Stowe Teachers College.

After 20 years of employment with the Missouri Department of Social Services, Saunders retired. She spent much of her time volunteering for various organizations, including The Modern Mrs.

Saunders' family has roots in the P.C. Robinson Realty Company and the Gloria Smith Realty Agency, both based out of the historical Ville area, where she resided.

Saunders departed this world on January 29.



# HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF RETENTION FOR MATHEMATICS & SCIENCE

## 2010 SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS ACADEMY

JUNE 27 - JULY 31

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Harris-Stowe State University Scholars*

### OUR GOAL!

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. The University seeks to accomplish this overarching goal through an extensive academic support program, a college-preparatory academy for urban youth, supervision of student progress and through many community outreach and collaborative partnerships with business, government and educational institutions.

Underlying this commitment to a high-quality education is the University's emphasis on professional growth and personal development that are essential for an educated person entering the work force.

One of the main goals of the Science & Mathematics Academy is to acquaint new Harris-Stowe State University freshmen with the required academic rigor for successful achievement in their first-year college science and mathematics courses. This will be accomplished through preparatory instruction designed to develop student academic skills consisting of supervised study sessions, communications skills and methods on how to study effectively. The rate of instruction will be conducted at an accelerated pace. This will require students to be alert, highly motivated, self-disciplined and committed to achieving academic excellence.



### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

*How long is the program?*

The Science & Mathematics Academy is five weeks during the summer.

*Will I be able to work during the program?*

The academy will require your full and complete attention during the five weeks. There is a financial incentive given to each student who successfully completes the program and enrolls at HSSU for the 2010 Fall Semester. In addition, the experience that you will gain both academically and professionally will be invaluable!

### HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY REV. DR. WILLIAM G. GILLESPIE RESIDENCE HALL & STUDENT CENTER



The Rev. Dr. William G. Gillespie Residence Hall and Student Center (GRH) is a state-of-the-art facility that is located on campus. The residence hall includes air-conditioned, furnished four-bedroom suites with two bathrooms. Access is provided for cable television, private phone connections and high-speed Internet service. In addition, the residence hall has an in-house laundry facility and 24-hour security along with other amenities.

The curriculum for the Science & Mathematics Academy is designed to provide students with a seamless transition to college life through academic preparation, personal development and social engagement. The course content will consist of introductory concepts of biology, chemistry, mathematics and English composition. The course curriculum and academic instruction will be provided by dedicated faculty within the Department of Arts and Sciences. Seminars will be hosted throughout the entire program, focused on cultural enrichment activities through field experiences and guest speakers.

Students selected will reside on-campus with all expenses paid. Students who successfully complete the five-week Science & Mathematics Academy and are officially enrolled at Harris-Stowe State University will receive a \$1,000 stipend.

### ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

Eligible students must reside within the St. Louis metropolitan area, must have at least a 2.0 high school grade point average and must be fully admitted to Harris-Stowe State University for the 2010 Fall Semester. In addition, it is essential that students are academically focused with a positive attitude on achieving their goals. Priority consideration will be given to students who plan to major in Teacher Education with an emphasis in mathematics or science.

For additional information on the 2010 Science & Mathematics Academy, please contact Ronald D. Banks at (314) 340-5955 or by e-mail at [BanksR@hssu.edu](mailto:BanksR@hssu.edu) or visit us on the Web at [www.hssu.edu/rms](http://www.hssu.edu/rms).



## Alumni Association Throws Indoor Tailgate at the HSSU Men's Basketball Game



From left, HSSU Alumni Association Treasurer Candace Dickson, student Lucas Rodrigues Alves, student Ricardo Medrano and alumna Joan Moehl socialize at the Indoor Tailgate.



On December 8, the HSSU Men's Basketball Team played Logan College of Chiropractic in its first home game of the season, and the HSSU Alumni Association was there to shout and cheer. In honor of the home opener, the HSSU Alumni Association held an indoor tailgate party before the game with free pizza, wings, veggies and dip, and soda.

Alumni and students feasted and socialized beforehand and then moved the party into the Board of Regents Gymnasium to cheer on the Hornets from the stands. As always, members of the Alumni Association received free admission to the game. Fun was had by all, and as a special treat, Harris-Stowe triumphed over Logan College in an impressive 86-20 victory.

Organizer of the event and Alumni Association Treasurer Candace Dickson said, "One of our main goals is to support HSSU student activities. It's essential that we demonstrate the importance of supporting our alma mater."

If you missed this exciting event, stay tuned because more delightful Alumni Association-sponsored events are on the way!

From left, Courtney McCall, HSSU director of Communications, Marketing and Alumni Affairs; Nisa Schmitz, public relations/alumni specialist; Jaylah Riley; Jeanine Riley, HSSU Alumni Association Board member, Sarah Archibald, alumni corresponding secretary; and Wilzetta Bell, alumni vice president, mingle.

## Harris-Stowe Is Offering a Free Tax Preparation Service and Low-Income Tax Clinic



From left, HSSU Accounting Instructor Quintin Davis, CPA, and student volunteer Mary Davis service an individual at HSSU's free tax clinic.

If you haven't done your taxes yet, then make plans to take advantage of Harris-Stowe State University's and the Anheuser-Busch School of Business' free tax preparation service and low-income tax clinic, from now until April 15, 2010.

The service is extended to any and everyone interested in having their 2009 taxes prepared by certified volunteers, under the supervision of Quintin Davis, CPA, accounting instructor at Harris-Stowe, and Dr. Owolabi Tiamiyu, CPA, assistant professor of business administration. Additional CPAs are on hand to advise. While the HSSU tax clinic is open to everyone, it uniquely caters to international individuals and families, the elderly and low-to-moderate income households. Those who have a household income of \$50,000 or less will be given priority service.

The free tax service schedule is as follows:

### **Mondays and Wednesdays**

10 a.m.-1 p.m., Room 103 of the Dr. Henry Givens Jr. Administration Building, located at 3026 Laclede Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63103

### **Saturdays**

10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., HSSU Anheuser-Busch School of Business, located at 5707 Wilson Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110

Please make sure you have all relevant information necessary to file your 2009 tax returns. For more information, please call (314) 256-8188.

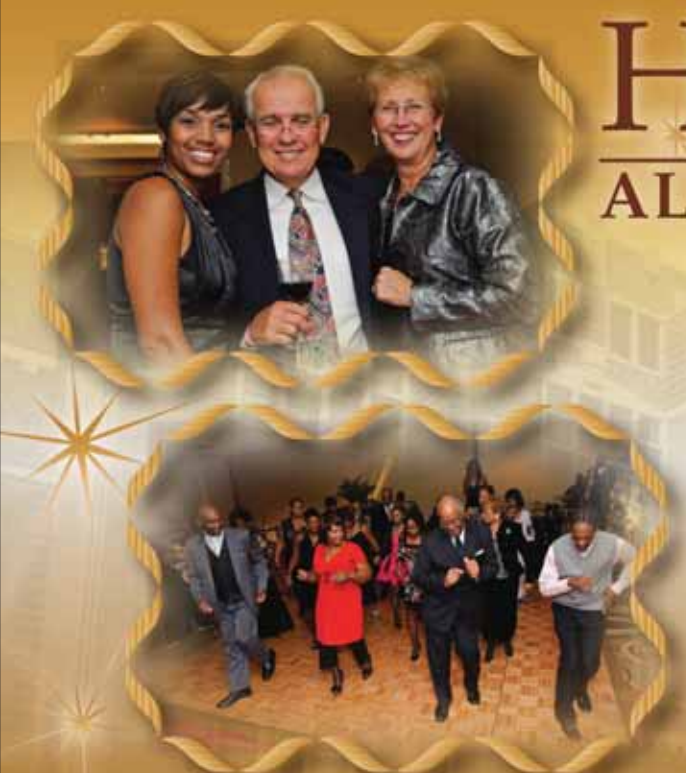
In addition to the tax preparation service being offered this year, there is something new included for 2010, made possible through a matching grant from the Internal Revenue Service. The clinic focuses on assisting low-income tax payers with solving any tax-related issues an individual may experience, such as tax delinquency, non-filing of past taxes, etc. The goal is to help individuals within the St. Louis community gain peace of mind where their tax issues are concerned.



## Do You Belong to the HSSU Alumni Association?

The Harris-Stowe State University Alumni Association offers graduates an ongoing opportunity to share memories, enjoy camaraderie and continue their life experiences together. As a community-serving institution, HSSU is fortunate that many of its graduates remain in the St. Louis area; as such, our alumni are able to maintain long-term connections. The Alumni Association also enables graduates to share the gift of education with deserving, yet financially challenged students. Fees paid to the Alumni Association, a registered nonprofit entity, are 100 percent tax deductible. Everyone, whether you graduated from Harris-Stowe

or are a friend of the institution, can join the HSSU Alumni Association. Want to get the most bang for your buck? Join now and your membership will be valid through May 31, 2011! For the price of a year-long membership, you are getting four extra months for free! Regular Membership costs just \$25. Also, the Lifetime Membership is back! If you missed your chance last year to join the HSSU Alumni Association for life through a one-time flat fee, then don't miss your chance this year. For just \$300, you can become a lifetime member of the Alumni Association. This offer is only available through May 31, 2010, so join today!



# HARRIS-STOWE

## STATE UNIVERSITY

# ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

**WE NEED YOU. PLEASE JOIN TODAY!**  
**Membership Application**

Regular Membership (Valid through May 31, 2011): \$25  
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I attended (check all that apply):

Harris       Stowe       Harris-Stowe

Harris-Stowe State College       Harris-Stowe State University

Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment**

Everyone, whether you graduated from Harris-Stowe or are a friend of the institution, is welcome to join the HSSU Alumni Association. You may join the Alumni Association online at [www.hssu.edu/alumni](http://www.hssu.edu/alumni) or you may mail in your application. Make all checks payable to the "HSSU Alumni Association."

I have enclosed a check for \$25 for Regular Membership.

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↖ *Remain connected to the institution via the Alumni Hornet Messenger ([www.hssu.edu/alumni](http://www.hssu.edu/alumni))*

↖ *Rekindle college friendships at Homecoming, the Gold Gala and the Recognition Luncheon*

↖ *Free admission to HSSU athletic events*

↖ *10 percent off all University Bookstore merchandise*

↖ *Support scholarships to your beloved alma mater*

### Membership Benefits

Your HSSU Alumni Association membership also grants you access to many exciting benefits and discounts, such as:

- Free admission to HSSU athletic events
- 10 percent off all University Bookstore merchandise
- Free alumni news updates
- Free use of the University weight room
- Discount to the Hornet Dining Hall
- Full access to the AT&T Library and Technology Resource Center
- 10 percent off University facility rentals
- 5-10 percent off Enterprise locations
- Membership to Working Advantage, an online discount provider

## Harris-Stowe Hosts the 24th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration

Since the inception of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration Commission of Missouri, Harris-Stowe State University has proudly hosted the event, which has grown to be the second largest Dr. King celebration in the nation!

This year's celebration, which took place on January 9, 2010, should be of particular importance to the HSSU Alumni Association because Stowe Teachers College alumnus Dr. George Hudson Hiram was honored posthumously with the Distinguished Education Legacy Award for his more than 40 years of outstanding service to the field of education, specifically at St. Louis Public Schools, Saint Louis University and Harris-Stowe State University, in which he held various teaching and administrative positions.

Attendees are always treated to exceptional entertainment acts; the 2010 celebration featured performances by the Jazz Edge, the Harris-Stowe Marching Hornets, solos by HSSU student and Concert Chorale member Theresa French, the nationally recognized HSSU Concert Chorale, and Dello Thedford and the Gospel Symphonic Choir.

But the highlight of the evening was, of course, the keynote speech by Rev. Dr. Al Sharpton, president and founder of the National Action Network (NAN). Dr. Sharpton celebrated the progress of black America, but he reminded the audience that there still is progress to be made. Until everyone enjoys equal rights, Dr. King's dream has not yet been fulfilled. Dr. Sharpton encouraged successful people to reach out to those who are struggling. Full of enthusiasm and comical anecdotes, Dr. Sharpton's speech kept the audience riveted.

Themed "Celebrating Diversity for the Common Good," the 2010 celebration was emceed by KSDK News Channel 5 Reporter Sharon Stevens and KSDK News Channel 5 Weather Forecaster Anthony Slaughter.

The MLK Kick-off Program is hosted by the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. State Celebration Commission, Dr. Henry Givens Jr., chairman. The commission, which was 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.

HSSU President Dr. Henry Givens Jr., left, and Anheuser-Busch Inc. Vice President of Community Affairs Johnny Furr Jr., right, present the Distinguished Chairman's Award to keynoter Reverend Dr. Al Sharpton.



### 2010 Dr. King Jr. State Celebration Awardees

#### Distinguished Lifetime Achievement Award

Attorney Margaret Bush Wilson (Posthumously)  
*Civil Rights Pioneer*

#### Distinguished Education Legacy Award

Dr. George Hudson Hiram (Posthumously)  
*Executive Vice President Emeritus, Harris-Stowe State University*

#### Distinguished Corporate Award

Express Scripts  
Accepted by Mr. Michael Holmes  
*Executive Vice President for Strategy, Human Capital and Emerging Markets*

#### Distinguished Leader in Higher Education

Dr. Robert B. Stein  
*Commissioner, Missouri Department of Higher Education*

#### Distinguished Organization Award

FOCUS St. Louis  
Accepted by Christine Chadwick  
*Executive Director*

#### Distinguished Entrepreneur Award

Todd Weaver  
*President and Founder, Legacy Building Group*

#### Distinguished Humanitarian Award

Retired Sergeant First Class Hence J. Forland Jr.  
*Owner and Director, Windsor Transitional Housing for Veterans*

#### Distinguished Chairman's Award

Reverend Dr. Al Sharpton  
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Directed by Gregory S. Carr



Emerson Performance Center  
Bank of America Theatre

February 25, 26, & 27, at 8 p.m.

Student Matinee: February 26, at 10 a.m.

Ticket prices:

General admission: \$10

Students and seniors with valid ID: \$5

Alumni Association members with valid ID: \$7

Matinee: \$5

For reservations call (314) 340-5975



## Harris-Stowe State University Faculty Accomplishments



Assistant Professor of Business Administration Dr. Johndavid Kerr

### Harris-Stowe Assistant Professor Presents His Paper in Singapore

Anheuser-Busch School of Business Assistant Professor Dr. Johndavid Kerr recently presented a paper at the E-Leader Conference, sponsored by the Chinese American Scholars Association (CASA) in Singapore. Dr. Kerr presented his paper, titled “Emerging Markets in Africa: Epic Shifts in Privatization and Land Usage,” which was peer-reviewed by CASA’s reviewing board and approved for presentment at the conference.

Dr. Kerr’s paper and research, as co-authored with HSSU Assistant Professor of Business Administration Dr. Robert Kamkwala, examines emerging markets in both Saharan and Sub-Saharan African countries, with an emphasis on privatization and land usage issues.

The conference was held January 4-6, 2010, at the Executive Media Center at Singapore Management University. Attendees at the conference included CEOs, management consultants with international firms such as ATKierney, emerging market managers and leading academics from the United States, Europe and Asia.

Dr. Kerr chaired an afternoon session, in which he officiated four presentations and presented his paper. As a result of attending the conference, Dr. Kerr will be published in CASA’s online journal and will receive a second publication credit via his presentation at the conference. Further, Dr. Kerr received and accepted an invitation to serve as a board member on CASA’s international board,

whose membership includes more than 80 countries. His responsibilities will include reviewing papers for the board.

“It is imperative for us, as practitioners, and for our students to be aware of the global business community and its incalculable impact on our way of life, affecting business, legal and ethical practices at home and abroad,” said Dr. Kerr. “The information shared at such a conference can be translated into the classroom and boardroom to help our students understand the importance of and make connections with relevant and driving theories and trends, as applied to real-world practices and examples.” Professors from Malaysia and Sydney, Australia, expressed an interest in collaborating on future research with Dr. Kerr.



Professor of History Dr. Mark Abbott

### HSSU Professor Will Receive Governor’s Humanities Community Achievement Award

HSSU Professor of History Dr. Mark Abbott will receive a Governor’s Humanities Exemplary Community Achievement Award at an award ceremony this spring.

This award “recognizes an individual or group who has made a special contribution to a community’s understanding of and support for humanities-related endeavors on the local and or state level.”

Dr. Abbott’s tireless efforts within the St. Louis community certainly qualify him for the award. Dr. Abbott has taught St. Louis history at Washington University, Saint Louis University, Webster University, University of Missouri at St. Louis and Harris-Stowe State University. He founded and directs HSSU’s Center for Neighborhood Affairs and involves his students with volunteer projects through the center. Now, he is pushing for a new center, the Center for the Study of St. Louis African-American History. Also noteworthy, Dr. Abbott is president of the St. Louis section of the American Planning Association.

“It is a great honor to be chosen to receive this award,” said Dr. Abbott. “In the past, community leaders such as Robert Archibald at the Missouri Historical Society have been selected, and it is humbling to be placed in the same category. I owe it all to the fantastic support that I have received at Harris-Stowe for my efforts in the community.”

Dr. Abbott earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Indiana University and a Bachelor of Arts in History from Indiana University at Indianapolis. He received his master’s and his Ph.D. from Purdue University.

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