

The Skegeean



The Official Newsletter of Tuskegee University Alumni Club of Central Texas

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2022 in Review

Written by Jacqui Archer Baker

The Tuskegee University Alumni Club of Central Texas (TUACCT) ramped into high gear in 2022, picking up where we left off prior to the pandemic with full momentum! Student recruitment, fundraising, and alumni membership and engagement have resumed at center stage, resulting in a host of activities, accomplishments to laud, and a springboard for higher heights in 2023 and beyond leveraging new resources gained during the pandemic and coupling them with the much-appreciated opportunity to safely gather. Here is 2022 in review...

STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Virtual Black History Month Recruitment Program:

TUACCT hosted a recruitment event during Black History Month with a virtual Recruitment Fair & Program held Saturday, February 19, 2022. The event was attended by nearly 30 people including 16 prospective students and their parents. The event featured Dr. Jontyle Robinson, Curator of the University's Legacy Museum and Assistant Professor and founding member of the Alliance of HBCUs with museums, galleries and Art Spaces, Mr. Roger Gray, IV, TU Admission Counselor & Recruiter, and a panel discussion featuring TU Central TX 2021-2022 Eminent Scholars Saniya Keaton and Tyriq Turner. Dr. Robinson enlightened the attendees on the campus museum, and some little-known TU History (e.g., did anyone know that Halle Tanner Dillon, the 1st Medical Director at TU was also the 1st woman to pass the medical exam in AL? Now you do!) Mr. Gray provided an entertaining highlight reel of TU's illustrious history and campus offerings: e.g., TU established the first nursing baccalaureate program and the first Bachelor of Nursing in AL; TU is the only College & University recognized by Congress as a National Historic Site, and that the TU Crimson Piper Band was the first marching band established at an HBCU. The event wrapped with a panel discussion with Saniya, Tyriq, and TUACCT alumni Trina Ita on why TU was their school of choice and its impact on their lives and career pursuits.

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TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI CLUB OF CENTRAL TEXAS
BLACK HISTORY MONTH
RECRUITMENT FAIR & PROGRAM

FEBRUARY 19, 2022
 11 A.M. - 12 P.M. CST

Students & Parents Welcome
 Austin • College Station • Killeen-Temple
 San Antonio • Waco Metropolitan Areas

UNIVERSITY HISTORY • COLLEGE ADMISSIONS
 STUDENT & ALUMNI FORUM • DOOR PRIZES

FEATURED SPEAKERS & PANELISTS

			
Dr. Jontyle T. Robinson Curator & Assistant Professor Tuskegee University Legacy Museum	Mr. Roger Gray IV Class of 2006 Tuskegee University Admissions Recruiter	Ms. Saniya Keaton Class of 2022 Tuskegee University Eminent Scholar Animal Science	Mr. Tyriq Turner Class of 2024 Tuskegee University Eminent Scholar Mechanical Engineering

 REGISTER HERE:
[HTTPS://BIT.LY/TUACCTBLACKHISTORYMONTHPROGRAM](https://bit.ly/tuacctblackhistorymonthprogram)

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Student Recruitment, cont...

TUACCT expanded our student recruitment efforts, in 2022 & 2023 participating in over 10 live College & Career Fairs from Killeen and Round Rock to San Antonio. Members attended the Carver Museum HBCU College Fairs (Feb 2022 & 2023), Round Rock and Plugerville ISD College Fairs (Sept 2022), Round Rock Black Parents HBCU College Fair & LBJ Early College High School College Fairs (Oct 2022), Westview Middle School Career Fair (Jan 2023), Moss Foundation HBCU College Fair in Killeen and the San Antonio HBCU Recruitment Fair (Feb 2023), and the New Hope Fontaine Fest HBCU College Fair (Mar 2023). Mack Riley, Sid Conley and Iris Williams even set up shop at the Austin Juneteenth Celebration to share the rich history of Mother Tuskegee and draw some new recruits! The student recruitment efforts are coordinated by Mack Riley, so drop him an email at tuaacct.president@gmail.com to learn the latest events to participate.



ALUMNI MEMBERS RECRUITMENT - TUACCT on LinkedIn



Tiffany Smith, Iris Williams and Diane Holland up the ante on membership by launching the TUACCT LinkedIn page and landing 37 members! Now we can support our professional networking, draw in new members, and assist our students looking for positions in the Central Texas region. Join us on LinkedIn at **Tuskegee University Alumni Club of Central Texas (TUACCT)**

TNAA 2ND VP ENCOURAGES ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP

TUACCT's own Sam Bryant was elected TNAA 2nd Vice-President at the 2022 Conference and challenged all the clubs to increase membership by 5%. To answer the charge, TUACCT is focused on eight (8) critical areas of member engagement including Mentorship, Internships, Student Recruiting, Speaking, Public Relations, Fundraising, Networking, and Activity Planning. There's something for every interest and no shortage of opportunities to participate in TUACCT.

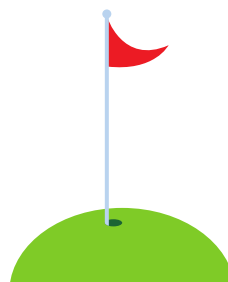
Annual membership dues are \$80 (plus \$3 online processing fee). Ready to sign up? Visit tuaacct.org and JOIN TODAY!

Fundraising Feats!

Led by Tiffany, Sam and Carol, the team successfully completed two (2) fundraisers in 2022, raising over \$20,000 for scholarships! The Club ventured into the Double Good Popcorn world in March 2022 and raised over \$3600. The primary fundraiser followed on May 2, 2022 with the 2nd Annual TU / Hampton U Alumni Clubs of Central Texas Golf Tournament. Held at the Star Ranch Golf Club in Hutto, the tournament exceeded expectations, meeting the goal of drawing 120 players (on a Monday, no less!) and profited each club over \$13,000 for our scholarship funds. As a result, we are proud to say that we were able to give \$1,000 scholarships to TU Central Texas students and gift cards during the two semesters to encourage them during finals.

In April, TUACCT introduced a new fundraiser for 2023 with our Kendra Scott Give Back Event at The Domain in Austin, TX and online. The event netted the club nearly \$300 and provided the opportunity to educate the Austin community on Mother Tuskegee and allowed us to enlist friends and family across the country, just in time for Mother's Day and graduation season. A new win that we will add to our repertoire, but our signature event remains the scholarship golf tournament with our 3rd annual event with Hampton and the Star Ranch Golf Club held on May 8th. This year's event netted over \$ 16,000 for each club's scholarship funds.

You can check out pictures from these events on our Facebook page at facebook.com/TUACCT1881.



2022 - 2023 TUACCT Scholarships

Written by Mack Riley

A central focus of our TUACCT mission continues to be aiding and assisting our TU Central Texas students through financial support. In 2022, TUACCT awarded ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships for the school year. The scholarship recipients were:

- Alyssa Crenshaw
- Mya Hayed
- Meagan Henderson
- Saniya Keeton
- Tiye'jainaiye Jackson-Glass
- Mikelle Mason
- Bryce Peterson
- Tyriq Turner
- Kelleigh Wakefield
- Kajia Wilson



As part of our Student Outreach,

- Each of the 10 students also received a \$75 Amazon e-gift card as a Christmas gift the week before Christmas in 2022, and
- Nine (9) students received an Amazon "Snack Bar" care package in Spring 2023.

Fall 2023 Scholarship

The Fall 2023 Scholarship application process is underway. To apply, students must submit the following information:

- Complete TUACCT scholarship form
- Current GPA/transcript
- 250-300 word essay
- Bonus points can be received by submitting
 - Letters of recommendation
 - Explanation of unusual circumstances

Students must score 70 points on the total application input to receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

There are fourteen (14) TU students from the Central Texas eligible for the 2023 scholarship. The scholarship application period is March 30 through June 30, 2023. If all eligible students do not apply, the scholarship money will be equally distributed to the students that successfully apply.

2023 Scholarship Fundraising Events Sponsors

The following companies sponsored this year's fundraising events and their support made our success possible. We salute them for backing our vision!

- ABC Home & Commercial Services
- Austin Revitalization Authority
- Aviator Pizza & Drafthouse
- Frost Bank
- Greater Dallas - Fort Worth Chapter, National Hampton Alumni Association
- Holland & Knight
- KAZI 88.7 FM Austin
- Kendra Scott
- McDonald's
- The Munny Conservancy
- ML&R Wealth Management
- NOVA Recovery Center
- Tocker Foundation
- 100 Black Men of Austin, Inc.



2022-2023 Eminent Scholars

Written by Mack Riley

We are pleased to announce that two (2) Central Texas students achieved the "Eminent Scholar" distinction again for the 2022-2023 academic year. Eminent Scholars maintain a 4.0 GPA and meet additional requirements to be named to the honor roll.

Tuskegee University Alumni Club of Central Texas proudly celebrates our Eminent Scholars

Saniya Keeton & Tyriq Turner



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Every 3rd Saturday
10:00 - 11:30 AM
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Don't Forget the Fellowshiping!

Written by Jacqui Baker

TUACCT is serious about recruiting students and raising funds for scholarships, but we're also committed to building relationships with our members. To that end, the Club held its first gathering following the pandemic with a club picnic at Old Settlers Park in Round Rock, TX on Saturday, July 31, 2022.

Approximately 40 TUACCT Alumni, Friends & Family and 1 Student (Saniya Keeton) attended to this outdoor socially distanced affair, with catered BBQ by Chef Dedric Crenshaw, music and games by Sid Conley, and fun had by all such that we had to shut it down to clean up and exit by the deadline!

The picnic social was followed a few months later with a fabulous holiday gathering, hosted by Trina and Essien Ita at their home on Saturday, December 17, 2022. We feasted on delicious food gorgeously presented, had a White Elephant exchange led by Tiffany Smith that had us all bowling over, and reminisced about Tuskegee and our dreams to come for it.

This year's TUACCT Summer Social will be held Saturday afternoon, July 29, 2023 at the Steiner Ranch Clubhouse & Pavilion (address below and it is indoors!) Updates will be posted on our social media and at tuacct.org, but please save the date! The catered event is \$20 per person or \$50 per family, TU Students, Incoming Freshmen and their parents are FREE!

**2023 TUACCT Summer Social
Bella Mar Clubhouse & Pavilion
Steiner Ranch Community
12401 Bella Mar Trail
Austin, TX 78732**

RSVP to tuacct1881@gmail.com by Sat, 7/15/2023