



TROY TODAY

A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff

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Bibb Graves project gets under way – Renovation work has begun on Bibb Graves Hall on the Troy Campus. The project will include offices for the University’s Center for International Business and Economic Development and the Confucius Institute, as well as updated classrooms featuring the latest technology, office space for faculty and a large student lounge area. The building is home to the University’s Sorrell College of Business.

Department gets new name

The Radio and Television Department has changed its name to more accurately reflect the department’s expanded responsibilities.

The new name of the department is Broadcast and Digital Network.

Troy University Public Radio and TrojanVision fall within the realm of the department, but Director Buddy Johnson said additional responsibilities have increased the department’s reach both internally and externally.

“Montgomery Campus television has recently expanded responsibilities to include operation of two channels – TrojanVision and the Capital City Connection for the City of Montgomery,” Johnson

said. “Add to this the area of video conferencing which serves Alabama campuses, as well as ACCESS, and the addition soon of a digital media web manager, and one realizes this unit is much more than Radio and Television as it is currently named. It is, in fact, a multi-media unit.”

Johnson said the department has developed into one of the primary venues for telling the Troy University story.

“This unit is dedicated to providing excellence in academic instructional support and high quality educational, entertainment and community service offerings to TROY students, faculty and staff and other constituents,” he said.

Grant will extend Healthy Schools, Healthy Kids program

Troy University has received a \$375,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to extend its Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Healthy Families program.

Under the grant, awarded over the next three years, a comprehensive wellness program will be implemented in Union Springs Elementary School through a consortium consisting of the University, Bullock County School System, Main Drug Store, Bullock County Hospital and Southern Springs.

According to Dr. Bernita Hamilton, director of the University’s School of Nursing, three main goals exist for the Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Healthy Families program:

To demonstrate the benefit of a school-based comprehensive wellness model for elementary children in rural areas;

To change health behaviors of elementary children to more wellness focus; and

To continue and increase collaboration of the community to ensure wellness promotion in

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Grant awarded

‘Alabama Illustrated’ exhibit, lectures coming to Dothan Campus in October

The Archives of Wiregrass History and Culture (AWHC) at Troy University’s Dothan Campus and the Wiregrass Museum of Art have been awarded a nearly \$1,800 grant from the Alabama Humanities Foundation to co-host the “Alabama Illustrated” exhibit and accompanying lectures.

The exhibit will be displayed in the Library/Technology Building at the Dothan Campus from Oct. 1 through Nov. 15. It features 30 reproductions of 19th century American magazines, including Harper’s and Frank Leslie’s Weekly, depicting scenes from Alabama.

Designed for primarily northern audiences, the images examine southern life within an emerging sectionalized political and cultural framework that changed over the century.

“This award strengthens the ties between Troy University and the cultural community of the Wiregrass

through its partnership with the Wiregrass Museum of Art, and with the people of the region by providing a high quality exhibition and discussions of ongoing themes that effect our lives and pique our interest,” said Dr. Martin T. Ollif, an associate professor in the College of Arts and Sciences and director of the AWHC.

The AWHC and the Museum will also jointly host lectures by Jim Baggett and Dr. Graham Boettcher to accompany the exhibit. The lectures will address themes of modernism, industrialization and race relations, as well as visual culture and perception, pertaining to the South in the late 19th century.

Baggett, head of the Birmingham Public Library Archives, will speak on Oct. 8. He will present “Old South/New South: Looking at Alabama through the Eyes of the 19th-Century Press,” a talk that uses

images and text to examine how national newspaper coverage of Alabama evolved in the 19th century from portrayals of an exotic antebellum South, to a wartime enemy, and finally to a modern New South.

On Oct. 29, Boettcher, the William Hulsey Curator of American Art, will deliver “Depicting Dixie: Alabama in 19th-Century American Visual Culture.” The lecture examines the images of Alabama and the Deep South in the popular media of 19th century America and discusses how these images helped to shape popular attitudes and misconceptions about the region.

The Alabama Humanities Foundation, a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, supports projects that engage the public in discussion about humanities, but does not endorse any particular viewpoint expressed by the lecturers.



NASA workshop – Jessica Smith, right and Evangeline Gunn collaborate on a science activity during the NASA education workshop for teachers on Wednesday, June 24, at Troy University’s Dothan Campus. Smith and Gunn are both graduate students in education at the Dothan Campus and were among more than 30 local educators who are attending the two-day workshop. It focuses on providing teachers with ideas for enhancing math and science lessons using resources and materials available from NASA. The workshop, which was sponsored by the Wiregrass Math and Science Consortium, was led by Dr. Wil Robertson, an aerospace education specialist from the Marshall Space Flight Center.

Dothan Campus to restart two graduate programs

Troy University's Dothan Campus will restart graduate degree programs in psychometry and school psychology this fall after a two year hiatus.

"These are two very vital programs that will allow TROY to help meet the growing demand for school psychologists and psychometrists," said Dr. Ginger Mayer, associate professor of counseling and psychology. "The school psychologist and psychometrist are two of the top three support personnel in any school."

Even as the demand for school psychologists and psychometrists is growing, school systems are facing a shortage of qualified candidates, Mayer said.

The Dothan Campus has been without the two graduate programs for two years after the previous instructor left. TROY has hired Dr. Brian Boehman to restart to the programs, Mayer said.



Commencement in Malaysia – Troy University Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., presents a diploma to a student during the University's third commencement ceremony at its teaching site in Malaysia in May. The ceremony took place at TROY's partner location with Putra International College. Bachelor's degrees in business administration were awarded to 36 graduates during the ceremony. Also shown, from left, is Dr. Phil Lyon, TROY's international region director; Dr. Earl Ingram, vice chancellor of TROY's Global Campus; Dr. John Schmidt, senior vice chancellor of advancement and external relations; Dr. Eddy Chong Siong Choy, chief executive officer of Putra International College; and, Dr. T. C. Yoong, president of Putra International College. TROY officials visited several Asian nations during the trip to explore new educational opportunities and review existing partnerships. The trip included stops in Vietnam, Cambodia, Malaysia and Azerbaijan.

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A key component of the program calls for the placement of a full-time registered nurse in the school to direct the school's health wellness program.

"Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Healthy Families plans to show how a designated health promotion nurse with community support can ultimately influence health behaviors in children and their families," Dr. Hamilton said.

Eight years ago, a consortium of more than 20 community agencies in Pike County was formed to promote children's health initiatives. This partnership resulted in two phases of health promotion and

illness prevention programs for school children. Healthy Schools Healthy Kids Phase II added an intervention based on a national health program that emphasizes proper nutrition and physical activity through educational curricula and through changing environmental conditions in schools.

"Assessment of children in both phases revealed risks for future chronic conditions related to obesity," Dr. Hamilton said. "To continue the momentum started by the partnership, a more focused local model was needed. If successful with Phase III, this model can be replicated in other rural areas across Alabama and the nation."

University earns awards for marketing, communications

Troy University has been recognized with seven Awards of Excellence in the 15th Annual Communicator Awards, including an Award of Excellence for its "Troy University Magazine," the University's alumni publication.

Also garnering Awards of Excellence were:

- "Lessons," a publication of the College of Education, in the Educational Institution category
- "Find Your Future Here," a brochure for the College of Arts and Sciences in the Educational category
- "Masters at Work" in the Advertising Campaign category
- "Building Beyond Boundaries," a brochure in the Fund Raising category
- "Measure of Success" alumni commercials in the Campaign-Promotional/Branding category
- "Anyone. Anywhere.," an athletics board in the Billboard category.

New opportunities

TROY, Gulf Coast Community College sign new articulation agreement

Troy University and Gulf Coast Community College signed a new articulation agreement in May.

Administrators, staff and faculty from both institutions were present as Dr. Jack Hawkins, Troy University chancellor, and Dr. Jim Kerley, Gulf Coast Community College president, formalize the agreement, which had been in the works since last September.

The two campuses share a long history, dating back to the first formal articulation agreement signed in 1991. There is a close working relationship between TROY and GCCC with emphasis on TROY as the transfer institution once the student has completed work at Gulf Coast Community College. This 2 + 2 agreement will provide GCCC students with a convenient path to TROY'S nine online degrees and a face-to-face Business Administration degree.

"Troy University is pleased to enter into this agreement with Gulf Coast Community College which will enable two outstanding institutions to provide citizens of Northwest Florida access to higher education," Dr. Hawkins said. "Troy University enjoys a long history of collaboration with community colleges. In Alabama, we pioneered the articulation program which ensures transferability of credit between two-year and four-year institutions, and we have formal partnerships with



TROY Chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., discusses a new articulation agreement with Gulf Coast Community College (GCCC) as GCCC President Dr. Jim Kerley looks on.

13 community colleges to serve place-bound students by providing baccalaureate degrees through distance education."

Troy University has been co-located with Gulf Coast Community College at the Tyndall Base Education Center since 1991. Recently, TROY opened its Panama City Site on Airport Road as a convenient location to serve more students.

Army ROTC expanding to Dothan Campus

A pilot program being launched this fall by Troy University's Army Reserve Officer Training Corps will allow students at the Dothan Campus to enroll in ROTC courses.

The move marks the first time the University's Army ROTC program has offered courses outside of the Troy Campus.

The pilot program will create a new option for TROY students who want to enroll in Army ROTC but are unable to commute to the Troy Campus, said Army ROTC instructor Major Robert O. Holmstrom.

In the fall, freshman level Army ROTC courses will be offered at the Dothan Campus. Depending on participation, the program could expand to include sophomore courses the following year.



Shaughnessy honored –Troy University Head Strength and Conditioning Coach Richard Shaughnessy, II, is presented with a certificate and blue blazer signifying his selection as a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach. Making the presentation are Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches association (CSCCa) Executive Director Dr. Chuck Stiggins (left) and Master Strength and Conditioning Coach Dave VanHalanger (right) of the University of Georgia.

Fulbright Fellow

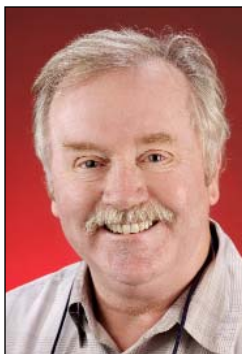
Dr. Michael Stewart will lecture, conduct research in Peru, Amazon basin

Troy University professor of environmental science Dr. Michael Stewart has been awarded a Fulbright Senior Specialist Fellowship that will send him to Peru and the Amazon basin this summer.

Dr. Stewart, the ALFA Eminent Scholar in the Department of Biological and Environmental Sciences, will present a workshop on aquatic biomonitoring at the Instituto del Agua y Medio Ambiente, then lecture at the Cayetano Heredia University in conservation biology, sustainable development and environmental toxicology. After his stint in Lima, he will collaborate with the Peruvian Amazon Research Institute near Iquitos, Peru.

The Fulbright award, one of the highest awards a scholar can be awarded, will allow a chance for TROY to expand international collaboration, Dr. Stewart said.

“What I teach down there isn’t important – it’s something those students can learn from any other expert in the field – but the idea of someone from another country is what it’s about. The (Peruvian) students get to work through language and cultural differences and see if they’re ready to come to the United States for study,” he said. “With TROY’s emphasis on globalization, I’ll get to meet a lot of people and those contacts may translate into student opportunities for our students at TROY.”



Dr. Michael Stewart

Dr. Stewart, who plans to lead a student team to Peru next summer, said the opportunity to study the Amazon first-hand is a worthwhile pursuit.

“I’ve never come up with a research project sitting at my desk. You have to go to a site and see, for example, a large erosion problem, before a solution can be researched and implemented. This gives me the opportunity to see things first-hand,” he said.

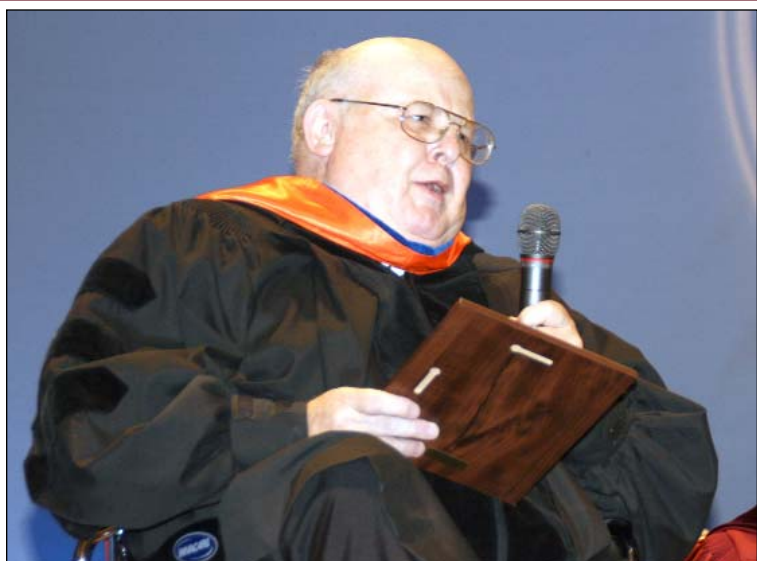
The Fulbright Specialists Program (FSP) promotes linkages between U.S. academics and professionals and their counterparts at universities abroad. The program is designed to award grants to qualified U.S. faculty and professionals, in select disciplines, to engage in short-term collaborative 2 to 6 week projects at higher education institutions in over 100 countries worldwide. International travel costs and an honorarium are funded by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. Participating host universities cover grantee in-country expenses or provide in-kind services.

Dr. Woods receives Windler Award

Dr. Michael Woods, professor of botany and herbarium curator, was the recipient of the 2009 Windler Award from the Southern Appalachian Botanical Society.

The Windler Award is presented annually to the scientist that published the best systematic botany manuscript in *Castanea* during the previous year.

The title of the paper authored by Dr. Woods is “The genera *Desmodium* and *Hylodesmum* (Fabaceae) in Alabama.” The manuscript, which was published in March 2008, provides dichotomous keys, descriptions, illustrations and county-level distribution maps for the twenty species of *Desmodium* and three species of *Hylodesmum* that occur in Alabama.



Teacher of the Year – Dr. Maury Maryanow, assistant professor of English at the Montgomery Campus, delivers an acceptance speech after being presented the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society Teacher of the Year award during the spring commencement ceremony on Monday, May 18.

Dedicated service

Taylor, Scheel honored with Vergil Parks McKinley Awards in May, June

Veronica Taylor, admissions enrollment specialist for Troy University's International Programs, and Fran Scheel, director of personal counseling and the SAVE Project, received the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Awards for May and June respectively.

The McKinley Award is the highest honor that Troy University gives to a non-faculty staff member. It is presented monthly to an employee who has demonstrated outstanding attitude, innovation and work ethic. The award was established by former Texaco CEO John McKinley in honor of his father, Vergil Parks McKinley, who was a Troy University professor during the early 20th century and was key to the development of the University's athletic program. Winners of this award receive an engraved clock and a \$350 stipend.

Taylor, who has been a full-time member of the Troy University staff since 2006, received the May McKinley award during a ceremony on May 29 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost, presented the award to Taylor, who was nominated by Ludmila Belaia, director of international admissions.

In a letter of nomination, Belaia praised Taylor for her attitude and work ethic.

"Veronica Taylor is a very fast learner," Belaia said. "Her knowledge of Datatel and government systems is impressive. She is well organized and completes her tasks in a timely manner. Mrs. Taylor is very kind and support-

ive to all students at Troy University, as well as all applicants. She is well respected by her colleagues in International Programs, as well as other members of the staff and faculty at TROY. She is very devoted to the department and willingly works after hours and on weekends to ensure the department's needs are met." Taylor said she was honored to receive the award.

"I was very honored to receive this award," Taylor said. "It is a great privilege to work for University and International Programs, in particular, and to know that your work is appreciated."

Scheel, who has been a member of the TROY staff since 1997, received the award during a ceremony on June 16 in the Hall of Honor. Chancellor Jack Hawkins, presented the award to Scheel, who was nominated by Dean Herbert Reeves, Dean of Student Services.

In a letter of nomination, Reeves said Scheel was a true "unsung hero" at Troy University.

"She has an extremely difficult job in assisting students with a variety of personal problems and offering advice to help these students adjust or make life-changing choices," Reeves said. "She deals with many issues – from homesickness, mental health issues, to grief counseling. Simply put, our students' problems are her problems."

Scheel said she was honored to receive the award.

"It is such a privilege to receive this award," she said. "So many people are deserving of it and I am honored to have been nominated by Dean Reeves."



Above left, Dr. Ed Roach, executive vice chancellor and provost, presents the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for May to Veronica Taylor (right) during a ceremony in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor. Taylor, who serves as admissions enrollment specialist for TROY's International Programs, was nominated by Ludmila Belaia (left), director of international admissions. Above right, Fran Scheel, center, Troy University's director of personal counseling and the SAVE Project, is awarded the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for June by Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr., left. She was nominated for the University's highest staff honor by Dean of Students Herbert Reeves. Winners of the monthly award receive an engraved clock and a \$350 stipend.

Activities & achievements

An article by **Dr. Mike Schraeder**, Sorrell College of Business on the Montgomery Campus, (coauthored with Shelley Morrisette from Shippensburg University) has been accepted for publication in a forthcoming issue of Journal for Quality and Participation.

The article is titled, "Leadership: Perceptions of Effective Training Venues and Famous Individuals as Effective Leaders."

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Dr. Michael Stewart, professor of environmental sciences and ALFA Eminent Scholar, has co-authored a paper that has been published in the Journal of the American Water Resources Association.

The paper, "Development and use of a sedimentation risk model for unpaved road stream crossings," was co-authored by former graduate student Patrick L. Witmer and Chris Metcalf of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

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Dr. Kenyon Knapp, associate professor of counseling and psychology at the Montgomery Campus, published a book chapter titled "Children and Crisis" in *Disaster and Crisis Response: Lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina and Other Disasters* by Sage Publications, edited by Dr. Priscilla Dass-Brailsford.

Dr. Knapp also gave two other presentations this spring

on crisis counseling and continues to develop this specialty area.

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Dr. Stephen Cooper, professor and chair of the English Department on the Troy Campus, has published an entry on the Texas writer William Humphrey in *The Literary Encyclopedia*, an on-line reference work.

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Dr. Vitaly Voloshin, a professor in the Department of Mathematics, Physics, Computer Science and Geomatics, has published a set of textbooks in graph and hypergraph theory.

"Introduction to Graph and Hypergraph Theory" and "Introduction to Graph Theory" both explore the area of contemporary mathematics that has applications in computer science, genetics, chemistry, engineering, industry, business and the social sciences. The "young science" was developed for solving challenging problems created by a "computerized society" for which traditional mathematics such as algebra or calculus are powerless.

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Dr. John Dew, associate vice chancellor of Institutional Research, Planning and Effectiveness, had his article "Quality Issues in Higher Education" published in the April 2009 edition of *The Journal for Quality and Participation*.

Green appointed to NCAA Faculty Athletics Representatives committee

A Troy University faculty member has been tapped to serve on one of the National Collegiate Athletic Association's primary committees.



Dr. Fred Green

Dr. Fred Green, coordinator of sport and fitness management and the University's faculty athletic representative, was named to the executive committee of the NCAA's Division 1A Faculty Athletics Representatives.

"Troy University is extremely proud

of Dr. Green for the recognition he has received by his peers in the Faculty Athletic Representative field," said Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., the University's chancellor. "His election to this national post is a 'high-water mark' for Troy University."

A faculty athletic representative is a member of the faculty at an NCAA-member institution who serves as a liaison between the institution and the athletics department, and serves as a representative of the institution in the conference and NCAA affairs. A FAR routinely ensures academic integrity in the athletic department, looks toward student-athlete well being and helps promote institutional control over the athletic department.

"I am proud to represent Troy University and the Sun Belt Conference nationally with other FARs from the bowl subdivision institutions. I am truly honored," said Dr. Green.

Thank-you notes

The Family of Nolan Creamer Hatcher wishes to thank you for your kindness and sympathy at a time when it was deeply appreciated.

Thank you for the beautiful plant that you sent to Nolan's memorial service.

Willetta Hatcher

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Thank you so much for the beautiful clock you gave me for my retirement.

It will always remind me of the wonderful years I spent at the University. Again, thanks!

Betty Chancellor

Saluting a long career

Betty Chancellor began working in the University's library as a student in 1962

No one likes saying goodbye, but that's exactly what Troy University did May 29 during a retirement reception for Betty Chancellor, who for nearly 50 years has helped students find their way through its library.

Chancellor, who started working in the then-Troy State College library as a student worker in 1962, began full-time employment in 1965. At that time, the library was located in McCartha Hall, but there have been many changes since then, she said, including the installation of air conditioning systems across campus.

"It was hot (in the McCartha Hall library)," she said. "I remember having a fan to try to keep us cool."

Sometimes, her work hours in the McCartha library kept her until 9 p.m. That changed when the library was moved into Wallace Hall, its present location.

During her tenure, she's worked under the direction of three library directors – Kenneth Croslin, Thomas Souter and the current library dean, Dr. Henry Stewart. She's also worked under three University chiefs – helping, in fact, to hire current chancellor Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr. as a member of the search committee to find a replacement for then-Chancellor Ralph Adams.

"I am so proud to have helped bring someone here such as Dr. Hawkins; he has done so much for the University," said Chancellor.

Although she's had her hand in more than 85,000 hours of work at the University, including service on the Faculty Advisory Council as a representative and its chair and two NCAA athletic recertification committees, she said that the people of TROY is what she's enjoyed the most.

"I have enjoyed everyone. They were all unique and all had very special personalities. I work with a lot of wonderful people," she said. "I look forward to coming back to visit. I love the student workers and they come back to visit me and that's very nice," said Chancellor.

Dr. Ed Roach, TROY's Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, said it was rare to honor an employee for such long service as Chancellor's.

"It is amazing for anyone to have such a long career at a



Dr. Henry Stewart, dean of the library services, left, and Dr. Ed Roach, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost, right, congratulate Mrs. Betty Chancellor at her retirement reception on May 29. Mrs. Chancellor was honored for more than 40 years of service at TROY.

single institution," he said during the reception, "but it is outstanding to have such a long career at a single institution. If she had thought to count her minutes at TROY, she would have recorded more than five million of them. However, she didn't count them – instead she gave them in service to this University and for that we thank her."

Dr. Roach also presented her with a special TROY pin and resolution from the University's Board of Trustees.

Chancellor said in retirement that she is looking forward to taking a vacation with her sister, taking part in activities at the senior complex, and to continue being active in Sunday school and the choir at First Baptist Church in Troy. She married Tommy Chancellor in 1969, and the couple has one daughter, Kaye Chancellor Davis, who is expecting Chancellor's first grandchild in July.

Chancellor earned an undergraduate degree from TROY in elementary education and completed a master's degree in library science from the University of Alabama in 1981.

Creative Drama Performing Arts Camp to be offered in July

Troy University's College of Communication and Fine Arts Department of Theatre and Dance will offer a creative drama performing arts camp for children and youth in July.

The camp, "Summer Spotlight," will kick off on July 12 at 2 p.m. at the Trojan Center Theater. The remainder of the camp will be held July 13

through July 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. It will be led by Tori Lee Averett, an adjunct faculty member of the Department of Theatre and Dance.

During the camp, youth will participate in workshops that will teach various arts such as creative movement, dance, storytelling, and arts and crafts. At the end of the week, youth

will also perform in a showcase on July 16, at 6:30 p.m. at the Trojan Center Theatre.

"Summer Spotlight" is geared toward serving the community through the arts.

For more information, please contact Troy University's Department of Theatre and Dance at 334 808-6142.