



# TROY TODAY

*A look inside Troy University for faculty and staff*

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## Breaking ground

University officials kick off construction on new Trojan Arena

Troy University officials today kicked off the construction of the \$31 million Trojan Arena with a groundbreaking ceremony on the Troy Campus.

“We believe that the best barometer of what can be done is what has been done. The success of our basketball program has been well demonstrated through the years,” said Dr. Jack Hawkins Jr., Chancellor of the University. “However, this facility is about more than athletics. The entire campus will benefit through a first-class facility in which to hold commencement ceremonies, convocations and concerts.”

“This new multi-purpose arena is about the future of TROY, and I believe the new Trojan Arena is one of the most important additions we will witness in our lives together at Troy University,” he said.

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Troy University officials break ground on the University’s new Trojan Arena, a 5,200-seat multi-use arena that will be located adjacent to other athletics facilities on campus. (left to right) University trustees Gerald Dial, Lamar Higgins, Allen Owen, President Pro-tem Dr. Doug Hawkins, First Lady Janice Hawkins, Chancellor Jack Hawkins Jr., trustee John Harrison, Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business Affairs Jim Bookout, Athletic Director Steve Dennis and SGA President William Fillmore participate in the official groundbreaking on the ninth fairway of Trojan Oaks Golf Course. The arena is expected to be complete by Fall 2011.



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## Roast of Chancellor Hawkins to raise money for scholarships

The Jack Hawkins, Jr. Leadership Scholarship Roast is scheduled for Wednesday, March 17, at the Renaissance Hotel in Montgomery.

The event will raise money for a new scholarship.

A reception is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m., with dinner and roasting festivities to follow, according to Lamar P. Higgins, a member of the Troy University Board of Trustees

and the chair of planning committee.

“We wanted to mark Dr. Hawkins’ 20th anniversary as Chancellor with a special event that would also benefit current and future students of Troy University,” Higgins said. “This scholarship will have a positive impact on Troy University for generations to come.”

The event is sponsored by

the University’s Board of Trustees, which has set a goal of \$100,000 to endow a scholarship in the Chancellor’s name.

Individual tickets are \$50 a person and may be reserved by calling the Troy University Office of Development at 334-670-3608.

Sponsorship levels are also available.

## *Registration deadline nears for Service Learning Workshop*

The First-Year Studies Program's Office of Student Learning Initiatives is sponsoring the 2010 Academic Service Learning Workshop on March 31.

Deadline to register for the event is March 15, and Jonathan Cellon, coordinator of student learning initiatives, is encouraging faculty members to attend.

The event, which will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Trojan Center Ballrooms on the Troy Campus, will feature Stephen Black as the keynote speaker.

Black, director of the University of Alabama's Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility and a senior lecturer of communicative ethics, is founder and president of Impact Alabama, a student service initiative.

Impact Alabama "collaborates with colleges, universities, and communities throughout the state to develop and implement substantive service-learning projects designed to engage students in addressing human and community needs and enhance students' senses of social and civic responsibility."

Academic service learning links course content with purposeful volunteer experience.

Those interested in attending should contact Cellon at [jcellon@troy.edu](mailto:jcellon@troy.edu) or 334-670-6349 by Monday, March 15.



**Higher Education Day Rally** – Troy University students, faculty and staff joined representatives from other public universities in the state on Thursday for the annual Higher Education Day Rally on the steps of the Alabama State House. The event is sponsored by annually by the Higher Education Partnership of Alabama during the regular session of the state legislature. Below, a group of 20 students from the Dothan Campus made the trip to show their support for more state funding for public universities.



# Arena

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When completed in Fall 2011, Trojan Arena will seat 5,200 people for basketball, and provide 5,600 seats in a floor-use arrangement, said Jim Bookout, Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business Affairs and chair of the New Trojan Arena Design Committee. Designed not solely as a sports venue, the arena will be the University's convocation center, providing multi-purpose space for large meetings, commencement ceremonies, concerts and special events.

Funding for the construction, which will site the facility adjacent to the University's Track and Field Complex on Trojan Oaks Golf Course, is being provided as part of a \$62.7 million bond issue. The arena is the second building of a three-building project to get under way. Under construction is the Fraternity Village, a University owned residential development for the fraternity system. A new dining facility will also be constructed under the bond issue. Private donations are also supporting the construction of the arena.

"This new facility will be of benefit to the students, the faculty and staff, the alumni, the local community and surrounding counties. It will have the class and dignity that we have come to expect with facilities here at Troy University," said head basketball coach Don Maestri. "This will go well beyond us here today. Members of the TROY family will be enjoying this facility for years and years to come."

Trojan Arena's construction will be managed by Whaley Construction Company, Inc., of Troy, under the architectural director of Montgomery-based Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood, who have affiliated venue-specialists Populus in the design of the arena.

Populus is noted for having designed such sporting venues as Yankee Stadium in New York, the 2012 London Olympic Games main stadium, Nanjing Sports Park in China, The O2 concert venue in London and the new University of Minnesota football stadium.

"The design of the new Trojan Arena presents Troy University and the City of Troy an opportunity to establish the



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direction of future development in this part of the campus," said David Bock, senior associate at Populus. "Trojan Arena will become the 'Face of Troy.' It will reflect the established character of

the Troy Campus, express the importance of the Troy basketball and volleyball programs, as well as celebrate the graduation ceremonies to be held within."

## ‘Extreme Makeover’

TROY professor, alumni join effort to provide new home for Columbus, GA family

A Troy University faculty member and a pair of TROY graduates in the Columbus, GA area recently joined in an effort to provide a new home for a local coach and his family.

“Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” traveled to Pine Mountain Valley, GA, on Feb. 21 to meet Coach Jeremy and Jennifer Williams, whose son Jacob has Spina Bifida. In addition, Coach Williams, 38, has been diagnosed with Lou Gehrig’s disease.

The home the couple bought 13 years ago was falling apart and was too small to accommodate two disabled family members.

In just seven days, team leader Ty Pennington, the design team and the entire community came together to build the family a new home, while the Williams family vacationed at the Adaptive Sports Center in Crested Butte, CO.

Coach Williams is the brother-in-law (wife’s brother) of a TROY-Benning/Columbus graduate, which led Dr. Louis Tomasi, coordinator of the Sport and Fitness Management degree program at the Ft. Benning Site and TROY alumni Morgan Ingram, who serves as athletic director at Northside High School, and his wife Kacy Ingram to become involved in the project.



Dr. Louis Tomasi, coordinator for the Sport and Fitness Management degree programs at TROY’s Fort Benning Site, is seen here participating in the “Extreme Makeover: Home Edition” in the Columbus, GA area.

The TROY trio joined Coach Herm Edwards, former coach of the National Football League’s New York Jets and Kansas City Chiefs and current ESPN commentator, Baltimore Ravens player Michael Oher, made famous through the movie “The Blind Side,” and Leigh Anne and Sean Tuohy, the family that adopted Oher in working on the new

home.

In addition to the Extreme Makeover, the Williams Family received a handi-capped-equipped van from an anonymous donor and nearly \$100,000 raised in a fund drive to pay off the family’s original mortgage.

The episode will be the last of the 2009-2010 season, May, 2010.



**Ribbon-cutting** – Troy University’s Panama City Site recently hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to welcome the University’s new Panama City Area Alumni Chapter. The Panama City Beach and Bay County chambers of commerce and Panama City Beach Mayor and TROY Alumna Mayor Gayle Oberst were on hand for the ceremony. Lori Wolverton, site coordinator at Panama City, was in attendance along with Lindsay Pierce, coordinator of chapter development for alumni affairs, and Faith Ward, director of alumni affairs.

# 'A can-do attitude'

## Human Resources' Tiffany Gandy receives the McKinley Award for February

Tiffany Gandy, human resources specialist at Troy University, has received the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for February.

Gandy, who has been a member of the Troy University staff since 2005, received the award during a ceremony on Wednesday in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor on the Troy Campus. Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor, presented the award to Gandy, who was nominated by Brooke Strickland, associate director of human resources.

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.

In a letter of nomination, Strickland commended Gandy on her work ethic and attitude.

"Since joining our staff, Tiffany has proven herself to be an asset to the department," Strickland said. "I have complete faith in Tiffany, and I appreciate her willingness to roll up her sleeves and get the job done. Regardless of the size or the requirements of the project placed before her, Tiffany accepts the responsibility with a smile. Tiffany's can-do attitude and desire to learn and grow is a small portion of the wonderful personality she brings to the depart-



Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr. (right), Chancellor of Troy University, presents the University's Vergil Parks McKinley Award for February to Tiffany Gandy during a ceremony Wednesday on the Troy Campus. Gandy, who serves as a human resources specialist, was nominated by Brooke Strickland (left), associate director of human resources.

ment. It is a joy to work with her."

Gandy said she was surprised and humbled by the award.

"I enjoy my work here at TROY, and I am fortunate to work with such a great group of people," Gandy said. "I am truly honored to receive this award."



**February Reward Callers** – Chancellor Jack Hawkins, Jr. (left) congratulates the winners of the Reward Caller Awards for February during a recent ceremony on the Troy Campus. Winners from left to right are: Anne Douglas of Global Campus, Shelley Jordan of the Controller's Office and Chris Rich of the Department of Theatre and Dance. Not pictured is Karen Faulkner of the Student Health Center. Reward Caller Awards recognizes telephone courtesy and etiquette. Winners of the monthly award receive \$25.

TROY PEOPLE

## Activities & achievements

**Natalia Henderson** of the Department of English presented “Education in West Africa: The Example of Burkina Faso” on Feb. 17, as part of the English Department’s ongoing “Forum on Language and Literature.” Henderson’s presentation was the 14th in the series.

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**Courtney E. Purvis**, economic development specialist for the Center for International Business and Economic Development, has begun work on her doctorate in Human Capital Development at the University of Southern Mississippi. Her expected completion date is 2013.

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Faculty from the Counseling and Psychology Department in Florida were well represented at the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision national conference in San Diego in the fall. **Dr. Carol Lewis**, Pensacola, **Dr. Greg Dawson** and **Dr. Linda Vanderbleek**, Orlando, and **Dr. Dodie Meier** presented the program “Transformative Action in Practice: Requirement for the Authentic Relationship in Teaching Non-traditional Graduate Students.”

Drs. Vanderbleek and Lewis also presented a poster session “A Change of Heart: Focusing on Transformative Change in Counselor Education and Supervision.”

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Writing Center Coordinator **Elaine Bassett** recently presented a paper at the Southeast Writing Centers Association conference in Atlanta. The paper, titled “Teaching Writers to Fish,” discussed the areas of grammar and

composition that writing center tutors attempt to teach students so that the students can become independent writers.

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**Dr. Carol Lewis (above left)** and two graduate students, **Robert Fillingim** and **Alison Byars**, of the Counseling and Psychology Department at the Pensacola Site, recently attended the Florida Counseling Association state conference in Miami.

Dr. Lewis and Byars presented a three-hour pre-conference workshop on “An Alternative Approach: Counseling Behaviorally Challenged Children.”

Fillingim is president of the Florida Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota, an international counseling academic and professional honor society.

## Faculty members’ promotions, tenure announced

Twenty-five Troy Faculty members have received promotion, tenure or both promotion and tenure.

Employees receiving promotion and tenure: **Dr. Andrew Damon**, Professor, College of Health and Human Services, Troy; **Dr. Richard Caldarola**, Associate Professor, Sorrell College of Business, Atlanta; **Dr. Robert Kitahara**, Associate Professor, Sorrell College of Business, Fort Walton Beach; **Dr. Leora Waldner**, Associate Professor, College of Arts and Science, Atlanta and **Dr. Deborah Wilson**, Associate Professor, College of Education, Augusta.

Employees receiving tenure: **Richard Fulton**, College of Arts &

Sciences, Augusta; **Dr. Gary Manfredo**, College of Arts and Sciences, Dothan; **Dr. Cynthia Hicks**, College of Education, Dothan; **Dr. Leila Vaughn**, College of Education, Troy; **Teresa Johnson**, College of Health & Human Services, Montgomery; **Dr. Diane Weed**, College of Health & Human Services; **Dr. Eren Ozgen**, Sorrell College of Business, Fort Carson; **Dr. Elaine Labach**, Sorrell College of Business, Fort Carson and **Dr. Judson Edwards**, Sorrell College of Business, Troy.

Employees receiving promotion: **Dr. Hae Kim**, Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, Fort Walton Beach; **Dr. Allen Dennis**, Professor Emeritus,

College of Arts and Sciences, Troy; **Dr. Allen Jones**, Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, Troy; **Dr. Charles Krupnick**, Associate Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, Troy; **Dr. Patrick Rossi**, Professor, College of Arts & Sciences, Troy; **Dr. Steven Taylor**, Professor, College of Arts and Science, Troy; **Dr. Mary Anne Tighe**, Professor Emeritus, College of Arts and Sciences, Troy; **Dr. Sandra Harris**, Professor, College of Education, Montgomery; **Dr. Iris Saltiel**, Professor, College of Education, Phenix City; **Dr. Lance Tatum**, Professor, College of Education, Troy and **Dr. Maureen Hannay**, Professor, Sorrell College of business, Fort Walton Beach.

# Helen Keller Lecture

Stage, screen actor Anthony Natale to address 15th annual event on April 6

Stage and screen actor Anthony Natale will deliver the 15th annual Helen Keller Lecture on April 6 at Troy University.

The lecture, which will be held at 10 a.m. in the Claudia Crosby Theater on the Troy Campus, is designed to promote awareness of people who excel in their chosen fields despite physical and/or mental limitations.

Natale, who is hearing impaired, is known to movie-goers as the man in the elevator during the pivotal scene from "Jerry Maguire," signing "You

complete me," to his partner. He starred as the adult son in "Mr. Holland's Opus," the 1995 film featuring Richard Dreyfuss about the profound effect a dedicated music teacher had on generations of students. His film credits also include appearances in "Dogma," "Sorority Boys," "City of Angels" and "Children of a Lesser God."

Natale also has appeared on television in such programs as Lifetime's "Any Day Now," ABC's "Once and Again" and "Ellen," Spelling Production's "7th Heaven," and CBS's "Beau-

ty and the Beast," and has numerous stage credits, including the lead roles in "Tuc's Story," performed at the Sundance Playwright Theater in Utah, and "Brilliant Traces," performed at the Deaf West Theater in Hollywood.

Natale, who is also a sign language translator and consultant, holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in film production from California State University Northridge.

Entertainment for the event will be provided by the Alabama Institute for the Deaf and Blind Ensemble.

## *Spring Choral Concert scheduled for March 28*

The Troy University John M. Long School of Music and Choral Department will present its annual Spring Concert "The Music of John Rutter" at 2:30 p.m., March 28 at Bush Memorial Baptist Church on George Wallace Drive in Troy.

The concert, which is free and open to the public, will feature three of Troy University's choral ensembles: the Collegiate Singers, the Concert Chorale and "frequency," under the direction of Dr. Diane Orlofsky.

"This concert features choral music of British composer and conductor John Rutter and represents the vast range of the composer's body of work," said Dr. Orlofsky, a professor the School of Music. "The Troy community is cordially invited to experience an afternoon of beautiful choral music."

In addition to the University's choral ensembles, the concert will feature student conductors and soloists, as well as accompanists from both the University and local community. Student conductors for the concert are Laura Aaron, a choral graduate assistant from Bay Minette, and Dale Lawrence, a graduate student in music education from Montgomery.

The more than 90-member Collegiate Singers will perform The Gift of Music, a piece for choir with keyboard and flute accompaniment; Look to the Day, a piece dedicated to cancer survivors; O Clap Your Hands, an anthem for choir and piano; and I Will Sing With the Spirit, a musical setting of text from the book of I Corinthians.

The Concert Chorale, the University's auditioned choir, will perform To Everything There is a Season, a musical adaptation of text from the book of Ecclesiastes, and the Mass of the Children, one of John Rutter's self-proclaimed masterworks. The Mass of the Children will also feature the trio of Charles Henderson High School sophomore Anna Orlofsky, Greenville High School senior Connor Murphy-White, and TROY freshman Hannah Stone from Huntingdon, Md. Soloists for this piece are baritone John Baumer, a senior music education vocal/choral major from Altha, Fla., and soprano Noel Davis, a senior music education vocal/choral major from Eufaula. Organ accompaniment will be provided by Jean Eakes, organist for the First Baptist Church of Troy.

Troy University's vocal jazz ensemble, "frequency," will perform Musica Dei

Donum, featuring flute soloist Allison Conlan, a senior music education instrumental major from Leesburg, Ga., and Monday's Child, from Rutter's set of songs for choir entitled Five Childhood Lyrics.

The concert's finale will combine the singers of Collegiate Singers, Concert Chorale and "frequency" in A Clare Benediction, a grand "farewell" dedicated to the Clare choir in Britain. A Clare Benediction will be conducted by Dr. Michael Hix, Troy University's coordinator of vocal/choral activities.

Other soloists include flutists Christopher Petre, a senior music education instrumental and vocal/choral major from Valdosta, Ga., and Sonya Babbitt, a senior music education instrumental major from Baker, Fla. Student accompanists are: Bryant Kimbrough, a senior music education instrumental major from Troy; Laura Waters, a junior music education instrumental major from Hazlehurst, Ga.; Eric Scott, a junior music education instrumental major from Cullman; Maggie Averett, a junior music industry major from Enterprise; and Wendy Cho, a junior music education vocal/choral major from South Korea.

## 'Hands uplifted'

New permanent exhibit at Rosa Parks Museum honors Civil Rights participants

A new permanent exhibit honoring men and women who contributed to the civil rights movement opens today at Troy University's Rosa Parks Museum.

The "Hands Uplifted for Freedom and Justice" exhibit will consist of more than 50 bronze handprints of people who played various roles in the civil rights movement throughout the 50s, 60s and early 70s. Project originator/coordinator Janet Adams of Montgomery said she envisioned the exhibit as a way to honor civil rights movement participants whose service is less widely known.

"For every well-known partici-

pant, there were many others whose dedication and service gave the movement its solid base," Adams said. "These faces in the crowd joined protest organizations, spear-headed student demonstrations, attended rallies, raised their voices in song, sheltered outsiders who came to offer moral support."

Adams worked with Dr. Gwen Patton, a civil rights participant, author and archivist, to identify individuals to be included in the exhibit. Activists whose handprints will be on display include Ruby Nell Sales from Columbus, Ga., the Reverend Bob Graetz, Judge Thomas Gray and Ameila Boynton Robinson.

The bronze impressions were made by Patty-Cakes International Inc. of Montgomery.

"When I saw the quality of the bronzed products being produced by [Patty-Cakes] it struck me as the ideal way to recognize those persons involved in the movement who are still living; taking their handprints and having them bronzed," Adams said.

The exhibit debuted during an opening celebration at the museum on Thursday. It will open to the public on Friday, March 5. The first 30 handprints will be on display at opening with the remaining soon to be installed.

## Spring Alumni Reunion set for March 26-27

Troy University is extending a special invitation to all faculty and staff members who are alumni to attend the University's annual Spring Reunion weekend, March 26-27, on the Troy Campus.

Alumni Affairs Director Faith Ward said the annual event provides alumni with the opportunity to reconnect with former classmates, as well as the University.

"The reunion is a time for alumni to renew old friendships and enjoy good fellowship with fellow Trojans," Ward said. "We invite alumni to come back to witness first hand the tremendous growth that is taking place at TROY."

Reunion activities will get under way at 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 24, with an alumni cookout on the grounds of the Alumni House, located across from Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium at the corners of Highland Avenue and George Wallace Drive.

Alumni of the University's Depart-

ment of Kinesiology and Health Promotion are invited to attend the department's annual awards banquet, beginning at 6 p.m., March 24, in the Trojan Center Ballrooms. Admission to the event is \$15, and reservations should be made by calling 334-670-3443.

Reunion activities on Saturday March 27 will include a St. Patrick's Day-themed parade down University Avenue at noon, a luncheon for former athletic letter winners on the fourth floor of the Stadium Tower at 12:30 p.m., a baseball game between the Trojans and Brown University at Riddle-Pace Field at 1 p.m. and a spring football scrimmage in Movie Gallery Veterans Stadium beginning at 2 p.m.

A reception will be held at 5:30 p.m. in the second floor lobby area of the Trojan Center, preceding the annual Alumni Reunion Dinner at 6 p.m. in the Trojan Center Ballrooms. Alumni chapter honors and the University's Distinguished Leadership

Award will be presented during the reunion dinner. Tickets for the event are \$30, which includes admission to the reception. Reservation deadline for the dinner is March 23.

Leading up to the reunion, the University will hold its annual Irish Week activities.

On March 16, a special faculty/staff appreciation reception will be held, and the Miss Venus pageant will take place at 7 p.m. in the Claudia Crosby Theater on the Troy Campus.

"Jeans and Greens" day will be held on March 17, along with a "Pot of Gold" search beginning at 9 a.m. and an Irish Cooking Contest beginning at 11 a.m. in the Trojan Center Food Court.

The annual Community Brown Bag lunch will be held at noon on March 18 on the Square in downtown Troy.

For more information concerning Spring Reunion activities or to make a reservation for the alumni reunion dinner, contact the Office of Alumni Affairs at 334-670-3318.