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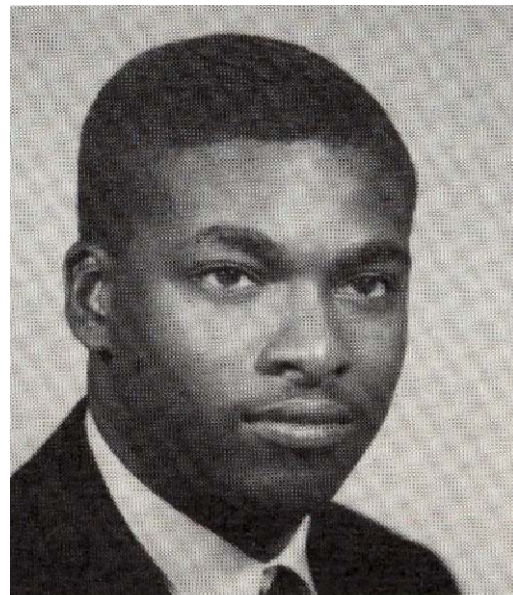


**Harvey Johnson, Jr.**  
Mayor

### TSU's 2004 Grand Marshall

Tennessee State University honors Mayor Harvey Johnson Jr., of Jackson, Mississippi, class of 1968, as this year's Grand Marshall for homecoming festivities.

Harvey Johnson, Jr. was born in the "River City" of Vicksburg, MS. He received his early education in the Vicksburg Public School district, where he graduated from Temple High School. He went on to receive a bachelor's degree in political science from Tennessee State University and a master's degree in political science from the University of Cincinnati. He has done



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additional study toward a doctoral degree in public administration at the University of Southern California's Washington Public Affairs Center in Washington, D.C.

Prior to being elected as the first African-American mayor of the City of Jackson in June of 1997, Mr. Johnson dedicated much of his time and expertise to helping economically depressed small towns with the Mississippi Institute for Small Towns, a nonprofit agency. In this role he assisted a number of towns in the Mississippi Delta with housing, community development, and infrastructure needs.

In addition, Mayor Johnson continuously gives back to the community by serving as a mentor at Rowan Middle School, and a positive role model to inner-city children.

His professional attributes include more than 25 years of experience in the field of planning and community development. He also has served as assistant professor of political science at Jackson State University, where he taught graduate level courses in public administration and directed the center for Technology Transfer. He was a captain in the US Air Force and he is a former member of the Mississippi State Tax Commission and the Mississippi Gaming Commission. Additionally, he worked as a manager at the former Mississippi Research and Development Center.

Mayor Johnson, now well into his second term, has always worked hard to promote economic development in Jackson. His efforts have paid off. Currently there is over \$400 million worth of development planned or underway for the downtown area alone. The city's train station, Union Station, was recently renovated, transforming it into a beautiful new state-of-the-art multi-modal transportation center, housing trains, buses, taxis, limousines, with spaces for retail shops, restaurants and office space. Farish Street, in one of the nation's oldest African American neighborhoods, had fallen into a state of decay and decline. It is now being developed into a premier entertainment district that will rival Beale Street in Memphis. Construction will soon begin on a state-of-the-art, high tech telecommunications training and conference center, unlike anything else in the southeastern United State. The construction of the Metro Parkway is transforming the area around Jackson State University, removing dilapidated houses and blight that have surrounded the campus for years.

Mayor Johnson serves on the Democratic National Committee, the U.S. Conference of Mayors Homeland Security Task Force, and is President of the National Conference of Black Mayors. He is a member of the National Conference of Democratic Mayors, the Mississippi Conference of Black Mayors, and the American Legion Tyner-Ford Post 213. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Municipal League, the Metro Jackson Chamber of Commerce, National Urban Fellows, Inc., and is a former member of the Commission on Colleges for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Mayor Johnson has served on the Board of Directors of Union Planters Bank of Central Mississippi, Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, The American Red

Cross, New Stage Theater, the Mississippi Housing Finance Corporation, the Arts Alliance of Jackson/hinds County, the Metropolitan YMCA and the Reader's Editorial Board for a daily newspaper. Mayor Johnson is a member of Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity and a charter member of 100 Black Men of Jackson, Incorporated. He also served in local, state and regional positions for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

Mayor Johnson is married to the former Kathy Ezell, has two adult children, Harvey, III and Sharla, and is a member of Hope Spring Missionary Baptist Church.



Above: Mayor Johnson and wife Kathy on the left and son Harvey III, to the right daughter Sharla, at Hope Spring Missionary Baptist Church.

To the left: Mayor and Mrs. Johnson at his 1997 mayoral Inauguration.



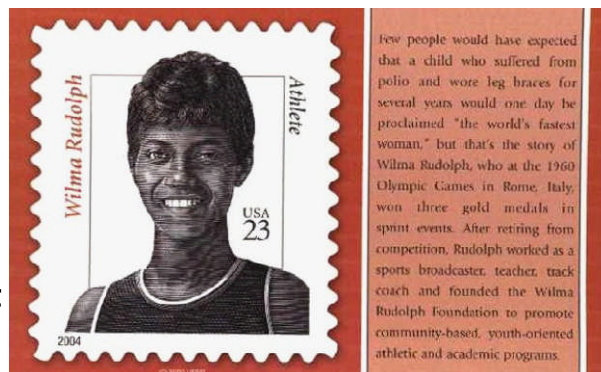


## Dr. Katie Kinnard White

Katie Kinnard was one of nine children born into a share cropper and tenant-farmer family, and received her early education in Williamson County, Tennessee. She delivered the valedictory address at her high school commencement, later entered TSU, and was consistently on the Dean's List. During her college years she served as Representative to the Student Council and was in Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges. She received her Bachelor's Degree with honors. Miss Kinnard then did additional studies at Tennessee State University, George Peabody College, Eastern Michigan University, and Walden University, ultimately receiving her

Masters Degree in Science Education and a Ph.D. in Innovative Education with emphasis in science. Dr. White's professional experience involved teaching at all levels of education: elementary, secondary, and high school (which included Natural Sciences, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and General Science, literary guild advisor, directing plays, radio presentations, advisor and chaperone to cheerleaders and female basketball players. The highlight of her versatility was teaching French in high school. On the college level, Dr. White taught Natural Science, methodology designed to prepare elementary education majors training in the area of science, and managed the teacher education program in Biology. In higher education, Dr. White's responsibilities went beyond the subject matter focus, and at one time or another she found herself serving as faculty advisor to the Science Education Club, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., and the Baptist Student Union Group at TSU. She was named "Teacher of the Year" in 1975 and received an award and citation from Exxon Oil Company. She co-authored three college level laboratory manuals in the

area of Science Education and Biology in 1965 and 1971. Katie White's doctoral research was cited in the January, 1977 edition of Resources in Education. Between 1970 and 1978, Katie was contributing editor to the Aurora Magazine and (too numerous to mention by title), wrote scores of articles, prose, and poetry concerning problems of integration, Black Colleges, the female gender, responsibilities of the haves and have nots, pollution, and other contemporary subjects. Rising through the ranks, in 1988 she was elected National President of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. Having a heavy career and academic pursuits did not keep Dr. White from community involvement. She conducted science workshops and served as science consultant and judge for science fairs at several Middle Tennessee schools, in addition to serving as a longtime volunteer for the creative writing module in an elementary classroom. Katie has given volunteer service to many community organizations and charities including the Girl Scouts, Special Olympics, The Domestic Violence Center, Cystic Fibrosis, The Red Cross, Mothers March of Dimes, Muscular Dystrophy, Nashville Mental Health Association, The Veterans' Hospitals, Meharry Medical College, Florence Crittendon Home for Unwed Mothers, and many others. Special Collections is pleased to congratulate Dr. Katie Kinnard White, an outstanding alumna, who is being recognized as this year's Homecoming Honoree.



Few people would have expected that a child who suffered from polio and wore leg braces for several years would one day be proclaimed "the world's fastest woman," but that's the story of Wilma Rudolph, who at the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome, Italy, won three gold medals in sprint events. After retiring from competition, Rudolph worked as a sports broadcaster, teacher, track coach and founded the Wilma Rudolph Foundation to promote community-based, youth-oriented athletic and academic programs.

On July 14, 2004 of this year, TSU Olympian Wilma Rudolph was honored with a U.S. postal stamp at the Olympic Trials in Sacramento, CA. (The late Ms. Rudolph passed away November 12, 1994).



In 1996, The Library Art Corner Gallery received a proclamation from Nashville's Mayor (now Governor) Phil Bredesen honoring the gallery in recognition of its services to the community and promoting the arts. Thanks to the artists who have exhibited work with us this fall season.

# Making Donations to Special Collections at TSU

The Library is the official depository for the archives of the university. Below is a list of appropriate materials to donate to Special Collections.

- Tennessee Board of Regents' minutes, memoranda, correspondence, and reports.
- Records of the Office of the president, including correspondence, administrative subject files, and reports.
- Records of the Office of the Vice-Presidents and Deans of the College, including correspondence, subject files and reports.
- Minutes, memoranda, and reports of all major academic and administrative committees, including the faculty council and its committees.
- Records of the Office of Student Affairs including correspondence, subject files, and reports.
- Accreditation reports and supporting documents.
- Annual budget and audit reports.
- Administrative and instructional department's records of permanent historical and legal value, such as department chair's correspondence, meeting minutes, etc.
- Records of the Office of Admissions and Records, including catalogs, class schedule, non-current enrollment reports, graduation programs, and other reports as issued.
- Records of the Office of Alumni Relations including minutes of the various alumni chapters, alumni magazines, etc.
- Records of the Vice President for University Relations and Development.
- Records of Student Organization, such as constitutions, programs, flyers, newsletters, meeting minutes, photographs, sorority and fraternity material.

- All publications, newsletters, or booklets distributed in the name of the university, including special bulletins, year books student newspapers, university directories and faculty/staff rosters.

Audiovisual materials documenting the development of Tennessee State University, such as still photographs and negatives, motion pictures, oral history interviews, and audio or videotapes.

Other materials you may donate:

- Manuscripts, letters, and diaries
- Photographs(labeled)
- Scrapbooks
- Professional papers
- Business records
- Memoirs/reminiscences
- Brochures and flyers
- Minutes/reports

There are several issues involved in donating manuscripts, letters, and diaries. If you are considering donating such materials, we encourage you to view the following guides created by the Society of American Archivists: ([www.archivists.org](http://www.archivists.org))

- The SAA guide to donating your organizational records ([www.archivists.org/catalog/donatingor](http://www.archivists.org/catalog/donatingor)

[grcs.html](http://www.archivists.org/catalog/donatingorgrcs.html))

The SAA guide to donating your personal or family papers([www.archivists.org/donating-family-recs.html](http://www.archivists.org/donating-family-recs.html))

How to make a donation:

- First, call the Head of Special Collections, Sharon Hull at (615) 963-5219, who will discuss your donation and let you know of any special circumstances regarding your gift.
- Box items before bringing them to the library
- All gifts to the library are tax-deductible.
- The library staff cannot provide appraisals under IRS rules.



On October 22, 1996 The Brown-Daniel Art Corner Galley received from the Mayor of the City of Nashville a proclamation honoring the Library's Art Galley.