Eleventh Annual Agriculture & Home Economics

Hall of Fame Banquet & Induction Celebration

Appreciating the Past Anticipating the Future
October 26, 2006

Dear Banquet Attendees:

I bring you greetings on behalf of the faculty, staff, students and alumni of Tennessee State University (TSU) and welcome you to the 11th Annual Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony.

Tennessee State University is pleased to afford this opportunity to honor the men and women who have made significant contributions to the fields of agriculture and home economics. These dedicated individuals embody the university motto, Think. Work. Serve. Tonight's inductees, Ms. Ola G. Hudson, Mr. Mordecai Walker, and Mr. Andrew L. Winston, truly exemplify the mandates of the motto and we are proud to honor them. I extend a special welcome to the inductees and their families and other special guests.

TSU is rooted in agricultural education and research, and we celebrate that this evening. As we celebrate, we can reflect on the many ways we have benefited from agriculture and home economics. Only then can we appreciate the hard work and dedication of our honorees and the tremendous value of the contributions all members of the TSU family have made in these areas.

As the TSU Homecoming motto projects, we are “Building Bridges: Past, Present, and Future.” I appreciate the leaders who have come from Tennessee State University's agriculture and home economics programs. I look forward to saluting these leaders in the future. I anticipate great things as our future is in such capable hands.

Enjoy your evening!

Best regards,

Melvin N. Johnson
President

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Greetings:

President Johnson’s Inaugural Theme: Building Bridges - Past, Present, and Future is certainly consistent with the Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremonial. This important occasion is designed to honor the outstanding achievements of our alumni, faculty, staff, and supporters in the areas of agriculture, family and consumer sciences, discovery and applied research, and extension service. In many respects the individuals being honored this evening are among those who have through their work built bridges for our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the citizens of the State of Tennessee.

As we embrace the concepts associated with our theme, we honor those individuals whose vision for the future enabled them to create the structures and the processes that serve as our bridges. We build on our vision, mission, and core values as a University, the School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences, Cooperative Extension Program, and the Institute of Agriculture and Environmental Research. If we are going to continue to be a University, which transforms lives, informs public policy, empowers individuals, and contributes in so many other ways, we remind ourselves that we cannot rely solely on the bridges of the past, but that we must build new bridges to the future.

To this year’s inductees, Ms. Ola G. Hudson ’51, Mr. Mordecai Walker ’51, and Mr. Andrew L. Winston ’63, we salute and congratulate you for a job well done. Through your commitment to excellence and your hard work you have made a difference that is greatly appreciated.

Thanks again to all of you.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Hampton
Provost/Executive Vice President

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Office of the Dean

October 26, 2006

Dear Friends and Members of the TSU Family:

I bring greetings on behalf of the faculty, staff and students of the School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences and welcome you to the Eleventh Annual Agriculture & Family and Consumer Sciences Hall of Fame Banquet and Presentation of Inductees Celebration.

As we honor the inductees and celebrate their proud accomplishments this evening, we would be remiss if we did not reflect on the then environment, the struggles, the hardships and the demeaning conditions under which they had to operate in order for us to be operating as we are today. We try to instill in our students that the road of life is rough, the going is tough and the hills are hard to climb but if they work hard and are persistent, they will achieve the type of greatness as our predecessors. Today we try to build on the legacy of these giants and hope that we can make the type of contribution to society as they have made.

To this year's inductees, Ms. Ola G. Hudson, Mr. Andrew L. Winston and Mr. Mordecai Walker, we say congratulations and thank you for a job well done. We applaud you for the hard work and sacrifices that you have made to bring our School and Tennessee State University to the forefront. We wish you continued success in your endeavors and God's richest blessings.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Constantine L. Fenderson
Department Head and Interim Dean

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October 26, 2006

Dear Friends and Well-Wishers:

It is a special privilege for me to welcome you to this year’s Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame Induction and Banquet. For the past eleven years this occasion has served to recognize and demonstrate our appreciation for graduates of the School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences who have distinguished themselves over the years in contributing to the advancement of their communities and Tennessee State University.

On behalf of the Research Faculty and Staff of the Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Research (IAgER), I extend congratulations to Ms. Ola J. Hudson, Mr. Mordecai Walker and Mr. Andrew Winston for their selection for this year’s induction. We are thankful for their outstanding record of public service. As we anticipate the future, may their efforts serve to encourage many of our current students to pursue careers in public service.

Kindly allow me to seize this opportunity to inform each of you attending this ceremony that the Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Research considers you a stakeholder in its research efforts. We will gladly receive suggestions from you regarding agricultural and environmental issues that concern you the most.

Sincerely,

Stephen H. Kolison, Jr.
Dean of Institute and Research Director

SHKJr/gg
Office of the Administrator

October 26, 2006

Dear TSU Family and Friends:

On behalf of the Tennessee Extension Advisory Council and the Extension family, it is my distinct pleasure to welcome you to the 2006 Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Celebration. We are enormously proud of this annual occasion which celebrates the legacy of the outstanding men and women being honored.

We congratulate this year's inductees, Ms. Ola G. Hudson '51, Mr. Mordecai Walker '51, and Mr. Andrew L. Winston '63 and their families. It is a significant honor to recognize these esteemed individuals who through their commitment and work built bridges and made a difference through their service and contributions. We salute their great accomplishments and the impacts that they have made through the years.

As the outreach/engagement component of this prestigious land-grant university, the TSU Cooperative Extension Program takes great pride in the quality of the relationships we have maintained with the alumni, the community, and the consumers of our Extension educational programs across the state.

Thanks to all of you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

[Administrator's signature]

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Welcome...

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As Tennessee State University focuses on its continuous commitment to excellence, we appreciate your support and commitment in helping as we recognize our peers - past and present.

Enjoy this celebration and leave inspired to help us continue this tradition for years to come.

Thank you for your valued time and support!
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Thursday, October 26, 2006
7:00 p.m.

Musical Prelude

Mr. Dillard Montgomery, '62
Retired, Music Teacher
Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Public Schools

Presiding

Mr. Michael McLendon
Media Specialist
Cooperative Extension Program
Tennessee State University

Invocation

The Reverend Raymond A. Bowman
Pastor, Spruce Street Baptist Church
Nashville, Tennessee

Dinner

Greetings

Dr. Melvin N. Johnson
President
Tennessee State University

Dr. Robert Hampton
Provost/Executive Vice President
Tennessee State University

“Challenge”

Dr. Constantine Fenderson
Department Head
Interim Dean, School of Agriculture & Consumer Sciences
Tennessee State University

Music

“Hold Out Your Light”

Ms. Diana Poe ‘81
Music Production Manager
Director of TSU Showstoppers
Department of Music
Tennessee State University
Tribute to the Hall of Fame Inductee
Ms. Ola Hudson '51 '53
Mr. Mordecai Walker '51
Mr. Andrew L. Winston '63

Induction Ceremony

Mr. William Hayslett, '73, '75
Assistant Professor
Department of Agricultural Sciences
Tennessee State University

Mrs. Mary Braden-Lanier, '58, '66
Retired, Home Economics Teacher
Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Public Schools

Mr. Will Nesby, '68
Counselor/Recruiter
Department of Agricultural Sciences
Tennessee State University

Music
"Wind Beneath My Wings"
Ms. Diana Poe

Announcements

Dr. Constantine Fenderson
Interim Dean, School of Agriculture & Consumer Sciences
Head, Department of Agricultural Sciences
Tennessee State University

Closing Remarks

Dr. Mack Scott '58
Chair, Hall of Fame Committee
Retired Faculty/Veterinarian
Meharry Medical College

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You can be a part of
Tennessee State University's
rich heritage . . .

- By nominating faculty, staff, financial supporter, or alumni from the School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences, the Cooperative Extension Program or the Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Research.

- By becoming a friend of the Hall of Fame.

Contributions may be made through the TSU Foundation for the Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame.

Request your nomination packet by contacting:

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Nomination packets must be submitted to the Hall of Fame Committee on or before the first Thursday of June each year. Please include your name, address and telephone number so that we can contact you.

Thank You.
2006 Hall of Fame Committee

Dr. Mack Scott, '58, Chair
Retired, Faculty
Veterinarian
Meharry Medical College

Dr. Jeanette Armstrong, '61 '79
Retired, Administrator
Vocational Technical Education
Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Public Schools

Charles Roberts, '72
Assistant State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Services

Mary Braden-Lanier, '58 '66
Retired, Teacher
Home Economics
Metropolitan Nashville Davidson County Public Schools

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Home Economics Coordinator
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Research Assistant
(IAGER) Institute of Agricultural & Environmental Research
Tennessee State University

Tommy Hunt, '80 '82
Cartographer
Natural Resources Conservation Services
USDA

Carol Wade, '68, '81
Fiscal Analyst
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Tennessee State University
## Former Agriculture & Home Economics Hall of Fame Inductees

### 1996
- Miss Christine Alexander
- Dr. Walter Davis
- Dr. James E. Farrell
- Mrs. Mattye Flowers
- Dr. Walter A. Flowers
- Mrs. Geraldine Fort-Hale
- Dr. David Hamilton
- Dr. Wilfrid W. Lawson
- Mr. Samuel Jones
- Mr. Gilbert W. Senter, Sr.
- Dr. Henry L. Taylor
- Dr. Major Spaulding
- Miss Bessie Walton
- Dr. Fred Westbrook, Sr.

### 1997
- Dr. Ozie Lee Adams
- Miss Kate Gresham
- Dr. Mary Hasty Greer
- Mr. Henry Cecil Hardy
- Dr. Erna B. Jones-Hoover
- Dr. Neal McAlpin, Sr.
- Dr. Roland Norman

### 1998
- Mr. Ernest Brazzle
- Mr. Wiley T. Bernard
- Mr. Tony Webb, Jr.

### 1999
- Mr. Arthur D. Brown
- Mr. William Vasser
- Miss Gladys Williams

### 2000
- Mr. Nelson Senter
- Dr. Handy Williamson, Jr.
- Mr. Theodore Wood

### 2001
- Dr. Hazo Carter, Sr.
- Dr. Kieu Van Vo
- Mr. Lewis J. Wiley

### 2002
- Mr. James H. “Doc” Cleveland
- Mrs. Delores Ashley Harris
- Mr. Arthur Franklin Harris

### 2003
- Mrs. Lillian Dunn Thomas
- Mrs. Ethelyne Ward Webb
- Mr. Homer R. Wheaton

### 2004
- Mr. Obie L. Jarmon
- Mr. Aaron A. Powell
- Miss Elizabeth Catherine Ross

### 2005
- Mr. Sylvester Davis
Introducing . . .

The 2006 Agriculture & Home Economics

Hall of Fame

Inductees
Miss Ola G. Hudson, '51, '53

Miss Ola G. Hudson, CFCS, a native Nashvillian, received her early education in Nashville Public Schools. After graduating from Pearl High School she studied at Tennessee A&I State College, now Tennessee State University, where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Vocational Home Economics (1951) and a Master's Degree (1953). In 1987 she was among the first group of professionals to be certified by the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (CFCS).

Miss Hudson's long, successful career spans a period of 41 years, beginning with a teaching position in Vocational Home Economics in Franklin, TN. In 1955, she accepted a teaching position at Cameron High School. It was there where she organized the first laboratory pre-school program in Metro Schools to be a practicum site for child development classes. She also helped to develop and coordinate a federally funded program entitled “A Night on the Town.” The purpose of this program was to train seniors prior to their homeroom group’s trip to a restaurant and entertainment of their choice.

After leaving Cameron in 1971, Miss Hudson served Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools in the following positions: Program Assistant, Human Relations; Teacher at East High School; Monitor, Instructional Improvement Project; Coordinator of Home Economics, Health Occupations, Technology Preparation; and Interim Director of Vocational, Adult and Community Education. She retired in 1994.

Miss Hudson's long tenure of service continues to be a source of satisfaction as former students and their parents relate ways that she has had impact on their lives. One former student and her parents' nomination resulted in Miss Hudson's induction into the Tennessee Teachers Hall of Fame. The Ola G. Hudson Scholarship is given annually by the Detroit Cameron High Alumni Association to a Tennessee State University student. The following quotation is from a tribute given at the inauguration of this scholarship in 2002. "We celebrate and love you because you celebrated and loved us. You have taught us how to grow into the vision that you held for our lives until that vision could become our own."

Miss Hudson was honored for 50-plus years of membership in the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in 2005. Her many services included chair of the “Priority Issues Committee” and regular attendance at National and Regional conferences. During her tenure as chair of the Human Relations Committee, the first African-American President of the Association was elected. She also served as president of the National Association of Local Supervisors of Home Economics of the American Vocational Association.

Miss Hudson's many volunteer activities include: past president of Metropolitan Nashville Retired Teachers Association; secretary, Board of Directors of Metrocenter Teachers Apartments; member, Pearl-Cohn Teen Learning Center Board; past president, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; member and past chairman, TSU Agriculture and Home Economics Hall of Fame Committee. Miss Hudson's greatest joy comes from the countless hours she spends ministering to family, friends and others who are sick, hungry, needy or lonely. Her recent honors include: cited as Local Visionary and included in the book A Wealth of Wisdom, 2003, edited by Camille Cosby and Renee Poussaint; inauguration of the Ola G. Hudson Volunteer Leadership Award in 2005 to be given annually by the Tennessee State University Cooperative Extension Program; and a 2006 recipient of the “Sage Award” given by the Council on Aging.

An active member of Spruce Street Baptist Church, Miss Hudson was former chairman of the Trustee Board. Currently, she is a member of the Board of Deacons; the Sanctuary Choir; the Spruce Street Community Development Corporation; and advisor to the Vareda Williams Missionary Circle. She also serves as chairman of the Board of the Spruce Street Golden Manor, Inc. Facilitating the planning and construction of this 23-unit Senior Independent Living Apartment Complex has become her latest labor of love.

Family, community and service seem to be the theme associated with Ola's life. This comes as no surprise as she and her eight siblings (six of whom attended TSU, including the late Dr. Robert J. Hudson) were reared by devoted Christian parents, the late Benjamin F. and Rachel Tarrant Hudson.
Mr. Mordecai Walker, '51

Mr. Mordecai Walker, a native of Citrus Park, Florida, received his early education in Citrus Park and Tampa, Florida. He enrolled at Tennessee A&I State College and received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture Education in 1951. Mr. Walker received a Masters Degree in Agriculture Education from Florida A&M University in 1970 and a guidance endorsement from the University of South Florida in 1982.

After graduation, he began a long career teaching Agriculture and Horticulture Sciences in a variety of school districts from Tennessee to Florida. He spent years teaching students how to care for themselves as they were taught to care for their homes and the land around their homes. Mr. Walker's philosophy was not only to teach the students "how to make a living, but how to live". He was especially successful in working with students who faced challenges to their own success. Several of his students graduated from high school and started their own businesses in the area of lawn maintenance or related occupations.

One of Mr. Walker's supporters described him as an innovator and one who accomplishes things. It was further stated that "parents and community leaders were drawn to him." His ability to work with people in general led to a great demand for his assistance in the area of "anything that grows."

Mr. Walker served in the United States Army prior to entering Tennessee A&I State College. His numerous affiliations include Omega Psi Phi Fraternity; NAACP; Phi Delta Kappa; National Council for Therapy and Rehabilitation through Horticulture; American Horticulture Society and the American Hibiscus Society. He was also one of the organizers of the TSU Alumni Charter in Tampa, Florida. He continues to be a loving and devoted alumnus of TSU.

Mr. Walker faithfully serves his community. As a member of his fraternity and the Ambassadors, Inc., he mentors young African-American men. He shares his talents as a "barbecue personality," his artifacts of Tampa Bay Area African-American History, as well as his love for plants and methods of propagating plants. This same willingness to serve people everywhere has carried over into his membership at the Saint Augustine Episcopal Church.

Mr. Walker is married to Anna Polk Walker and has two sons, Andrew Mordecai Walker, and Edward Stevenson. He has exemplified throughout his adult years what it means to be a loving and devoted husband and father.
Mr. Andrew L. Winston, '63

Mr. Andrew L. Winston, a native of Madison County, Tennessee, received his early education in Jackson, Tennessee. In 1959, he enrolled at Tennessee A&I State University, graduating in 1963. Mr. Winston majored in Agriculture Education with a minor in Agronomy.

Upon graduation, Mr. Winston began his career with The University of Tennessee as an Assistant County Agent in Negro Work. His career path included promotions to Associate County Agent, Extension Agent and to Area Extension Specialist. While working for The University of Tennessee in the Extension Service, he also served as an Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Counselor from 1983 to 1999. He retired in 1999 with more than 37 years of service. From July 2002 - October 2003, Mr. Winston worked as a Farm Management Specialist for Tennessee State University. He worked for many years with Community Clubs, 4-H Programs and black farmers to ensure that they received the appropriate resources and training essential for improving their livelihood. He was ultimately able to work with farmers of all races and provide information and services wherever they were needed.

Mr. Winston has been the recipient of several honors including the E. J. Chatman Scholarship Award; the Ortho Horticulture Seminar Award; the Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service’s Distinguished Service Award; the National Association of County Agricultural Extension Service’s Distinguished Service Award; and the Epsilon Sigma Phi National Honorary Extension Fraternity Certificate. He is active in his community and has affiliations with the Bolivar Civitans, the Covington, Tennessee Chamber of Commerce, Masonic Lodge #137; and the TSU Alumni Association in Covington, Tennessee and Boliva, Tennessee. Mr. Winston is also an active member of Calvary Christian Church in Jackson, Tennessee, where he serves as a Deacon, a member of the official board and sings in the choir.

Mr. Winston is a staunch “died in the wool” ambassador for TSU. His blood indeed runs blue. He encouraged friends, clients, and family to attend TSU, including three of his brothers who earned degrees in Agriculture. He was also instrumental in organizing the TSU Alumni Chapter in Tipton County and in encouraging more than 500 students to attend TSU. He is an active and supportive member of the Hardeman County Chapter of the TSU Alumni Association. He was enthusiastic in assisting the late Mr. Samuel Jones in setting up the Samuel E. Jones Educational Scholarship Fund for Hardeman County students to attend TSU.

Mr. Winston is married to Roberta E. Winston. He is the proud father of four children: Carlos Glenn, Christopher Glenn, Kristina Winston-Owens, ‘1996, and Nicole Winston, ‘2000. He also have five grandchildren.
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