

# TLSAMP News



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## Welcome Back! Two Receptions this year!

Welcome back to another great year at MTSU!

TLSAMP is hosting several opportunities for you to reconnect or even join our organization.

This year 2 **Welcome Receptions** are taking place for your convenience.

Take your choice of visiting us on **Tuesday, September 2nd** or **Wednesday, September 3rd**. Both receptions will be in the KUC Theatre from 5pm—6pm.

Light snacks will be provided.

Each student attending one of these meetings will receive a **FREE MOVIE PASS** to see *Star Trek (2009)*!

If you are unable to attend either reception, please visit **TLSAMP on Thursday the 3rd at the MTSU Department Fair!** TLSAMP will have a table in the KUC Courtyard from 11am—1pm.

We hope to see you at one of these events!



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## New Website is LIVE! [www.mtsu.edu/tlsamp](http://www.mtsu.edu/tlsamp)

Make sure that you visit the newly updated TLSAMP website!

Our new website is designed to match the MTSU footprint, and meet your needs as a 21<sup>st</sup> Century student.

The site offers the ability to view newsletters on line; thus, saving valuable email storage space on your student accounts.

All TLSAMP pictures have been updated. Recent photos of some trips out of state, last year's Research Symposium, and other candid shots are now available for you to see and share with friends.

Coming later, you will see photos of students conducting research, working at their internship sites, and attending workshops.

One of the best features our new site offers is the ability to access forms online.

Now it will be much easier to join TLSAMP, request financial aid, and--- register on line to attend the Research Symposium, and other TLSAMP activities.

**VISIT NOW!**

[www.mtsu.edu/tlsamp](http://www.mtsu.edu/tlsamp)



*Tunde Osinloye (L)* 2nd place winner in Oral Research Presentation.

## SAVE THE DATE—NOVEMBER 12TH & 13TH

The 7th Annual TLSAMP Research Symposium will be **Thursday November 12th, and Friday, November 13th** at the Embassy Suites Hotel (Airport) ; 10 Century Boulevard in Nashville, TN.

This year's symposium is presented by Alliance Host Institution—Tennessee State University.

The deadline for registration is October 9th, and all abstract submissions are due by October 16th. TLSAMP students are strongly encouraged to attend.

All expenses will be underwritten by TLSAMP. For more information call Mimi Thomas at 615.898.5311

### REMEMBER.....

- All expenses paid!
- Great for Resume!
- Network with others!
- Excused from class!
- Participation!

## Welcome Summer Bridge Participants!

This past summer, MTSU was pleased to send a total of 13 pre-enrolled students to the TLSAMP Summer Bridge Program held at Tennessee State University.

For almost a month, students received daily instruction in Physics, Chemistry, Math and English. On weekends they visited other Alliance member campuses, including MTSU.

While at MTSU, students toured our nationally recognized Aerospace and Horse Science departments.

A capstone of their summer included a day long visit to the Oak Ridge National Laboratories in Oak Ridge, TN.

As a result of their participation in the 2009 Summer Bridge, each MTSU enrollee receives a \$500 TLSAMP scholarship!

### TLSAMP Welcomes YOU!

Jasmine Poindexter  
 Amber Quinn  
 Nakiedra Robinson  
 Jonathan Smith  
 Kayla Wilkins  
 Jamisha Wynn



## CONGRATULATIONS SUMMER GRADUATES!

Hearty congratulations are in order for our members who graduated in August.

They each can take great pride in the hard work executed toward earning their baccalaureate degree.

**Eteriel Burrell—August 2009**

Bachelor of Science  
 Biology

**Rebecca Kier—August 2009**

Bachelor of Science  
 Biochemistry

**Amber Tarvin—August 2009**

Bachelor of Science  
 Biology—Cum Laude

While reaching their goal, each of these ladies also helped TLSAMP facilitate it's goal of increasing the number of underrepresented STEM graduates nationwide.

We wish them success in all future endeavors.

## WORKSHOP 1 - MTSU Career Center Services

This workshop is offered to help you get prepared for the annual MTSU Career Fair which will take place in Murphy Center on Wednesday, October 7th from 9am—2pm.

Nicole Green, the career coordinator for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences will facilitate a discussion regarding ser-

vices offered by the MTSU Career and Employment Center. Are you seeking an on-campus job? Do you need your resume updated? Are you uncertain about the future job market in your major? What skills are employers seeking from new college graduates?

These questions and more will be addressed in the workshop. You will learn how to navigate through the Career Center's new online job search engine offered by online provider *Simplicity*. Come to this workshop and get a leg up on the competition. Graduating seniors are strongly encouraged to attend.

**Tuesday**  
**September 15th**  
**Midgett Building**  
**Room 301**  
  
**6pm—7pm**

## WORKSHOP 2 - FACEBOOK: Friend OR Foe?

According to a survey conducted by CareerBuilder, Facebook has become the network of choice for recruiters to sniff out data about job applicants, with 30 percent of hiring managers saying they use Facebook searches to research information about new and potential hires.

Do you find this concerning? How many friends do you have on Facebook? What kind of personal information is available

for others to view? Are there any awkward pictures out there that would embarrass you if your boss saw them?

Social networking is the hot new way to meet people and maintain friendships, but one should use caution.

Providing too much information for anyone—a prospective employer, or a prospective stalker—can be dangerous indeed.

Come to this workshop and hear the horror stories of people who were fired, or never even hired as a direct result of their Facebook persona.

Learn how to let Facebook be your friend---not, your enemy.

Greg Feiling, coordinator of Student Unions and Programming will lead this multimedia discussion.

**Tuesday**  
**September 29th**  
**Midgett Building**  
**Room 301**  
  
**6pm—7pm**

## WORKSHOP 3: Your Academic Advisor

Time is money in today's college climate. The purpose of the college advisor is to help you get IN and OUT of the university with expediency.

Too many students are choosing to "self-advise" and thus; coming up short when graduation time arrives. Do you know how to

calculate your own overall GPA and for the semester?

What grades MUST you have in both your major and minor to graduate? How does failing a class, then retaking it over and over figure into your GPA? What about the recent laws passed regarding the lottery scholarship--how do they affect you?

If you don't know the answers to these questions, then this workshop is for you. Freshmen and sophomores are strongly encouraged to attend.

Karen Case and Jennifer Danylo, advisors for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences will facilitate.

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*Steadily increasing the number of underrepresented students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM)*

MTSU is a proud member of the **Tennessee Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (TLSAMP)**. Other alliance institutions include Lemonye-Owen College, University of Memphis, University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Tennessee State University, and Vanderbilt University. TLSAMP funding is underwritten by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

The program at MTSU is designed to give special attention to students' needs toward successful completion of the undergraduate STEM (science, technology, engineering or math) degree. Specific attention is given to underrepresented students majoring in (STEM). Some may even qualify to receive financial assistance. We provide resources in the following areas:

**Supplemental Tutorials**  
**Life Skill Workshops**  
**Poster and Research Presentation**

**Research Opportunities**  
**Regional & National Conferences**  
**Financial Aid Assistance**

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## Happy to Be Back....

As many of you know, I was away from the office for a great part of the Spring and Summer semesters due to maternity leave.

My thanks to those of you who sent emails of congratulations and well wishes.

I returned to the office in early July, and have been quite busy preparing for this upcoming year. I

am here to serve each of you, and I do hope that you will try and drop by the office for a visit with me from time to time.



Christie Jon Thomas,  
TLSAMP's youngest new member

-Mimi