

THE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

Foundation:

The Story Behind the Work

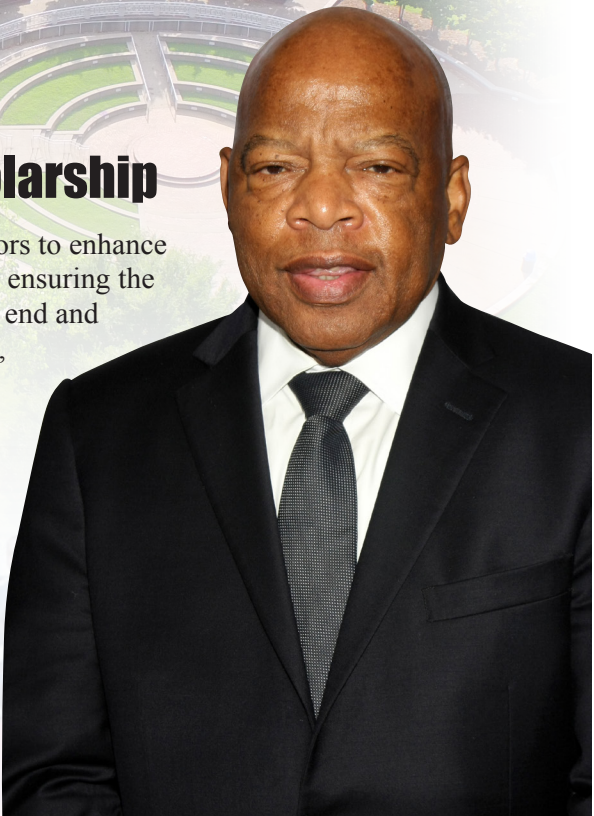
Located in the Central Basin of a flat and fertile region in north-central Tennessee, Nashville is a U.S. city with the second largest land mass -- more than 500 square miles. The Nashville area is a hub for higher education with more than twenty colleges and universities and tech schools to its credit, including nine (9) four-year institutions, six (6) community colleges and fifteen (15) vocational and technical schools. **Tennessee State University (TSU)** founded in 1912 is the sole public 4-year university in Nashville, Tennessee. TSU is one of 107 historically black land-grant universities (HBCUs)

and a member of the Thurgood Marshall College Fund.

Hewn from rocks on three hills, the university was established as the Tennessee Agricultural & Industrial State Normal School for Negroes. Not to be deterred by obstacles to educate people of color, masses of young students from far and wide who yearned to be free to expand their minds, and with a determination to succeed against the odds, came to the land of golden sunshine by the Cumberland fertile shore to matriculate at Tennessee A & I – now known as Tennessee State University. A

New Social Justice Scholarship

The Foundation Board consistently endeavors to enhance student enrollment and student retention by ensuring the capacity to assist with scholarships. To that end and thoughts amid the nation’s racial reckoning, the Foundation Board established **THE JOHN LEWIS SCHOLARSHIP for Social Justice**. As a college student in Nashville, John Robert Lewis, a 2011 recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, began a non-violent sit-in campaign at a Nashville lunch counter in 1961. The John Lewis Scholarship will support an undergraduate student majoring in a Social Justice related curriculum at TSU. The scholarship will also honor TSU alumni that supported Representative Lewis’ mission.



major component of the institution is the **Tennessee State University Foundation (Foundation)**, the purpose-driven charitable organization that impacts the growth of TSU as

well as the history and growth of Nashville, Tennessee.

Founded in 1970, the Foundation shares a relationship with TSU based upon interest in the de-

velopment and the success of TSU’s mission -- to promote and support literary, scientific, educational, scholarship, research, charitable and development purposes, and goals at TSU. The Foundation is an independent **501c3** organization with a Board of eight to twenty-five Directors of alumni, business, and community leaders with an affection for TSU and committed to its vision. The Foundation is authorized to accept private contributions for the university.

The Foundation Board of Directors is comprised of members who are admired and respected for the individual and collective talents, devotion, and commitment to TSU. 50 years of consistently building a Board of professionals with experiences and exposures to accommodate its exponential growth and development has benefited the work

of the Foundation and TSU. Directors receive no monetary compensation or rewards for service. Their sacrifices are gladly and proudly rendered. The Board is compelled to stay focused on the future stability of the University.

Your introduction to the first phase of the Foundation Story which includes current initiatives is shared with pride and anticipation. Now is the time for all to come to the aid of the university – the Nashville community, businesses, organizations, TSU alumni and friends. The Foundation Board solicits your tax-exempt contribution to support scholarships and construction of the Alumni Center. If not you who, if not now when? Be it large or small, whether from wealth or a small contribution willingly given, your gift will profoundly impact the History and Growth of TSU and Nashville, Tennessee.



New Alumni Center Needs Additional Funding

Additionally, the Foundation supports **THE ALUMNI CENTER: A New View through The Eyes of a Tiger**.

The Center will stand as a landmark, a museum, and a monument, drawing the university community, young,

seasoned, and visitors to Nashville to become immersed in the history, creativity, and talents of all who have

entered her portals. It is estimated that the Center will cost \$5M. The initial \$1M was donated by an alumni couple.



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