

Tennessee State University President Dr. Glenda Glover and Waffle House Hero James Shaw, Jr. to Address Alumni in Detroit

(DETROIT, June 19, 2019) – Tennessee State University Alumni Association’s Detroit Chapter will host the 2019 Midwest Regional Conference, bringing alumni from nine cities to metro Detroit, June 21-22, at the Best Western Premier Hotel – Southfield. James Shaw, Jr., who was given the name “Waffle House Hero” after bravely disarming a gunman who opened fire at a Tennessee restaurant in April 2018, will address attendees as the keynote speaker at the conference’s Community Service Awards Luncheon on Saturday. Additionally, Tennessee State University President Glenda Baskin Glover, Ph.D., JD, MBA, will address regional alumni that morning during a Town Hall meeting at the conference, where she will discuss current key issues facing the university.

Formerly Dean of the College of Business at Jackson State University in Mississippi, Dr. Glover became the eighth president of TSU when she took the helm in 2013. On the national news front, she provides insights about the importance and value of Historically Black Colleges and Universities in today’s America, appearing on *MSNBC’s Politics Nation with Al Sharpton* and featured in a recent *Essence* magazine article. Dr. Glover is the author of more than one hundred articles and papers and is regarded as one of the nation’s experts on corporate governance. She is also the International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The TSUAA-Detroit Chapter chose Shaw, a TSU alum, to present the keynote because of his selfless courage and humanitarian work since the deadly Waffle House shooting. Determined to turn last year’s tragic course of events into a stepping stone, Shaw is committed to using his voice and personal experience to make an impact in his community. He hosts national meetings and galvanizes global thought leaders to share his community and humanitarian plan to systemically address policy change and increase efforts to make gun control/violence, mental illness, and the impact of post-traumatic stress disorder a national priority.

During the Community Service Awards Luncheon, the chapter will honor individuals and grassroots organizations that provide services and opportunities to youth in metro Detroit communities. Those among the honorees include [Stephanie Douglas](#), Associate Athletic Director, Detroit PAL; the [Clarence A. Phillips Ascend Foundation](#); and the [AGOGA Men’s Foundation](#).

The conference will also include a free “College Funding Genius” session on Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m., for parents and students who want to learn about the ins and outs of college planning and how to avoid the biggest pitfalls along the way. Key takeaways from this session are: learning the rules of the financial aid system; avoiding common mistakes that cost thousands of dollars; selecting the right schools to fit budgets; exploring options available to pay tuition; and tuition recapture strategies.

For more details about all activities planned and to register for the conference, visit: <http://www.tsuaadetroit.org/tsunaa-2019-midwest-region-conference.html>

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