



HARRIS-STOWE

STATE UNIVERSITY

Saint Louis, Missouri



Installation of the 20th President Dr. Corey S. Bradford, Sr.

*Friday, the Ninth of April
Two Thousand - Twenty One
at
Ten O'clock in the Morning
Live Stream*





History of Harris-Stowe State University

Harris-Stowe State University (HSSU) is a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) in St. Louis, Missouri committed to providing affordable, quality higher education to underserved populations in a welcoming, inspiring environment. Since its inception, the University has championed change.

Formerly known as Harris-Stowe State College, HSSU emerged from the 1954 Civil Rights Act that mandated the integration of Harris Teachers College and Stowe Teachers College. The origins of HSSU can be traced back to 1857 when the St. Louis Public Schools founded Harris Teachers College, a whites-only teaching school - the first public teacher education institution west of the Mississippi River. Over 30 years later, the Stowe Teachers College opened in 1890 as the Sumner Normal School to train black teachers in the city. In 1920, Harris Teachers College became a four-year undergraduate institution authorized to grant a Bachelor of Arts in Education Degree, followed by a similar authorization for Stowe Teachers College in 1924. That same year, both institutions received accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, followed by many other accreditations. In 1929, the Sumner Normal School's name changed to honor abolitionist and novelist Harriet Beecher Stowe. In 1979, Harris-Stowe officially became a part of Missouri's system of public education.

Over the decades, the institution's initial focus on training teachers has evolved to include an Urban Affairs major in 1981 and a mandate in 1993 to expand its mission to meet the needs of metro St. Louis in various applied professional disciplines. Having gained university status by state mandate in 2005, HSSU continues to expand to train students for exciting careers in education, business, science, technology, engineering, math (STEM) and medical and civic fields.

Today, HSSU serves over 1,700 full-time and part-undergraduate students across 59 degree majors, minors and certificate programs. HSSU offers collaborative baccalaureate partnerships with St. Louis Community College, St. Charles Community College, the Goldfarb School of Nursing and Saint Louis University, as well as graduate degree partnerships with Maryville University, Webster University, the Kansas City University School of Medicine and Biosciences, and Washington University Occupational Therapy. In 2009, HSSU advanced early childhood education with the state-of-the-art William L. Clay, Sr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center. The center caters to the developmental needs of children ages 6 weeks to 5 years and provides HSSU's education students hands-on clinical experience.

A leader in quality and affordable education, HSSU ranks No. 4 of 13 public institutions in Missouri and No. 7 of 34 Missouri institutions in degree production of African Americans (Missouri Department of Education, 2013). In 2020, The Washington Monthly ranked Harris-Stowe as one of the Top Bachelor's Colleges in the nation. A leading producer of African-American STEM graduates, Harris-Stowe was voted 2019 STEM Program of the Year by HBCU Digest. HSSU's first time, full-time student retention is high; 88% of new, full-time freshman were retained from Fall 2019 to Spring 2020. With over 75% of HSSU graduates achieving gainful employment or graduate school acceptance in less than six months after graduation, HSSU has achieved three years of 'Sustained Excellence' from the Department of Higher Education and Workforce Development.

The University will continue its quest for excellence in all of its offerings and strive to meet the complex challenge of preparing students for success in this region's various professions.

PROGRAM

MUSICAL PRELUDE

PRESENTATION OF THE COLORS

St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

Mr. John Leggette
Detective, St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department

PROCESSIONAL

Announcing "Pomp and Circumstance"
by Sir Edward Elgar

Ms. Dallyn Beverly
President, HSSU Student Government Association
Chain of Office Carrier

Mr. Brice Dean
Vice President, HSSU Student Government Association
Mace Carrier

WELCOME REMARKS

Dr. LaTonia Collins Smith
Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs
Harris-Stowe State University

SPECIAL REMARKS AND INVOCATION

Pastor Anthony Robinson
Greater St. Luke Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri

GREETINGS

Atty. Ronald A. Norwood
Chairman, Harris-Stowe State University Board of Regents

The Honorable Cori Bush
U.S. House of Representatives, Missouri-District 1

The Honorable Mike Parson
Governor, State of Missouri

The Honorable Steven Roberts, Jr.
Missouri State Senate, District 5

The Honorable LaKeySha Bosley
Missouri House of Representatives, District 79

Atty. Zora Mulligan
Commissioner
Missouri Department of Higher Education

SELECTION

"Order My Steps"
Composed by Glenn Burleigh
Performed by Theresa Payne

GREETINGS

Ms. Shirley Brown
President, HSSU Alumni Association

Dr. Odessa Weatherford-Jacobs
President, HSSU Faculty Senate

Ms. Romney Edwards
HSSU Staff Association

Ms. Dallyn Beverly
President, HSSU Student Government Association

Dr. George Wright
*Senior Adviser to the President and Interim Vice President of the
Office for Institutional Diversity
University of Kentucky*

Dr. Kendall Harris
Provost, Texas Southern University

Dr. Benjamin Quillian
Family/Close Friend

SPECIAL REMARKS

Dr. Ruth Simmons
President, Prairie View A&M University

INVESTITURE CEREMONY

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Vice Chair Vanessa F. Cooksey
Regent Christine A. Chadwick
Regent Deborah L. Price

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Dr. Corey S. Bradford, Sr.
President, Harris-Stowe State University

SELECTION

“Closer to My Dreams”
*Composed by Goapele
Performed by Theresa Payne*

UNIVERSITY PRESENTATION

Gift on behalf of The University

BENEDICTION

Pastor Anthony Robinson

ALMA MATER
(Lyrics printed at back of program)

“We Sing of Harris-Stowe”
*composed by Julius K. Hunter
Performed by Jalen Carter*

RECESSIONAL

20th PRESIDENT OF HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY
DR. COREY S. BRADFORD, SR.



Dr. Corey S. Bradford, Sr., began his tenure as the 20th President of Harris Stowe State University on May 1, 2020.

With more than 27 years of higher education experience, Dr. Bradford was unanimously selected by the Harris-Stowe State University Board of Regents to serve as the institution's leader based on his vast leadership experience, financial acumen, and student-centered focus.

Dr. Bradford comes to Harris-Stowe from Prairie View A&M University where he served as the Senior Vice President for Business Affairs. At Prairie View, he developed an extensive record of accomplishment of working with students, faculty, staff and alumni, along with local business and civic leaders, to advance the university's mission. He also spearheaded many improvement projects in line with the university's strategic plans, including over \$300 million in enhancements of the overall physical condition of the campus, making it one of the most attractive in the Texas A&M System and the completion of a state of the art football stadium. Additionally, Dr. Bradford improved overall financial health and compliance through a significant growth in the endowment and a fifty percent increase in the annual operating budget, increased public-private partnerships with third parties to expand the number of nearby amenities available to the campus community, and the creation of a summer internship program for students.

Prior to joining Prairie View, Dr. Bradford worked in the Southern Illinois University (SIU) System as Assistant Vice President for Financial and Administrative Affairs and Ethics Officer and as the Assistant to the Vice President for Planning and Budget. During his time with the SIU system, he played a role in securing \$3 billion in state appropriations.

Dr. Bradford earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and a Master's Degree in Applied Mathematics and Statistics from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville. He received an educational certificate from the Harvard Institute for Management Development and earned his Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from Southern Illinois University Carbondale. He has research interests in resource management, school finance, and performance-based funding. Dr. Bradford has also written grant proposals and taught at undergraduate and graduate levels.

Dr. Bradford has served in numerous national leadership positions including The National Association of College and University Business Officers Board of Directors; The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) Financial Reviewer; The Greater Houston Partnership Regional Economic Development Advisory Committee; Waller County Economic Development Council Board Member; and NW Houston Chambers of Commerce.

He currently serves on the board of directors of the Cortex Innovation Community and the Greater St. Louis Area Council of Boy Scouts of America. He is a member of the Greater St. Louis, Inc., an alumnus of the Mathews-Dickey Boys and Girls Club and a member of the Missouri Botanical Garden Community Relations Advisory Group.

Dr. Bradford is a St. Louis native and has been married for 27 years to Dr. Josette E. Bradford. Together, they have adult twins who are recent college graduates.

SPECIAL GUEST

DR. RUTH J. SIMMONS

President

Prairie View A&M University

Ruth J. Simmons serves as President of Prairie View A&M. She was President and Professor of Comparative Literature and Africana Studies at Brown University from 2001-2012. Under her leadership, Brown made significant strides in improving its standing as one of the world's finest research universities.

After completing her Ph.D. in 1973 in Romance Languages and Literatures at Harvard University, she served in various faculty and administrative roles at the University of Southern California, Princeton University, and Spelman College before her appointment in 1999 as President of Smith College, the largest women's college in the United States. She launched a number of important academic initiatives at Smith, including an engineering program, the first at an American women's college.



Simmons is the recipient of many honors, including a Fulbright Fellowship to France, the 2001 President's Award from the United Negro College Fund, the 2002 Fulbright Lifetime Achievement Medal, the 2004 Eleanor Roosevelt Val-Kill Medal, the Foreign Policy Association Medal, and the Centennial Medal from Harvard University.

Simmons is a member of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Philosophical Society, and the Council on Foreign Relations. She serves on the boards of FCAU, NV, and Square, as well as a number of non-profit boards, including the Smithsonian National Museum of African-American History and Culture, the Holdsworth Center, Rice University, and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston. Awarded numerous honorary degrees, in 2011, she received the Brown faculty's highest honor: the Susan Colver Rosenberger Medal. In 2012, the president of France named her a 'chevalier' of the French Legion of Honor.

DELEGATES

1818

Saint Louis University
St. Louis, Missouri
Fred P. Pestello, Ph.D.
President

1827

Lindenwood University
St. Charles, Missouri
John R. Porter, Ph.D.
President

1828

McKendree University
Lebanon, IL
Mr. Daniel Dobbins
President

1853

Washington University in St. Louis
St. Louis, Missouri
Andrew D. Martin, Ph.D.
Chancellor

1865

University of Kentucky
Lexington, Kentucky
Eli Capilouto, Ph.D.
President

1866

Lincoln University
Jefferson City, MO
Jerald Jones Woolfolk, Ph.D.
President

1869

Claflin University
Orangeburg, SC
Dwaun J. Warmack, Ed.D.
President

1871

University of Central Missouri
Warrensburg, Missouri
Roger Best, Ph.D.
President

1872

Maryville University
St. Louis, MO
Mark Lombardi, Ph.D.
President

1873

Southeast Missouri State University
Cape Girardeau
Carlos Vargas, Ph.D.
President

1876

Prairie View A&M University
Prairie View, Texas
Ruth Simmons, Ph.D.
President

1902

Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College
Dr. Nancy Ridenour, Ph.D.
Maxine Clark & Bob Fox, President

1923

Fontbonne University
St. Louis, MO
Nancy H. Blattner, Ph.D.
President

1915

Missouri Western State University
St. Joseph, MO
Elizabeth Kennedy, Ph.D.
President

1927

Texas Southern University
Houston, Texas
Mr. Kenneth Huewitt Interim
President

1937

Missouri Southern State University
Joplin, MO
Van Galen, Ph.D.
President

1957

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville
Edwardsville, IL
Randy Pembroke, Ph.D.
Chancellor

1962

St. Louis Community College
St. Louis, MO
Jeff Pittman, Ph.D.
Chancellor

1964

Missouri Baptist University
St. Louis, MO
Keith L. Ross, Ph.D.
President

1972

Truman State University
Kirksville, MO
Susan L. Thomas, Ph.D.
President

1986

Saint Charles Community College
St. Charles, MO
Barbara Kavalier, Ph.D.
President

WE SING OF HARRIS-STOWE

WITH STATELY PRIDE AND VIGOR

JULIUS K. HUNTER
S. WILLIAM AITKEN

Ev' - ry - where I go, I sing of Har - ris - Stowe. I love my al - ma
Whith - er winds may blow, I'll stand by Har - ris - Stowe. Her hon - or I will

ma - ter dear with praise in - creas - ing year by year. May ev' - ry - one here know my
e'er de - fend with strength that can - not ev - er bend. On guard now, ev' - ry foe of

love of Har - ris - Stowe. I owe her all my loy - al - ty, re - spect re - served for
dear old Har - ris - Stowe. We know our true i - den - ti - ty, up - on this hal - lowed

roy - al - ty. Ob - serve the out - ward glow in - spired by Har - ris - Stowe.
en - ti - ty. So let the prais - es flow for dear old Har - ris - Stowe.

Chorus

Har - ris - Stowe, Har - ris - Stowe sons and daugh - ters we! Har - ris - Stowe, Har - ris - Stowe, all our praise to thee!

Academic Regalia

On formal occasions such as commencement convocations, faculty members and heads of academic institutions appear in attire which can be traced back to the Middle Ages when a person's degree symbolized his or her occupation. This attire usually consisted of three components: the gown, the hood, and the cap. The cap now is generally a flat, four-cornered covering called a "mortarboard" or a multi-cornered tam (tam-o'shanter).

Today, in academic environments, the gown most clearly differentiates holders of the three historic levels of academic degrees: the doctor's, the master's, and the bachelor's. The gown of the doctor is faced with velvet and has bell-shaped sleeves on each of which are three velvet rings. Usually, both the velvet facing and the velvet rings on the sleeves are of the color that traditionally represents the field of study in which the wearer's degree was earned. Examples of these colors and the academic fields they represent are the following: white, representing arts, letters, or the humanities; light blue, representing education; brown, representing the fine arts; lemon, representing library science; pink, representing music; dark blue, representing philosophy; sage green, representing physical education; and golden yellow, representing the sciences. The gown of the master's degree holder has either sleeves which reach nearly to the wrists and are slit above the elbows (the new style), or sleeves which are half-sleeves that expose the arms (the old style). Black is the usual color of all academic gowns; however, some are in one of the colors of the institution which has conferred or is conferring the degree.

The hood, formerly a second head-covering worn in medieval times to ward off the cold, now falls back over the shoulders and lies in folds over the gown on the wearer's back. It is usually black and has a broad edging which represents the field of study in which the wearer's degree was earned. The lining of the hood is usually silk and displays both colors of the degree-granting institution -- one is the background and the other is a v-shaped band.

The mortarboard, quite frequently a velvet tam, is usually black with a tassel. The tassel varies in color: gold, generally worn only by doctors and heads of institutions; black, for the master's degree; and the varied colors for the baccalaureate, according to the field of study in which the degree was earned.

Graduation honors are indicated by cords of varied colors: red, to indicate that the wearer is graduating with the highest honors (summa cum laude); gold, to indicate graduation with great honor (magna cum laude); and pastel blue, to indicate graduation with honor (cum laude). These cords are worn around the graduating senior's neck and hang down the front of his or her gown.

Membership in the various honor societies is indicated by either an honor cord or an honor stole. Alpha Chi members are wearing white satin honor stoles; Kappa Delta Pi members are wearing honor cords in rich violet and green; Sigma Tau Delta members are wearing honor cords in red and black; and Kappa Mu Epsilon members are wearing honor cords in silver and rose.

The Mace

The Mace is a symbol of the dignity and authority of a university. Before assuming this ceremonial function, the Mace was a weapon carried in battle by medieval knights and warlike bishops and was later carried as protection for royalty. The Mace bearer is appointed by the University President and precedes him in all official processions.

The Harris-Stowe State University Mace is constructed of a 48-inch walnut staff and a head detail that includes a four-inch gold-plated bronze portrait of the University's seal on the front and rear sides, surrounded by a gold-plated wreath. The center band boasts four gold plated, permanently mounted bronze medals, representing the disciplines currently taught at the University, and four fleur-de-lis. There are 18 gold-plated bronze rings placed around the staff of the Mace. Each gold band is engraved with the name and years of tenure of the University President. The Harris-Stowe State University Mace was designed by the Institution's Executive Vice President Emeritus, Dr. George Hudson Hiram (1920-2009).

The Chain of Office

Chains of office or "necklets" are one of the oldest symbols of authority dating back to the days of the Roman Empire, and displayed by emperors, kings, pharaohs, and religious figures as physical representations of their power and position. The tradition of the chain of office was passed down through the Middle Ages and coincided with the rise of the university system in Europe. Many of these European institutions of higher learning were branches of the church or connected to royal power, and soon the chain of office became a treasured part of university practice.

When American colleges and universities began to establish themselves in the 17th century, they adopted the same chain of office tradition from their European counterparts. Today, this custom is as strong as ever throughout the world.

Each chain of office is as unique as the institution it represents. In most designs, a prominent medallion or shield is suspended from a series of links and the central piece usually bears the institution's official seal or logo. Each link is often shaped to resemble specific school symbols.

Chains of office are worn as part of the pomp and ceremony at official public celebrations of the college or university such as the inauguration of a new president and at commencement events. Along with the academic mace, the official chain of office is highly regarded as part of the enduring legacy and permanent symbol of the institution.

Pivotal Years in the Evolution of Harris-Stowe State University

- 1857 Harris Teachers College. St. Louis Board of Education founds Harris Teachers College to prepare white teachers for white elementary schools.
- 1890 Stowe Teachers College. St. Louis Board of Education founds Stowe Teachers College to prepare black teachers for black elementary schools.
- 1939 Both colleges reorganize themselves, forming two academic levels: a junior college division and a senior college level (which offered elementary school teacher education, leading to the A.B. Degree in Education).
- 1954 Harris Teachers College. St. Louis Board of Education merges Harris Teachers College and Stowe Teachers College under the name Harris Teachers College.
- 1975 Harris-Stowe College. St. Louis Board of Education changes the name to Harris-Stowe College.
- 1978 The State of Missouri passes legislation which makes Harris-Stowe College a part of the state's system of Public Higher Education.
- 1979 Dr. Henry Givens, Jr. appointed and installed as President of Harris-Stowe State College.
- 1979 Harris-Stowe State College. The name of the College is changed to Harris-Stowe State College.
- 1982 The State of Missouri approves baccalaureate degree programs in Early Childhood Education, Middle School Education and Urban Education.
- 1985 Harris-Stowe receives federal recognition as a Historically Black College - because of one of its predecessor institutions, Stowe Teachers College.
- 1993 The State of Missouri authorizes the College to expand its mission by offering baccalaureate degree programs in Business Administration, Secondary Teacher Education, and Criminal Justice, and officially includes the word, "State" in the College's name.
- 1996 The city of St. Louis gives the College almost 18 acres of land (the former Laclede Town site) for just \$10.
- 1998 The first of six new buildings is constructed on that land, the Southwestern Bell Library and Technology Resource Center, now the AT&T Library and Technology Resource Center.
- 1999 Harris-Stowe receives another gift (for just \$10) from the City of St. Louis - the former Vashon Community Center and its land.
- 2003 The College completes its second building, the Emerson Performance Center which houses the gymnasium, the Bank of America Theatre, and the Whitaker Foundation Art Room.
- 2004 The College dedicates its new US Bank Entryway Arch, emblematic of great things that occurred this year.
- 2005 The opening of the new temporary Anheuser-Busch School of Business in the fall of 2005. On August 26, the College celebrates its official change to Harris-Stowe State University and breaks ground on its first-ever Residence Hall and Student Center.
- 2005 The former Vashon Community Center facility - now a part of the Harris-Stowe Campus - is officially listed by the Federal Government in the NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES.
- 2006 Harris-Stowe State University becomes a residential campus with the opening of the Rev. Dr. William G. Gillespie Residence Hall and Student Center.
- 2007 Groundbreaking Ceremony held for the Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center.
- 2009 Opening of the William L. Clay, Sr. Early Childhood Development/Parenting Education Center.
- 2010 Groundbreaking Ceremony held for the Second Student Residence Hall at Harris-Stowe State University.
- 2011 Dr. Albert L. Walker installed as President of Harris-Stowe State University.
- 2011 Opening of the Freeman R. Bosley, Jr. Residence Hall at Harris-Stowe State University.
- 2013 Mrs. Constance G. Gully appointed as Interim-President of Harris-Stowe State University.
- 2014/2015 Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack appointed and installed as President of Harris-Stowe State University.
- 2019 Dr. Dwayne Smith appointed as Interim-President of Harris-Stowe State University.
- 2020/2021 Dr. Corey S. Bradford, Sr. appointed and installed as President of Harris-Stowe State University.

HARRIS-STOWE STATE UNIVERSITY

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