

CSU ALUMNI CONNECTIONS



CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY HOSTS INVESTITURE

Honoring Permanent Twelfth President,
Zaldwaynaka Scott, Esq.

Chicago State University celebrated the Investiture of Zaldwaynaka Scott, Esq., twelfth permanent president – during a ceremony and scholarship gala on Thursday, April 11, 2019. The events, highlighted the history and promising future of the university and its new leadership.

Hundreds filled the Jones Convocation Center for the ceremony – the highlight of a series of inaugural events hosted by the university. The Investiture opened with a processional that included faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, and delegates from other universities and the city of Chicago.

Nicholas Gowen, then Chairman of the University's Board of Trustees, presided over the ceremony. "We found a person who will lead this institution to new heights," said Gowen.

Heartfelt and congratulatory greetings were given from several dignitaries and business leaders that included Roderick Hawkins, Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Engagement, Office of the Mayor City of Chicago, Lori E. Lightfoot, Mayor Elect-, City of Chicago, Patrick Magoon, CEO, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, Andrea Zopp, President, World Business Chicago, Patricia B. Holmes, Board of Trustees, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana Board of Trustees and Dr. Lauren Robel, EVP & Provost, Indiana University.

President Scott shared her vision and discussed her commitment to diversity and to providing education to students who have a desire to learn but

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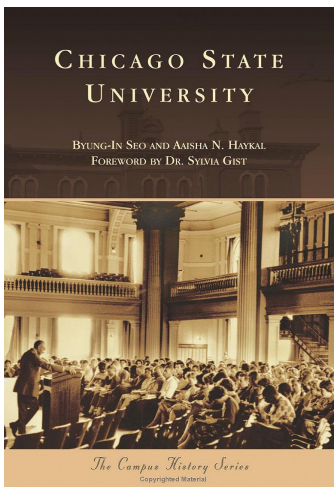
might not have the finances. “We know for our students a college degree is an equalizer and a game changer,” she said.

President Scott was appointed the university’s twelfth permanent president in May 2018 and began service on July 1, 2018. Prior to her appointment, she served more than 16 years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the Northern District of Illinois where she was Chief of the General Crimes Section. She also served as Illinois’ first Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Governor and Public Universities.



FACULTY MEMBERS PUBLISH BOOK ON CHICAGO STATE HISTORY

Byung-In Seo and Aisha N. Haykal authored “Chicago State University”, a photographic collection that documents the happiness and hurdles stakeholders experienced during the life of this, our beloved institution. Wherever you were a student in the different periods of our history, you will find something to remind you of your time at CTC/CSU.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH AT CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

“Black History Month at Chicago State University is always tremendous. Yet, the 2019 celebration brought about a spirit that was extraordinarily special. As a nation, we have reached the 400-year anniversary of the first enslaved Africans’ forced arrival to the United States; birthing the theme “Back to Glory: Beyond 400 Years.” Under the leadership of Aremu Mbande of the African American Male Resource Center, the month was aimed to create a February of both remembrance and reclamation.





YOUNG ALUM HIGHLIGHT

Joshua Ramsey, Class of 2014

Joshua Ramsey is a 2014 graduate of Chicago State University. While a student, he was a member of the Men's Basketball team and a Resident Assistant in the Residence Hall. Since graduating, Joshua has represented Chicago State in extraordinary ways.

After accepting a job as an Outreach Executive with Boys Scouts of America after graduation he rose to fame within the organization. Within the first three years working for the organization, he received two promotions. He was the recipient of the Boy Scouts of America Membership Growth Award in 2016 and 2017. In 2017, he also received the Greater St. Louis Area Council Blue Vase Award. That same year, he was voted

"Executive of the Year" having led the Greater St. Louis Area council in membership growth in 2017 and was also # 2 in membership retention of 67,000 total available youth council wide for 2017.

Among his many accomplishments, Joshua built the first District Committee to service the area in more than 15 plus years while recruiting the former council vice president to serve as District Chair. He successfully led the Illini district to another 2018 successful FOS campaigns achieving over 100% before the June 31st deadline. He increased Cahokia and East St. Louis membership by 113%, raising \$30,000+ for workforce development mentorship programs.

Joshua has been lauded for launching in-school scouting programs, in the Madison and East St. Louis districts, raising over \$5,000 for 7,000 area-wide youth. He established the first elementary-level STEM program within the Cahokia and East St. Louis school districts and even secured a new Merit Badge partnership with the City of East St. Louis office of Community Citizenship. Most notable among his fundraising efforts, Joshua exceeded his year-end financial and membership quotas by a respective 106.9% and 168%.

Currently, Joshua is the District Director of Boys Scouts of America in the Greater Memphis Area where he oversees over 3000 Boys Scouts and is responsible for raising \$250,000 annually.



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CSU PRESIDENT HONORED WITH AWARD

President Z Scott was honored and received an award on Thursday, February 28, 2019 for her "Outstanding Commitment in Education" and the community during a celebration hosted by Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs to commemorate Black History Month.

Chicago State University's ROTC presented and retired colors (flags) during the ceremony. Illinois Governor, J.B. Pritzker and Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton were present.

President Scott was one of six honorees to receive an award from Mr. Frerichs for their contribution to the greater community of Illinois.

ILLINOIS LAW EXPERTS DISCUSS SOCIAL EQUITY AND JUSTICE IN CHICAGO

The first in its' history, CSU hosted a Criminal Justice Institute that welcomed expert opinions from several distinguished panelists who discussed their roles in society and how they serve the public and work hard to protect the rights of many including the youth and underserved communities.



Chicago State Students Impact Chicago's Mayoral Race

Mayoral candidates Lori Lightfoot and Toni Preckwinkle spoke with Chicago State University (CSU) students about their plans for the city on Friday, March 29, 2019. During a 60-minute forum each candidate responded to questions prepared by CSU students on education, jobs, economic development, policies and police accountability. "Hosting the mayoral forum on campus was important to me as the leader of this great institution", said Z. Scott, President, Chicago State University. "Civic engagement on campus is vital. It gives our scholars the ability to impact change and make an informed decision when voting".

The last forum before the election was sponsored by Chicago State University, WBEZ, and the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), the only collegiate chapter in Illinois. "To be a part of history in Chicago made me feel like my college experience and education at CSU was well worth it", said Alexis Hall, junior and CSU NCNW member.

On April 2, 2019, Chicago elected Lori Lightfoot as its first black woman as mayor - making history as the largest American city ever to elect an African American woman as mayor.

LINCOLN LAUREATE AWARDED TO CSU OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY STUDENT

A noteworthy senior and champion for humanitarian causes

Isis Martin, senior undergraduate student was awarded the Lincoln Laureate Award for achieving academic excellence while staying civically engaged in the community.

Isis is a 22- year old Chicago native that attended Simeon High School and transferred to CSU from an out of state university in 2016. Isis is a first year Occupational Therapy student in a

combined Bachelor to Master Occupational Therapy program. She is set to receive a bachelor degree in Health Sciences in May 2019 and will

continue into the Master of Occupational Therapy program in the summer of 2019. She is a Central Regional Scholar and has been on the deans list for the last two years. Isis has served in several leadership roles including: President of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Xi Kappa Chapter, Financial Secretary of National Pan Hellenic Council, a Resident Assistant and she is a volunteer for Chicago Public Schools.

Isis received a Lincoln medallion and an \$1,000 check for her notable achievement.





CHICAGO STATE RECEIVES \$100K ENDOWMENT GIFT FROM ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY

By Evan F. Moore, Chicago Sun-times 02/28/2019

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. International President, Dr. Glenda Glover, plans to donate \$10 million to 96 accredited institutions through their “AKA-HBCU Endowment Fund” over the next four years. Chicago State University will be getting \$100,000 of this fund.

“The financial support needed to encourage and support college completion for black scholars cannot be underestimated,” Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott, Chicago State’s president said in a statement. “The Alpha Kappa Alpha-HBCU Endowment represents a generous and important financial gift and investment in our learning community. The majority of our scholars have financial needs that are not fully met by Federal and State financial grants. These funds provide us with an opportunity to close the gap,” Scott said.

FEEL THE BURN

On Wednesday, March 27, 2019, the department of Biological Sciences conducted a prescribed burn of the University prairie garden located on Martin Luther King Drive between 95th and 97th streets. A prescribed burn is an important process of renewal to maintain a healthy and vibrant prairie on campus. The CSU prairie garden is an asset to the community and is used by students and faculty for research and learning.

“Illinois is called the prairie state for a reason,” said Dr. Karel Jacobs, professor of Biological Sciences. “Historically, most of Illinois was prairie; however, today less than one tenth of its prairie remains. It is unique for CSU to have three acres of land devoted to prairie in an urban community.”

Prairies are known to improve air quality, attract pollinators (native species of bees, moths, butterflies and birds), increase the health of the soil, and foster community engagement.

Fun fact: *CSU also has a greenhouse on campus that is used for environmental research.*



FACULTY SPOTLIGHT: Dr. June Price-Shingles

2018 marked her 30th year as a parks and recreation professional. As a child, she always enjoyed playing sports in her neighborhood park. Little did she know at the time she was having her first exposure to the field of parks and recreation. Her journey started in 1988 and since that time, she has worked in municipal recreation, campus recreation and non-profit via the Chicago Metropolitan YMCA. “Although my current post is in academia, I don’t consider myself an educator; rather a practitioner bridging the gap from real world/ hands-on experience to the classroom.” Shingles said in an interview earlier this year. She feels as though her ability to connect theory to practice is her sternest asset and greatest contribution to the professional development of the students she serves. She has enjoyed her tenure in her profession, and has always had great co-workers and community partners. As a result of the dedicated professors she had while matriculating through undergrad at SIU Carbondale, she has always participated in professional development and encouraged our student body to do the same. “I often tell students, despite my 30 year work history, I’ve never worked a day in my life!”

ALUMNI NAMED ILLINOIS BICENTENNIAL HONOREE

Honoring Veterans' Liaison
Tom Dubelbeis

Class of 1968 alumnus, Tom Dubelbeis, was named an Illinois Bicentennial Honor 200 Honoree, being recognized for his contributions to his fellow veterans, service members and local community. He is one of 200 Illinois veterans to receive this honor during the state's Bicentennial Celebration.

The Honor 200 recipients represent more than 50 counties across the state of Illinois. Nominees were evaluated based on their achievements, and on the extent to which their contributions have aided, benefited and provided inspiration to their community at large. In addition, nominees must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. military and reside in Illinois.

All of the Honor 200 recipients were invited to attend the state's official 200th birthday celebration at the United Center in Chicago on December 3, 2018.



BE A PART OF THE DISCUSSION



The Alumni Association Annual membership meeting is scheduled for

**Saturday
September 14, 2019**

**Breakfast 9 a.m. | Meeting 10 a.m.
Gwendolyn Brooks Library | Fourth floor**

Alumni, come out to enjoy breakfast and add your voice!

CHICAGO STATE FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

New board members have
been named to the
Chicago State Foundation
Board of Directors

The following new members were appointed:

- **Leslie Anderson**, SVP U.S. Head of Business Banking, Treasury & Payment Solutions
- **Alvin Boutte, Jr.**, CEO of Bronzeville Academy Charter School
- **Dorothy G. Capers**, SVP & General Counsel of National Express LLC
- **Spring Capers**, Entrepreneur
- **Angelique David**, Managing Director, Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel at Ziegler
- **Kristin R. Finney-Cooke**, Senior Consultant at NEPC Investment Consulting
- **Mark Flessner**, Partner, Holland & Knight
- **Corliss V. Garner**, VP and Senior Advisor, BMO Harris Bank
- **Rev. Dr. Marshall Elijah Hatch, Sr.**, Pastor, New Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church
- **Peggy A. Montes**, Founder and President of the Bronzeville Children's Museum
- **Abraham Thompson**, Managing Principal, Creative One Consulting, LLC
- **Chad Walker**, General Counsel, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer, Morton Salt
- **Andrea Zopp**, President & CEO, World Business Chicago

CSU OPEN HOUSE ATTRACTS PROSPECTS FROM WISCONSIN, MICHIGAN AND OHIO

Chicago State University held its annual spring open house on Saturday, April 20, 2019. The Open House included tours, information sessions and an employer panel discussion attracting hundreds of prospective students and families from surrounding states (Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio).

The diverse employer panel included professionals and CSU alumni from the fields of healthcare, business, education and communications. Panelist discussed workforce needs and trends to help prospective students understand how their academic success will translate as professionals.

Open House festivities wrapped up with lunch and a musical concert by the CSU Music department.

For more information about Fall 2019 Admissions, visit:
<https://www.csu.edu/admissions/index.htm>



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