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Harris-Stowe State University Celebrates the Inauguration of its

19th President Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack

*The St. Louis community is invited to a week of diverse events to mark the occasion*

ST. LOUIS, MO (April 8, 2015) – Harris-Stowe State University (HSSU) is planning a variety of events to celebrate the inauguration of Dr. Dwaun J. Warmack, the university’s 19th president. His installation ceremony will take place at 10 a.m., Friday, April 17, in the Main Auditorium on the Harris-Stowe campus at 3026 Laclede Ave. in midtown St. Louis.

The HSSU Board of Regents, administration, faculty, staff and students invite the St. Louis community to join in the inaugural events, which kick off on Saturday, April 11 with a 5K Walk/Run on the main campus quad. Registration begins at 7 a.m. with the walk/run starting at 8 a.m. Participants may register online at [www.hssu.edu](http://www.hssu.edu) or on site. There is a $15 fee.

Another featured inaugural event is a symposium exploring the relevancy of HBCUs in today’s educational landscape. Dr. Warmack will lead a panel of innovative and dynamic university presidents including: Dr. Roslyn Clark Artis, Florida Memorial Universityin Miami Gardens, Fla.; Dr. Kevin D. Rome, Sr., Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. and Dr. Kent J. Smith, Jr., Langston University in Oklahoma City. The symposium, moderated by award-winning journalist Sharon Stevens, will take place from 6-8 p.m., Thursday, April 16 at the Emerson Performance Center, Bank of America Theater at HSSU. The symposium is free and open to the public.

Inauguration events for President Warmack offer the St. Louis community a full range of opportunities to welcome him. For more information contact the Division of Academic Affairs at (314) 340-3610 or academicaffairs@hssu.edu or for online registration visit www.hssu.edu.

Below is a list of the weeklong Harris-Stowe Presidential Inaugural activities (events take place on the HSSU campus unless noted otherwise):

**Saturday, April 11**

HORNETS NATION FITNESS CHALLENGE 5K RUN/WALK

Registration 7 a.m. Run/Walk 8 a.m. -- Main Campus Quad

$15 registration fee; on-site registration is available

FREEDOM CONFIRMED: THE COMMEMORATIVE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE THIRTEENTH AMENDMENT, LET FREEDOM RING EXHIBIT

Artist’s presentation at 3 p.m. -- Don & Heide Wolff Jazz Institute & Art Gallery

**Wednesday, April 15**

DR. WARMACK’S “CELEBRITY” BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

1-3 p.m. -- Emerson Performance Center - Gymnasium

SPOKEN WORD POETRY SLAM

Hosted by Mocha Latte -- 7-10 p.m. – Emerson Performance Center – Bank of America Theater

**Thursday, April 16**

SYMPOSIUM: RELEVANCY OF HBCUs IN TODAY’S HIGHER EDUCATION LANDSCAPE

Moderated by Sharon Stevens -- 6-8 p.m. Emerson Performance Center - Bank of America Theater

**Friday, April 17, 2015**

PRESIDENTIAL INSTALLATION CEREMONY

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Trudie Kibbe Reed, President Emeritus, Bethune-Cookman University

10 a.m. – noon -- Main Auditorium

PRESIDENT’S INAUGURAL BALL

St. Louis community, university presidents welcome Dr. Warmack -- 7 p.m.

Chase Park Plaza, 212 N. Kingshighway, St. Louis, MO 63108

Inaugural Ball reservations are available online at [www.hssu.edu](http://www.hssu.edu)

**About Harris-Stowe State University**

Harris-Stowe State University (HSSU), located in midtown St. Louis, is a fully accredited four-year institution that offers 14 degree programs in teacher education, business and arts & sciences. In 2014, HSSU ranked No. 1 in the state of Missouri and No. 47 in the nation in granting degrees in mathematics and statistics to African-Americans according to Missouri Department of Higher Education and *Diverse: Issues In Higher Education,* a newsmagazine that has ranked institutions conferring the most degrees to minority students for the past 30 years. The university, which has origins dating back to 1857, offers the most affordable bachelor’s degree in the state of Missouri.

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