

# BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS PAGE



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## NEW MEN AT THE TOP

TEXAS SOUTHERN HIRES JONES; KNOX TO LEAD CoSIDA; CIAA GETS COORDINATORS

**WALKER:** SIAC player of the year at Morehouse one of four HBCU players on NBA Summer League rosters.

## UNDER THE BANNER

WHAT'S GOING ON IN AND AROUND BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS

### KNOX NAMED CoSIDA PRESIDENT:

NATIONAL HARBOR, MARYLAND - **Rob Knox**,



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**KNOX:** Becomes second HBCU alum and African-American president of SID organization.

a **Lincoln (Pa.) University** graduate who also served stints in sports information at his alma mater and at **Coppin State University**, ascended to the position of president of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) during the organization's annual meeting last week here just outside of Washington, D.C.

Knox, who now serves as Athletic Media Relations Associate Director at Towson University took the gavel from outgoing CoSIDA President Rob Carolla last Friday. Carolla is the Director of Communications at College Football's 150th Anniversary and will transition to Past President as he completes his work on the board as an officer.

An award-winning communications professional, Knox brings over 15 years of media experience to his new role. A 1996 Lincoln graduate, Knox is one of the most influential, passionate and accomplished athletic communications professionals in the country.

He will serve as the 64th president of CoSIDA for a one-year term in 2018-19 after serving as first vice president during this past academic year.

He becomes the second HBCU alum and second African-American president in the history of the organization. Knox is the third ethnic minority to serve in the CoSIDA presidency, following **Bob Smith** (Rutgers, 1987-88) and **Joe Hernandez** (Ball State, 2005-06). He becomes the first African-American president of CoSIDA since 1987.

Smith is also an alum of Lincoln (Pa.). He and Knox are also members of Lincoln's Athletics Hall of Fame.

A native of Chester, Pennsylvania, Knox was inducted into The Lincoln University Athletic Hall of Fame in September 2015.

"It's a tremendous blessing to serve as CoSIDA's president for the 2018-19 academic year. I am standing on the shoulders of giants as I transition into this prestigious role," noted Knox.

"I want to thank Towson for its support of me in this esteemed leadership position. It is a humbling honor to represent our dedicated, talented and wonderful professionals who have a passion for communicating the story of intercollegiate athletics.

"Working with the Board of Directors, the office staff while building off of the foundation established by our illustrious past presidents, we will continue the tremendous work of empowering, educating and advocating for our membership during this challenging evolution in our profession."

Knox graduated from the distinguished NCAA Leadership Institute and completed the NCAA's Effective Facilitation Workshop training program in 2016. He was honored in October 2017 with the Lincoln Alumni Service Award. He also received a community service award from his hometown of Chester in May 2018.

He served as Lincoln's Sports Information Director from 2004-09 helping the program with its transition from Division III to Division II by assisting campus administrators with preparing information packets.

Prior to his tenure at Lincoln, Knox spent five years as a sportswriter for Delaware County Daily Times.

Before arriving at Towson, Knox worked at nearby Coppin State and for ESPN in Bristol, Connecticut as a Statistics Manager in the Statistics & Analysis department for two years.

As a student, Knox earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in journalism and was the public address announcer of the Lincoln men's and women's basketball teams where he earned the name, "the voice of Lincoln."

He also had a weekly sports show on Lincoln's student radio station, WLIU. Knox was also a tour guide, student leader and a resident advisor.

# Jones new Texas Southern hoops coach

HOUSTON - Texas Southern has hired another high profile basketball coach to continue its dominance in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

The school announced last Wednesday that **Johnny Jones**, the former head coach at LSU of the Southeastern Conference (SEC), will be the man to replace **Mike Davis** who departed TSU after six years to become the new head coach at Detroit Mercy.

Davis, who led the Tigers to four regular season, SWAC Tournament titles and NCAA Tournament berths in six years, had been the head coach at Indiana of the Big Ten, replacing coaching legend Bobby Knight, before becoming head coach at Alabama-Birmingham.

Administrators at TSU hope Jones can be just as successful.

Prior to arriving at Texas Southern, Jones served as associate head coach at the University of Nevada after a five-year stint at LSU where he compiled a 90-72 record.

LSU hired Jones after a successful 11-year run at North Texas where he took the Mean Green



Texas Southern Sports Photo

**INTO THE FIRE:** Former LSU head coach Johnny Jones was announced last Wednesday as the new head basketball coach at Texas Southern, replacing successful former TSU head coach Mike Davis who left to take over at Detroit Mercy. Jones is a 17-year coaching veteran with a 295-234 record as a head coach.

to two NCAA tournaments while compiling a 190-146 overall record.

In his lone year at Nevada, Jones helped guide the program to a Sweet Sixteen appearance in the 2018 NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament.

"I can't tell you how excited I am to be here today and be the 15th

head basketball coach at Texas Southern University," said Jones in his opening remarks.

He went on to speak about the challenges that come with the success TSU has had and how TSU Athletics Director **Dr. Charles McClelland** and President **Dr. Austin Lane** impressed that upon

him.

"Those guys really grilled me and acted like they had never seen my resume when we had an opportunity to sit down and talk," Jones said.

"But I think because of the seriousness of this program and what they were looking for going forward, they wanted to make sure I understood that.

And I think I was able to articulate that I had a great understanding of what this program is about."

During a 17 year career in which he has amassed a 295-234 overall mark, Jones also spent one year as interim head coach at Memphis where his team went 15-16 prior to him taking the head coaching job at North Texas.

Jones played at LSU from 1980-84 and was an assistant coach under Dale Brown for a total of 13 seasons.

His 90 victories at the university was the most of any coach at LSU in their first five years and he concluded his career there as the fourth-winningest coach in the programs' storied history.

## BCSP Notes

### HBCU stars on 2018 NBA Summer League teams

Look for four former outstanding HBCU hoopsters on NBA summer league teams as play begins this week.

**Zach Lofton**, the 2017 SWAC Player of the Year at **Texas Southern**, former **Morgan State** standouts **Tiwan Kendley** and **Phillip Carr** and **Morehouse** 2018 SIAC Player of the year **Tyrius Walker** have impressed NBA brass enough in tryouts to earn summer league roster spots.

Lofton, who played at five college programs before finishing his career this season at New Mexico State, signed with the Detroit Pistons after not being selected in last week's NBA Draft.

He played at San Jacinto Junior College before playing at Illinois State. He had a short stint at Minnesota but did not play there before playing his final two seasons at TSU and New Mexico State.

He was a double-figure scorer at each stop, averaging 16.7 points in the 2016-17 season playing for **Mike Davis** at TSU while earning the league's player of the year award. In his final year of college eligibility, he averaged a career-best 20.0 points at NMSU. The 6-4, 180-pound combo guard shot 45.6% from the field and 38% (87 of 229) on 3-pointers this season.

Kendley, a 6-5 shooting guard, and Carr, a 6-7 forward, formed a dynamic duo for head coach **Todd Bozeman** and both put together very nice careers. They were both scouted at the MEAC Tournament by Washington Wizards' executive Ed Tapscott and both were invited to tryout for the Wizards.

Kendley is on the Wizards' summer league roster while Carr appears on the roster of the Philadelphia 76ers.

Kendley, who missed the first ten games of the 2017-18 season, finished the year averaging 26.1 points per game. That figure would have been tops in the MEAC and second in the nation to Oklahoma's Trae Young had Kendley played in the requisite number of games.

In his two years with the Bears, Kendley became the fastest Morgan State player to reach 1,000 career points in MSU's Division I history, finishing with 1,032 points in just 44 career games. Kendley reached double figures in all 44 games at Morgan State, including 20-plus in 30 games and reached 30 points or more seven times.

An All-MEAC first team selection during his senior campaign and preseason player of the year pick, Carr became one of only seven players in Morgan State history to score over 1,000 points and grab over 700 rebounds. He became the 19th member of MSU's 1,000-point club, scoring 1,165 points in 87 games and ranks sixth on the school's charts with 741 career rebounds, totals that he accumulated in just three seasons.

Walker, who finished his career at Morehouse this season leading the Maroon Tigers to a 25-3 record, signed a contract to play on the New York Knicks' summer league team. The squad opens play July 7 when they take on the Atlanta Hawks.

Walker recently had a tryout with the Knicks, where former Morehouse basketball great **Harold Ellis** is the director of player personnel, and is on the summer league roster.

Walker finished his Morehouse career with a slew of awards, including being named the



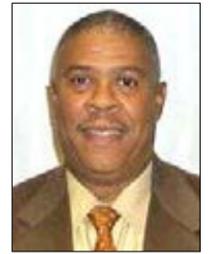
Kendley



Carr



Stewart



Greenwood

Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's Player of the Year, NABC All American, Division II All-South Region team, and All-District first team.

Walker led the SIAC in scoring (22.8 points per game) and steals, and was ranked in the Top 10 in 3-point shooting, free throw percentage, assists, and assist-to-turnover ratio.

### Holloman named interim AD at Fort Valley State

FORT VALLEY, GA — **Anthony Holloman**, **Fort Valley State University** vice president for advancement, will assume the additional role of interim athletics director effective immediately.

Holloman succeeds **Dr. Darryl Pope**, who had served as AD since August, 2016.

In this role, Holloman will focus on growing financial support for athletics programs while continuing to increase operational effectiveness in the division. He will also implement additional focus on student services.

Holloman is uniquely qualified for the dual role, having served as athletics director at **Tuskegee University** in addition to senior advancement positions at a variety of colleges including **Tuskegee**, **Jackson State University**, **Stillman College**, **South Carolina State University**, **Tennessee State University**, **North Carolina A&T State University**, **Johnson C. Smith University**, and **Wiley College**. Holloman has a master's degree in sports administration and previously coached teams in track, football, and basketball. Under his leadership, fundraising for the university has increased by more than sixty percent.

### CIAA gets new basketball officials coordinators

Charlotte, NC – The **Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association** (CIAA) has named **Taiqua Stewart** and **Reggie Greenwood** as Coordinators of Basketball Officials for the conference.

Stewart assumes the Women's Basketball Coordinator of Officials position with over 20 years of officiating experience while Greenwood brings over 37 years of experience officiating and supervising as Men's Basketball Coordinator of Officials.

"The CIAA is honored and fortunate to have Ms. Stewart and Mr. Greenwood back home to build on the legacy and foundation of Mr. **James T. Burch**," said CIAA Commissioner **Jacqie McWilliams**. "We have secured two individuals who are highly respected nationally, regionally and locally in the basketball officiating community. We look forward to the passion they bring to recruit, train, and retain some of the best officials in the country and the CIAA."

Stewart is a former NCAA Division I, II, and III official, having called games in nearly a dozen conferences including the CIAA, Big South Conference, **Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference** (MEAC), and Atlantic Coast Conference (ACC).

In 2006, she was selected to officiate the NCAA Division II Elite Eight, Final Four, and National Championship Games. Most recently, Stewart has served as the Coordinator of Women's Basketball Officials for the MEAC and as a NCAA Regional Evaluator.

Greenwood began his officiating career in 1981 and is no stranger to the CIAA, having worked 15 CIAA Basketball Tournaments from 1994-2009. In 2011, he was inducted in to the CIAA Basketball Officials Hall of Fame. Greenwood has spent 20 years officiating at the Division I level including working the NCAA Tournament for 12 years. His background includes over 30-years of on-court officiating experience.

In 2009, Greenwood was named the Supervisor of Officials for the Ivy League and the Patriot League and deals with more than 120 basketball officials between the two leagues. From 2011-2014, he also served as the Supervisor of Officials for the Atlantic Ten Conference.

### Facility upgrades at three HBCU stadiums

**Florida A&M University** (FAMU), **Norfolk State University** (NSU) and **Clark Atlanta University** (CAU) have announced facility upgrades entering the 2018-19 athletics season.

FAMU has announced that it is installing AstroTurf in Bragg Memorial Stadium in time for the September 1 home opener against **Fort Valley State**.

Fellow MEAC member Norfolk State has announced that contractor R.A.D. Sports will install a new top-of-the-line artificial turf field at William "Dick" Price Stadium for the 2018 football season.

The current scoreboard at the CAU Panther Stadium will be coming down and a new, state-of-the-art video board will be erected in its place. The LED video screen is 27 x 42 feet with a versatile display that can be configured as a scoreboard or as a complete video board.

At FAMU, the turf being installed in Bragg Stadium is the same that is currently installed at Boston College, Oklahoma State and Camping World Stadium in Orlando, to name a few venues.

In addition to the new turf surface at NSU, a new drainage system for the stadium will be put in place during construction. Electrical and data conduits will also be placed underneath the field. Spike Zone Pro 1.75" with Envirofill infill, a hybrid turf product from Shaw Sports Turf, will be installed during construction.

The video board is just one of the more than 30 facility improvements across the CAU athletics landscape. L.S. Epps Gymnasium has a new floor, bleachers, new, weight room, team room and locker rooms.

Coming up will be the resurfacing of the track surrounding the CAU Panther Stadium football field; upgrades to the adjacent Lady Panthers softball field; enhancements of the football locker room, along with a new weight room. New brick and iron fencing around the stadium is also scheduled, as is a new entry way design for the stadium.