

We are EXCELLENCE



(AUSTIN, TX) - Huston-Tillotson students are the #GeniusGeneration and the next generation of great leaders and thinkers produced by HT. Christian Broussard and Michela Walker are no exception. The 2021-22 Mr. HT and Miss HT are paving the way, showing their fellow students what is possible with hard work and a dream at Huston-Tillotson University.

Our students embody excellence from the moment they step onto our 23-acre campus and matriculate toward graduation. You can make a difference in students' lives like Christian and Michela by contributing to the University's Annual Fund, further empowering future dreams.

About Mr. HT Christian Broussard

As Mr. HT, Christian represents Huston-Tillotson University Excellence – literally and figuratively. A senior and criminal justice major from Houston, TX, Christian serves as the official school host and repre-

sents the student body at various activities. A member of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and past president of the Campus Activities Board, Christian has been an active part of the campus fabric at Huston-Tillotson since his first year on campus.

In his own words, Christian went from a boy to a man at HT, meeting many among the campus community who helped him along this journey. Now, in the final stages of his undergraduate matriculation, Christian will be equipped with his bachelor's degree, prepared to continue on the path towards becoming an attorney.

About Miss HT Michela Walker

The Seattle, Washington native has embraced Huston-Tillotson University as her home from day one. During her time at the University, Michela has been Miss Freshman, Miss Sophomore, and Miss Junior and has served as a University Ambassador. She is also active in

the community as a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The 69th Miss HT embodies excellence in everything she does. As a graduating business management major and aspiring road and productions manager, she has used her outgoing personality to serve HT throughout her time in Central Texas.

"HT excellence means to me the ability to produce the world's next leaders, CEO's and change agents," Michela said. "It means the product of our labor is producing greatness which will be recognized because of how prepared we are for the future."

Investing in HT means investing in outstanding students like Christian and Michela. Your contributions to the Huston-Tillotson Annual Fund ensures we continue cultivating leaders to be the world's next generation of change agents. You are Investing In Excellence!

Give today and change the life of a student!

PATTI LABELLE TO PLAY AUSTIN FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2017



Patti LaBelle

(AUSTIN, TX) – Grammy Hall of Famer, acclaimed actress, and R&B icon **Patti LaBelle** returns for her first performance in Austin in five years with her show at Bass Concert Hall on Monday, February 14, 2022. Presented by **Texas Performing Arts** as part of their Texas Welcomes Series, tickets for the one-night-only performance go on sale to the general public on Friday, November 19 at 10 a.m. Texas Inner Circle members can access presale tickets beginning Tuesday, November 16 at 10 a.m. For more information, visit texasperformingarts.org.

Patti LaBelle is a Grammy Award-winning icon whose dynamic career has spanned seven decades. Known as a dramatic soprano recognized for her vocal power, range, and emotive delivery, the 'Godmother of Soul' has sold more than 50 million

records worldwide, been inducted into the Grammy, Hollywood, and Apollo Theater Walks of Fame. She was included in Rolling Stone's list of 100 Greatest Singers. As an acclaimed actress, Patti has been featured in popular films and television programs including *A Soldier's Story*, *A Different World*, *American Horror Story*, *Empire*, *Star* and *The Kominsky Method*, and starred in her own TV series, *Out All Night*. She's also wowed television audiences with unforgettable performances on the hit shows, *Dancing with the Stars* and *The Masked Singer* and starred in Broadway productions of *Your Arms are Too Short to Box with God*, and *After Midnight*. In 2007, she introduced Patti's Good Life, a successful food and lifestyle brand that offers a variety of frozen comfort foods, breakfast

items, and desserts. In 2017 Patti launched a record label, GPE Records, and released her first jazz album, *Bel Hommage*.

Texas Performing Arts is the performing arts presenting program of The University of Texas at Austin and operates campus venues including Bass Concert Hall and McCullough Theatre. It is the home of the Broadway in Austin series, a curated program of performing arts, and a host of comedy and concert events. In the calendar year 2019 Bass Concert Hall had the highest number of tickets sold of any theater in Austin, was #2 in the State of Texas, and #22 in the world, according to industry publication Pollstar. Following a national search, Tony Award-winning producer Bob Bursey was appointed Executive and Artistic Director in January of 2020.

Support for Black Lives Matter declining, poll finds

by Brenda Alexander | THE GRIO

A new poll shows that the Black Lives Matter Movement is not getting the support it once did. NBC News reports that a national poll conducted by Civiqs revealed that, while 43% of participants are in support of the movement, 44% are in opposition and 11% are indifferent. The survey tracked participants' stance on the movement from April 2017 to Nov. 2021.

Results from the poll reveal that support of BLM peaked in June 2020 at 52% — just one month after Floyd's murder — when 82% of the respondents in support of the movement were Black. More than half of the respondents in opposition were white.

Since then, public opposition has risen. It

appears opposition began following the shooting of Jacob Blake in Kenosha, Wis., in August 2020. There's been even more of a decline since the April 2021 conviction of Derek Chauvin for Floyd's murder.

Vida Robertson, director of the Center for Critical Race Studies at the University of Houston-Downtown, said the results are a reflection of where Black and white America stands on issues of race. She also links the poll's findings to the historical reactions during the Harlem Renaissance, as well as the civil rights and Black Power movements.

"These polls are quite representative of America's approach," Robertson said. "There's no historical evidence whatsoever that America

has ever been interested in Black liberation and building an equitable society. We are simply coming to grips with our romantic ideals that are running up against our political realities. And the fact stands that America has constantly, and will constantly struggle with the liberation of Black bodies, because we are endemically a racist society."

Black Lives Matter was founded in 2013 after George Zimmerman was acquitted in the shooting death of Trayvon Martin. The organization's co-founder, Alicia Garza, told NBCBLK in a Dec. 2020 interview that the organization is now changing its focus to more structural reforms, including driving voter registration in Black and brown communities.



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