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In this sin-sick society, many are saying that Black Colleges are irreverent and Financial Aid is a waste of taxpayer's money. The TSU Community Awareness Program (CAP), under the leadership of Eva Pickens, Associate Vice President of Communications, has created a "Do the Math" campaign for scholarships and student services. Georgia Provost is asking alumni, former students, friends, and supporters of Texas Southern University to donate only 10.00 dollars per month. If 10,000 would donate for a solid year, it would raise over 1,000,000. She has taken those figures a bit further; calculating what would happen if 50,000 friends, graduates and former students did the same thing- 10.00 every month for a solid year, Hmmmmm.

"That," she says, "can send a lot of students to college". When we looked at the \$6,000,000 figure, it was enough to convince this 1978 graduate of TSU's School of Technology to spring into action.

One may not always believe in Georgia's method of doing things, but you must admit, she has an unwavering love for her alma mater and a knack for getting things done. People in the community affectionately call her "Miss TSU", and have for years. She is a common-sense speaker and recently was the keynote speaker for the City of Houston Health and Human Services, and also for Atherton Elementary. Her message is always that "TSU is in the community. I don't care if you graduated from TSU or not. It is our University, in our community, educating our sons and daughters, and we should all support it." She distributed her post card-type pledge cards and everyone gladly accepted one and completed the forms to pledge their support to her new initiative.

If there is a legend in Houston, TX it is Georgia Provost. Provost, a proud graduate of Texas Southern University, is a community activist who has participated in the cultural, educational, humanitarian, political and religious/spiritual sectors of Houston life for many years, and this year she is celebrating a fifty-four year love affair with TSU. She can often be seen with Alan

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Helfman of River Oaks Chrysler, Jeep, Dodge and Ram raising funds for youth and charitable organizations.

With her unwavering support for her beloved alma mater she truly believes that she can raise more. “It is my deepest belief that if we reach out to our community we can help students.” When you see me coming, you know what to do,” she laughs.

This is the season for giving to Houston’s only HBCU, Texas Southern University. We have the greatest visionary president in the nation, Dr. John M. Rudley, a beautiful smart first lady, Dr. Docia Rudley, the best Board of Regents in Texas, Administration is tops, Faculty/Staff is remarkable and the over 11,000 students are studying hard to graduate in four years.

Proceeds will benefit Texas Southern University’s scholarship fund, student support services and mentoring, as well as colleges and schools. To give to this initiative, individuals, graduates, parents, <http://dothemath.eventbrite.com> or mail to: TSU CAP, P.O. Box 88214, Houston, Texas 77288. For additional information contact TSU Office of Communications and Community Relations at (713) 313-7931 or Georgia Provost at (281) 704-6655.