

April 21, 2025

THE HBCU AI CONFERENCE AND TRAINING SUMMIT

Congratulations to our very own Joy Itodo and Ayo Isinkaye for winning the **HBCU C2 App Design Challenge at the HBCU AI Conference and Training Summit**. Also, congratulations to the over 15 international students who participated in the HBCU C2 App Design Challenge.

The 3-day HBCU AI Conference and Training Summit was hosted by Huston-Tillotson University on April 1-3, 2025. It is a groundbreaking event which was designed to shape the future of Artificial Intelligence (AI) by fostering inclusivity, innovation, and opportunity. **The summit was dedicated to uplifting Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)** and ensuring their full participation in the AI revolution.



SPRING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT 'GET-TOGETHER'

Thanks to all our international students who attended the 'get together' on Saturday, April 12, 2025, at the HT Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation (CEI). It was a great opportunity for students from different parts of the world to meet each other over food, music, and dance. Dressed in their beautiful traditional outfits, 80-85 international students attended this event.

Sponsored by the Office of International Programs (OIP), the event was organized by the three HT international student organizations: the African Student Association (ASA), the Caribbean Student Association (CSA), and the South Asian Student Association (SASA).

In addition to promoting international friendship, this spring outing provided students with an opportunity to create beautiful memories of their time at HT. There will be more such events in the future.



AFRICAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION ELECTION RESULTS

The three HT international student organizations are required to hold general elections in the spring term of every academic year to select the office holders for the next academic year.

The African Student Association (ASA) had its general election on Sunday, April 13, 2025. There were 38 out of 60 African students who participated in this event. The 2025-2026 ASA officers are



President: Qudus Ganiyu

1. **President:** Qudus Ganiyu
2. **Vice President:** Christian Kisukulu
3. **Secretary:** Elizabeth Dada
4. **Treasurer (2):** Joy Itodo and Ayomide Isinkaye
5. **Public Officer (2):** Fahad Ojediran and Aichat Musfaou
6. **Policy Officer:** Iman Raji

Congratulations to the winners. We extend our gratitude to all candidates and voters for their participation in this democratic process. I encourage you to work with this leadership team to leverage your strength in numbers so that you will gain access to opportunities on and off campus.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

One of the requirements for international students to maintain F-1 status is to make normal progress toward completing their degree programs by the program's end date. It is important for students to understand how their satisfactory academic progress will impact their immigration status.

Probation

Students are reviewed for academic probation at the end of each semester. Students will be placed on academic probation if at the end of their first year his/her cumulative GPA is not 2.00. Students who fall below this standard will receive probation letters from the provost. A transfer student's GPA is not included in the evaluation of satisfactory academic progress at HT.

Students will remain on academic probation as long as their semester GPA is 2.00 or higher and cumulative GPA is less than 2.00. Students will be considered in good standing when their cumulative GPA is 2.00 or higher.

Academic probation does not impact a student's F-1 status. However, if an academic probation leads to a suspension or dismissal, then that will impact a student's immigration status.

Suspension

If students who are on academic probation do not earn both a 2.00 semester and cumulative GPA, then they will be placed on academic suspension.

Academic suspension is an enforced, temporary leave from the university. Students on suspension are not able to register for classes, therefore, cannot maintain F-1 status. OIP is required to report the suspension in SEVIS. Students are advised to depart the U.S. immediately upon being suspended.