



TEXAS COLLEGE

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TEXAS COLLEGE WINNER OF HOME DEPOT'S "RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL" GRANT PROGRAM BEGINS PHASE 1

Tyler, Texas – Home Depot®, the world's largest home improvement retailer, announced the 2012 winners of its popular **RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL Campus Improvement Grant Program**. Tyler's own, **TEXAS COLLEGE** garnered one of the \$10,000 Tier Two coveted awards. On Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 8:00 a.m., Texas College will start the first phase of this process. Overall Texas College will create ADA accessibility to one of the resident halls along with adding a water fountain for use by students and the general public. A major emphasis of the project is adding to the campus aesthetics with horticulture for the purposes of assisting with the recruitment and retention of students.

Now in its third year, this initiative was designed to specifically reinvigorate Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). More than 60 HBCUs competed for grants totaling \$185,000 for sustainable on-campus improvements. Home Depot is proud of its Retool Your School grant program, now entering its third year. Home Depot is excited by the success and growth of this dynamic initiative. To date, 22 schools have received \$300,000 in grants from the company; with the goal of issuing grants for projects that have a lasting impact. This unique competition extends to alumni, family and friends, as well as students to vote for their favorite HBCU. It rallies the community together to make a sustainable difference.

Online voting for the 2012 program took place from February 14-April 10, 2012. This year, the RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL program received an outpouring of support from HBCU alumni, family, friends and the community, who all joined together to show their school pride and spirit as they voted for their favorite HBCU and projects to make an impact for generations to come. "The RETOOL YOUR SCHOOL program continues to grow each year. Receiving more than 1.75 million votes this year, the HBCU community really galvanized their students, alumni and social networks to encourage their supporters to vote," states Melissa Brown, manager, Multicultural Marketing, The Home Depot. As the competition continues to gain momentum, schools have really worked hard to submit proposals for projects that can be done within the budget parameters, while also enhancing their campuses for generations to come.

About Texas College (TC)

Texas College is a historical black college founded in 1894, by a group of CME ministers. Our mission, who continues to embody the principles of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, is to ensure that the student body experiences balanced, intellectual, psychological, social and spiritual development, aimed at enabling them to become active productive members of society where they live and work. (Mission Recast and approved by the Board of Trustees at the Annual Meeting, April 15, 2011). The College pursues this mission through the core values of academic excellence; integrity; perseverance; social responsibility; tolerance; and community service. Texas College is led by its 23rd President Dr. Dwight Fennell. To learn more about Texas College log on to www.texascollege.edu.

About Home Depot®

The Home Depot is the world's largest home improvement specialty retailer, with 2,253 retail stores in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam, 110 Canadian provinces, Mexico and China. In fiscal 2011, Home Depot had sales of \$70.4 billion and earnings of \$3.9 billion. The Company employs more than 300,000 associates. The Home Depot's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: HD) and is included in the Dow Jones industrial average and Standard & Poor's 500 index.

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