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**News**

## **Highly Anticipated African American History Museum Begins Its Mission**

by Reginald Stuart

WASHINGTON — Higher education gets a big boost this week as thousands of people from across the nation are expected to gather here to celebrate the opening, see and tour the Smithsonian Institution's new and massive National Museum of African American History and Culture.

The opening marks the successful conclusion of a Black history idea that's been championed in different ways and the cause of generations across color, ethnic and income groups for more than 100 years.



With its construction finally approved in 2003 by Congress and signed into law in by then President George Bush, the half-billion dollar, eight floor museum is expected to get its final official blessings this Saturday at an opening

program where President Obama is to speak of the symbolic and substantive meaning of the museum to the entire nation.

**Read more here:** <http://diverseeducation.com/article/87166/>

Tulsa County District Attorney Steve Kunzweiler announced Tulsa Police Officer Betty Shelby will be charged with first-degree manslaughter in the shooting death of Terence Crutcher at a Thursday afternoon presser, ABC News reports.

On September 16, Terence Crutcher, 40, was fatally shot and killed in Tulsa, Oklahoma, after police responded to reports of a stalled vehicle.

As two separate investigations continue, led by the Justice Department and the Tulsa County District Attorney's office, more details emerge regarding Crutcher and Betty Shelby, the officer who fatally shot Crutcher in the middle of the road as he walked with his hands up towards his SUV.

Shelby's account says that Crutcher was combative and erratic, prompting her to call for back up. Another squad car arrived on the scene, capturing the encounter on dash cam video. According to Shelby's account, she believed Crutcher was under the influence of PCP. A second video taken by a police helicopter was also released. Shelby's husband, Officer Dave Shelby, was one of the officers in the police helicopter, according to The New York Times.

**Read more here:** <http://newsone.com/3543449/tulsa-officer-betty-shelby-charged-with-first-degree-manslaughter/>

## **Why Must College Athletes Face Rules Double Jeopardy?**

September 22, 2016

by Robin L. Hughes

In my work as a professor I have become acutely aware of a variety of rules that govern athletes and sports for the sake of protecting young folks. I have also taken note that few governing organizations or policies manage other student participant extracurricular activities. There are no separate rules, manuals, guidelines, or organizations that serve to organize, manage, or discipline students who participate as gifted dancers, singers, actors, instrument players [bands], or other types of artists.

When was the last time that you heard about an actress or singer who was fined for misbehaving? On the other hand, athletes who participate in schools p-20 are held accountable by two sets of standards: by the school as an organization and the athletic program. While administrators may consider such a system necessary to protect students who are gifted athletically, that same system — a “dual” governance structure does not exist for other extracurricular activities.

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## Local Events

- 5th Annual African American Leadership Conference

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**Soledad O'Brien**  
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- **Keynote Speaker: Soledad O'Brien**
- Soledad O'Brien is an award-winning journalist, speaker, author and philanthropist, and CEO of the Starfish Media Group, a multi-platform media production company dedicated to telling empowering and authentic stories on range of social issues.
- O'Brien's work appears regularly on HBO "Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel" and the PBS NewsHour. Through SMG, she has produced documentaries for CNN and Al Jazeera America.

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- **Keynote Speaker: Randal Pinkett**

- Dr. Randal Pinkett has established himself as an entrepreneur, speaker, author, scholar and community servant. He is the co-founder, chairman and CEO of BCT Partners, a multimillion dollar firm based in Newark, NJ. BCT Partners works with corporations, government agencies and nonprofit organizations in the areas of housing and community development, economic development, human services, government, health care and education.

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- **Keynote Speaker: Pamela C.V. Jolly**

- Pamela C.V. Jolly, Founder and CEO of Torch Enterprises Inc, brings more than 18 years of proven leadership and strategic management expertise; her primary focus is legacy wealth creation that passes on for generations.

- Since 2004, Torch has assisted over 1000 entrepreneurs and remains committed to raising capital and awareness for women and minorities desiring to build wealth via ownership. Pamela Jolly helps minority entrepreneurs, and organizations succeed. Pamela co-authored the strategic assessment for the rebuilding of the Greater New Orleans area post Katrina, she also underwrote over \$200 Million in support for municipalities rebuilding efforts in Mississippi.

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- - **Keynote Speaker: Simon T. Bailey**
  - Simon T. Bailey is the leader of the brilliance movement and one of America's top ten most booked corporate and association speakers according to The Speakers Experts. Speaker magazine cited him as one of the top twenty-five "hot speakers" shaping the profession and he was recently inducted into the prestigious National Speakers Association Hall of Fame whose honorary members include former Secretary of State General Colin Powell and President Ronald Reagan. [Read More »](#)
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