



**MEDIA ADVISORY: NASHVILLE METRO AT-LARGE COUNCIL MEMBER ERICA GILMORE, STATE REPRESENTATIVE BRENDA GILMORE AND DR. LAKISHA SIMMONS ANNOUNCE NASHVILLE PERIOD PROJECT CHALLENGE CAMPAIGN LAUNCH**

**AUGUST 27, 2018 - NASHVILLE, TN** -On Thursday, August 30, Nashville At-Large Council Member Erica Gilmore, State Representative Brenda Gilmore, and Dr. Lakisha Simmons will convene elected officials, community stakeholders, partners and allied organizations on the campus of the historic Tennessee State University to announce the *Nashville Period Project Challenge Campaign* launch. The impact goal of the campaign is to stock packages of period products at Metro Nashville Public Schools to help keep girls in school during their period (facilitated through the Community Achieves office of MNPS). The project will also distribute products to Siloam Health, which serves Nashville's most medically vulnerable, who come from 80 homelands and speak over 70 languages.

**WHAT:**

*Nashville Period Project Challenge Campaign Launch*

**WHEN:**

Thursday, August 30, 2018, 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM

**WHERE:**

The Robert N. Murrell Forum located in the Otis L. Floyd - James A. Payne Campus Center on the campus of Tennessee State University

**WHO:**

Honorable Erica Gilmore  
Nashville Metro At-Large Council Member

Honorable Brenda Gilmore  
Tennessee General Assembly State House

Dr. Lakisha Simmons  
*Nashville Period Project*, a service program of The Achiever Academy nonprofit

Ms. Seanne Wilson  
Tennessee State University, Director of Women's Center

**About Erica Gilmore**

Erica Gilmore serves as the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County At-Large Council Member, representing the entire city of Nashville with some 680,000 constituents. Erica is the Chair of the Metropolitan Council of Health, Hospitals, and Social Services Committee. She is focused on strengthening Nashville's hard-working families.

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**About Brenda Gilmore**

State Representative Brenda Gilmore has been serving the Nashville community for more than 20 years. As a strong voice for North Nashville on the city council and as an experienced and progressive leader in the Tennessee General Assembly State House, Brenda Gilmore is one of Tennessee's most trusted and dedicated leaders.

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**About Lakisha Simmons**

Dr. Lakisha Simmons is an expert in business intelligence and analytics. She's the founder of Homework Suite App for students, 6 Sigma Black Belt (Caterpillar, Inc), and Associate Professor of Information Systems at Belmont University with over 40 peer-reviewed scholarly works. Her passion lies in equipping and empowering girls to overcome obstacles and achieve academic success.

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**About Tennessee State University**

Founded in 1912, TSU is a comprehensive, urban, co-educational, land-grant institution in Nashville, Tennessee. Tennessee State University offers 38 bachelor's degree programs and 24 master's degree programs and awards doctoral degrees in biological sciences, computer information systems engineering, psychology, public administration, curriculum and instruction, educational administration and supervision, and physical therapy. In entirety, Tennessee State University comprises eight colleges and schools. Since 2013, Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover has served as president of the University.

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