Midnight Star was formed in 1976 at Kentucky State University by the Calloway brothers (trumpeter Reginald, and trombone player Vincent), with vocalist Belinda Lipscomb. Their first album, The Beginning, was released in 1980. In 1982, they released a second album, Victory, with guitarist Melvin Gentry, bassist Kenneth Gant, drummer Bobby Lovelace, multi-instrumentalist Bill Simmons and keyboard player Bo Watson. Throughout the 1980s, they released many top hits before disbanding. After a 13-year hiatus, Midnight Star reunited in the late 1990s. They perform for audiences throughout the world.

Stephanie Sallie has opened for many major performers, including The Ohio Players, Maze & Frankie Beverly, and R&B singers Tank, Avant, and Case. AHYONZ featuring Kenya C. performed for the HollyRod Foundation’s Annual Benefit Auction during the 2011 Super Bowl Weekend, the Soul Unlimited Concert at the Scott Theater in Fort Worth, TX., and various annual conventions.

The Presidential Scholarship Fundraiser is one of many events held in conjunction with Talladega’s 101st Alumni Weekend Celebration. For information on Alumni Weekend, visit www.talladega.edu or call Institutional Advancement at 256-761-8832.

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The oldest private Historically Black College in Alabama, Talladega College was founded in 1867 by two former slaves, William Savery and Thomas Tarrant. Talladega College is the home of the renowned Hale Woodruff Amistad Murals, which received rave reviews from The New York Times during a three-year, eight-museum tour.