



WLBT TV-3 anchor Maggie Wade moderates forum. PHOTO BY BILL CHNADLER

Local families fear separation by ICE

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A mother is arrested by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents because she doesn't have proper documentation to be in the United States. Her 3-month-old baby is left behind

and placed in foster care.

There are many similar stories of children being separated from their foreign-born parents. The children are American citizens but their parents, for whatever reason – financial or otherwise – are still working to attain U.S. cit-

izenship. Most are from Mexico.

Maria Lopez invited six families to a forum at Fondren Church Tuesday evening to discuss the impact that deportation of undocumented immigrants has on children. "Only one family had the courage to show up," said Lo-

pez, a community advocate who works with Mexican immigrants trying to navigate the complex system of gaining citizenship in this country. "The others said

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NISSAN expands its commitment to Mississippi's HBCUs

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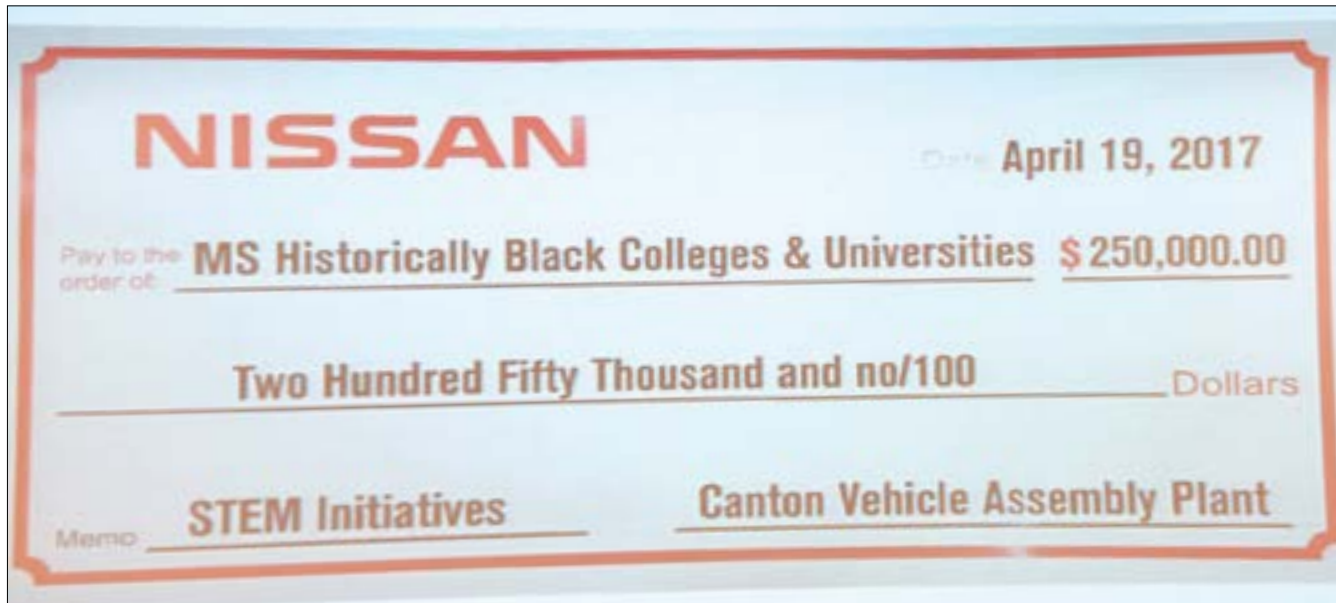
Since 2003 Nissan has invested more than \$1M to area black colleges and universities (HBCUs) in Mississippi. Wednesday, that figure increased by \$250,000 with a check presentation to seven schools.

For the third year in a row, Nissan has made this investment to promote science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) initiatives at each school to inspire and develop talent. "We are preparing the workforce for the future," said Steve March, vice president of Manufacturing at Nissan Canton Vehicle Assembly Plant. "Thanks to the cooperation we have with these colleges, we can continue to grow future engineers and scientists who come and work in this facility and other industries...so its a pretty big day for us."

At Nissan's Canton Assembly Plant, Nissan executives presented donations to representatives from Alcorn State University, Coahoma Community College, Jackson State University, Mississippi Valley State University, Rust College, Tougaloo College and first time awardee Hinds Community College-Utica Campus.

"We have recognized for three years Nissan's investment in STEM fields at these schools...we are doing some amazing things on our campus in these areas as well," said an excited Debra Mays Jackson, vice president for the Utica and Vicksburg-Warren campuses of Hinds Community College. "We are honored to be a first time awardee and look forward to a continued relationship."

"Nissan recognizes that STEM education is critical to developing the next generation of innovators,"



Presidents and other leaders of Mississippi HBCUs receive \$250,000 donation from NISSAN officials in Canton. PHOTOS BY KEVIN BRADLEY

said Jeffrey Webster, director of Diversity and Inclusion, Nissan North America. "We are proud to continue our commitment to Mississippi's HB-

CU with another \$250,000 grant this year."

Resources provided to each institution will be used to promote a range

of STEM-related programs and departments, including applied sciences, engineering, math, computer and information science and many more.

The many lawsuits and sins of Wells Fargo Bank

Part 2



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During the last ten years, a reported 109 lawsuits have been filed against Wells Fargo Bank covering 43 subject areas.

Some of these are:

Breach of Contract, Breach of Fiduciary Duty, Breach of Good Faith, Collusion to illegally set ATM Rates, Conspiracy, Discrimination against Minorities, Employee Unpaid Overtime, Excessive ATM Fees, Excessive Overdraft Fees, False Certification Falsified Documents, Hidden Illegal Fees, Improper Investment Advice, Inflated Insurance to Pay for Kickbacks, Insurance Overcharges; Loan Modification Denials; Mortgage Origination Fraud, Predatory Lending Practices, Property Conversion, Racial Discrimination; Recording False Affidavits; Robosigning, Securities Fraud; Selling Properties they did not own, Unlawful Termination

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Sexual assault hidden secrets revealed in book 'Married to Sin'

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According to the National Sexual Violence Resource Center, unwanted sexual contact is known as sexual violence. This type of abusive behavior can claim anyone, despite his/her age. It can occur as force, threats, manipulation or coercion. Not only is the person under attack affected, the entire family can feel the devastating blow.

Co-authors Darlene D. Collier and Meredith C. McGee flood the pages of their book 'Married to Sin' with the Mose Dantzer family's hidden secrets of sexual and physical abuse for many years. This trauma narrative confronts the evils and perils of the abusive behaviors and claims healing as a sound dosage of medication and remedy to the bondage in which victims and their loved ones find themselves.

"Darlene Collier discovered this

path of personal healing on her own and by sharing her story she has given the world a wonderful work that has the potential to benefit other victims and enlighten those of us who love them and work with them," said Mississippi Gulf Coast psychotherapist Vickie Barlow.

Collier, a Brandon resident, said during a telephone interview, "I was molested by one of my relatives in Heidelberg, Miss. he is still living there."

Reflecting on childhood encounters, Collier said remorsefully, "I was scared to get off the school bus. He would rub his private part against me."

Collier continued: "All five of my children and my two grand boys became victims of incest. I asked my children not to touch my grand boys. I didn't know what was going on. I told them we all had to work through it. Rape started with my in-

laws. The mother-in-law would let my daughter Renae kiss her and the in-laws had the children rape each other. My husband raped his sisters. I wasn't strong enough to get out of the marriage."

Collier claimed that she remained in her marriage because she feared God. "God eventually freed me when my husband died in 2008," she contended.

Co-author McGee was interviewed in her home. She contends that incest existed in the Dantzer family for three generations on King Cotton Road in rural Brandon, Miss. Collier's children Renae and Junior were molested as early as ages four and five. McGee went on to say that this culture of sexual abuse was so deep that when he was a teen, Junior raped Renae and James.

The sexual abuse was met with consequences. According to McGee, Renae resorted to drug abuse

and became a promiscuous nymphomaniac who willingly engaged in sexual relations with one of her uncles. "Though she no longer uses drugs, Renae has never really healed because she never had the proper help," said McGee.

James and Junior became criminals. James' first act of crime was to steal his mother's car and a yellow school bus. James has been in and out of jail.

"Junior was involved in a love triangle between his wife and a distant relative," said McGee.

Junior has been out of prison since 2011 and has not been in trouble.

McGee indicated that molestation occurred when Collier and her husband were away from home. "But people act out this culture when it's taught to them," she said.

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Meredith Coleman McGee, sits in the comfort of her home holding two copies of the book Married to Sin that she co-authored with Darlene D. Collier, sexual assault victim. The book has English and Spanish translations. PHOTO BY JANICE K. NEAL-VINCENT

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