



JSU supporters plan July 1 press conference

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The Ministerial Alliance, a faith-based group in Jackson, will hold a press conference at 2 p.m. July 1, to show its support for Jackson State University in light of scrutiny the JSU Development Foundation has recently received regarding results of



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a report from 2014. The press conference will be held at New Dimensions International Fellowship of Ministries, located at 110 Alta Woods Blvd. in Jackson. Of the \$25.7 million the foun-

ndation had in 2014, it was determined some expenses were undocumented and some employees made personal purchases using credit cards issued to the foundation. The foundation was reimbursed for all unauthorized purchases made by a few employees, and it also discontinued use of credit cards in 2014.

In addition, David Hoard, former vice president of Institutional Advancement, was terminated. He had made about \$24,000 in unauthorized purchases and returned the funds to the foundation in August 2014. "We just want to let people know the truth," said Sandra Hodge, interim vice president

of Institutional Advancement at Jackson State. "We want to take our message to our constituents who love and care about our university. Our students are our first priority, and we don't want anyone to think that whatever people give to us and trust us with to support the students have been misrepresented."

The JSU Development Foundation is separate from the university and has its own board of directors. Its mission is to inspire donors to invest in Jackson State University's power to transform lives and to better the state, nation and world.

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March Against Fear events inspire, educate



James Meredith walks in the Walk For Good and Right from the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center to the state Capitol, June 26, in Jackson. PHOTO BY SHANDERIA K. POSEY

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Area events commemorating the 1966 March Against Fear last week served as tools of inspiration and education for the hundreds who attended. The activities celebrated James Meredith, the first African American to enroll at the University of Mississippi in 1962, for starting his solo Walk Against Fear from Memphis, Tenn., to Jackson June 5, 1966 to protest white supremacy and to get blacks registered to vote. He was shot the second day of his walk and from there, national and local civil rights activists joined together to continue his efforts with the March Against Fear. The celebrations kicked off in Canton June 23, when a Mississippi Freedom Trail marker was



Panelists for the program at Tougaloo College were Charles McLaurin (from left), Annie Pearl Avery, Dorie Ladner and Dr. Robert Smith. PHOTO BY SHANDERIA K. POSEY

unveiled for the Madison County Movement. The marker notes the work of CORE activists David Dennis, Matheo Suarez and George Raymond, who opened an office in 1963 to register black voters. Other activists such as Annie Devine, C.O. Chinn Sr. and Anne Moody later joined their efforts

staging a boycott and creating Freedom Schools. On June 25, a program at Tougaloo College's Woodworth Chapel, brought together several individuals who took part in the 1966 march. Pamela Junior, manager of the Smith Robertson Museum and Cultural Center, moderated the

program. "Thank you for coming home for this celebration, and you honor Tougaloo College every time you stand on this historic ground," said Tougaloo College President Beverly Hogan. Charles McLaurin, Annie Pearl Avery, Dorie Ladner and Dr. Robert Smith were the panelists. Each panelist shared how they became involved in the march or in the Civil Rights Movement. Avery of Birmingham, Ala., was the only panelist who didn't actually participate in the March Against Fear. She did, however, participate in several marches throughout the South during the Movement. In one of her first attempts to get involved in sit-ins and join Free-

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Student's recipe wins her trip to White House

The Mississippi Link Newswire

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Aniya Madkin's recipe for Kickin' Cauliflower Shrimp and Grits has won her a trip to attend a Kids State Dinner at the White House July 14.

The 10 year old from Clinton submitted the recipe in a nationwide recipe challenge for kids that promotes cooking and healthy eating as part of the First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move! initiative.

"I was inspired to make Kickin' Cauliflower Shrimp and Grits, because a lot of the people in Mississippi love shrimp and grits," says Aniya. "Sadly, some of my fellow Mississippians add pounds of butter and salt to their shrimp and grits. So this is my version of healthy shrimp and grits, dedicated to the state of Mississippi."

Obama, PBS flagship station WGBH Boston, the U.S. Department of Educa-

tion and the U.S. Department of Agriculture announced the winners of the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge June 8. Winners representing all U.S. states, five territories and the District of Columbia will attend a Kids' State Dinner at the White House hosted by Obama. The 56 aspiring young chefs and a parent or guardian will join the First Lady for a healthy lunch, featuring a selection of the winning recipes, followed by a visit to the White House Kitchen Garden.

"For the last five years, kids across the country have cooked up nutritious and delicious dishes as part of the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge, and each year, I continue to be impressed by their talent and creativity," said Obama. "Kids are truly embracing and enjoying healthy eating and preparing healthy meals for their families, and I look forward to meeting this year's winners here at the White House for the Kids' State Dinner and trying some of their tasty creations."

This is the fifth year of the Healthy Lunchtime Challenge and Kids' State Dinner in which 8 to 12-year-olds across the nation were invited to create a healthy, afford-



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AMR paramedics urge safety with fireworks on Fourth

The Mississippi Link Newswire

July 4 fireworks can be fun and beautiful, but they are always dangerous. Fireworks are explosives, not toys. Fireworks send thousands of people to the hospital each year and cause millions of dollars in fire losses.

Paramedics at American Medical Response urge caution with fireworks to prevent disfiguring burns,

loss of eyes and fingers and to avoid property fires. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a professionally-run show.

To drive home the danger of fireworks injuries, AMR paramedics recently used firecrackers bought locally to blow up ripe tomatoes.

Jim Pollard, AMR spokesman, held up a juicy whole tomato and said, "This is your eye," then put it

down and lit a firecracker close to it. The firecracker exploded, ripping the tomato apart. Pollard then pointed to the destroyed tomato and said, "This is your eye on fireworks."

Penalties for using fireworks: Many Mississippi communities have restrictions and penalties on the sale and use of fireworks. The National Fireworks Safety Council warns that certain fireworks are illegal in all 50

states. Those include M-80's, Silver Salutes and Cherry Bombs.

Further, if your fireworks injure or kill someone or start a fire, you could be sued for hundreds of thousands (even millions) of dollars.

Injuries: The United States Fire Administration says more than 11,000 people are injured from fire-

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