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40 years of greatness at JSU as provost, senior V.P. and dean

By Hilliard L. Lackey
JSU

Evelyn J. Leggette, provost and senior vice president of academic and student affairs at Jackson State University, served as a professor of education and also served as dean of undergraduate studies starting in 1990. She helped establish Undergraduate Studies, University College, and the W.E.B. Dubois Honors College, and over the years has filled numerous key leadership roles throughout the university. She served as acting president of Jackson State University between the departure of President Carolyn W. Meyers and the arrival of Interim President Roderick Paige. In her previous capacity as dean of undergraduate studies, she was an excellent source of support and inspiration for generations of students and educators. Her portfolio illuminates her passion in leadership in higher education. As co-principal investigator on the NSF-funded JSU ADVANCE project, designed to support the career advancement of women faculty in STEM at JSU, she spearheaded the successful annual summer writing retreat, coaching faculty participants in writing grant proposals and research articles.

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Black school districts will take another “F” grade under new standards, despite making improvements

By Othor Cain
Editor


“Our [black] children don’t stand a snowball’s chance in hell of succeeding or overcoming odds, if we continue sending the message that no matter how hard you work, your work just isn’t good enough,” said a superintendent in one of Mississippi’s failing school districts that didn’t want to be identified for fear of an unfair audit by MDE for speaking against the recommended changes. Tuesday, the State Commission on School Accreditation voted to recommend new accountability standards to the state board of education. The commission said the standards approved in 2016 needed to be “reset” because of ‘technical flaws in the system.’ Those flaws officials say show only seven “A” rated districts across the state. If the changes to reset the baseline are approved, the data would then show Mississippi has 14 “A” rated school districts.



The problem doesn’t solely rest on those A rated school districts. When you move to the bottom of the grading scale where most of the “urban” or black school districts fall, those districts, although they made improvements or showed growth, they would be adversely affected if the changes to start over [again] are approved. “Districts have been operating according to a set of expectations and now in the middle, we’re looking at setting another set of expectations,” Commissioner Ann Jones said via teleconference. “It is my hope that we are given more time to analyze this information.” Most commission members received the information about the projected changes just a day or two before the meeting. Paula Vanderford, chief of accountability for MDE said that was done by design. “Our goal was to hold the numbers, hold the information so that we could have a clean slate/fresh eyes while looking at preliminary data...everybody wants to see the numbers, we understand that,” Vanderford said. Based on current rating standards, some of the districts that usually ranked in the “A” percentile didn’t make the grade nor meet the requirements to remain A districts, while many of those failing districts showed significant improvement. According to data shown Tuesday, only 12 Mississippi School Districts would be ranked as “F” districts as opposed to 14 districts as of 2016.

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IN MEMORIAM
Luther Buckley
1923-2017



Buckley

Luther Benjamin Buckley was born to the union of Luther and Julia Buckley in Jackson, Miss. March 2, 1923. Although his father, a local businessman, was a native Jacksonian, his mother was from Brookhaven, Miss. He began his early education at St. Mark’s Episcopal School and completed his elementary school education at Smith Robertson Elementary School and his secondary school education at Lanier High School. Upon graduation from Lanier, Buckley enlisted in the United States Army where he served most of his enlistment in the European Theater of Operations with the Third Army. After completing his tour of duty, he returned to Jackson and entered Jackson State University, which was then Jackson College, where he received the Bachelor of Science degree in education. While at Jackson State, he met, and upon graduation, married Cozetta White, who would be the love of his life, partner and best friend for the next 64 years. He received the Master of Arts Degree in secondary school education from Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. He did further study at Atlanta University in Atlanta, Ga.; the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla.; Mississippi State University, Starkville, Miss.; and Mississippi College in Clinton, Miss. Buckley’s professional experiences began in the Leflore County Public School District where he served as principal of Browning Elementary School and later as principal of Balkin Vocational High School. He returned to Jackson, where he served as principal of Brinkley Elementary-Junior High School for one year and as principal of Lanier for 31 years, retiring in 1987. A long-standing member of the National Association of Secondary School Principals, Mississippi Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Association for Supervision and Curriculum Management, Buckley was also on the board of directors of the Mississippi High School Activities Association, the Magnolia High School Activities Association, the Mississippi Secondary School Principals Association, the American Red Cross, Jackson State University Athletic Affairs and the Mississippi Retired Public Employees Association.

IN MEMORIAM
Lora Reeves
1964-2017



Reeves

Chanda’s mom. In all she accomplished in life and all that she did, Lora McGee Reeves would tell you that her most important achievement, her most important role, her most rewarding responsibility and what she loved most in life was being a mother. Long before becoming that amazing mother, Lora was the youngest child of Annie Mosley. Born February 2, 1964, she grew up in Yazoo City, was a member of Rose Hill Missionary Baptist Church and attended Yazoo City Public Schools. After graduating high school in 1982, she obtained her Bachelor of Social Work degree from Jackson State University in 1986, graduating cum laude. Because of her achievements at Jackson State, Lora attended the University of Michigan and earned her Master of Social Work degree in one year, 1987. On the way to becoming the most beautiful mother, one of her classmates during their senior year in high school was awestruck by her beauty and grace. As fate would have it, he too would attend Jackson State. Their first “date” was to participate in a march from Jackson State’s campus to the Hinds County Circuit Clerk’s office led by 1984’s Presidential candidate Jesse Jackson Sr. That first date would lead to many, many more. Their relationship held on even after they graduated, and while he pursued his law degree at the University of Virginia School of Law. Upon her graduation from U of M, Lora returned to Jackson and began her career as a social worker at Hinds County Department of Human Services. She then worked at University of Mississippi Medical Center in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Catholic Charities’ Therapeutic Foster Care Program and G. A. Carmichael Family Health Center. Lora’s life was one of triumphs. In 1989, she was diagnosed with non hodgkins lymphoma. That same year, Carlton Reeves

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HOPE CEO Bill Bynum recipient of the African-American Credit Union Coalition's 2017 Pete Crear Lifetime Achievement Award

Bynum recognized for contributions to increase strength of global credit union community and promote economic equity and justice in America's mid south

The Mississippi Link Newswire

HOPE CEO Bill Bynum, who for more than 30 years has fought against entrenched poverty and pursued economic equity and justice in the region that birthed the Civil Rights Movement, is the recipient of the 2017 Pete Crear Lifetime Achievement Award presented by the African-American Credit Union Coalition.

The award, presented during a reception, Aug. 10, in Raleigh, N.C., recognized a credit union professional who has demonstrably embraced the credit union philosophy of "people helping people," provided assistance to credit unions in need and has impacted the infrastructure, growth, regulation or service delivery capacity of the financial institutions.

After growing up in Bynum, N.C., where he witnessed Ku Klux Klan members intimidate black people in a community where many residents eked out a living at a cotton mill, Bynum made a lifelong commitment to changing systems that perpetuate poverty and inequality. Whether he's presenting testimony to congressional leaders against unfair financial practices or leveraging partnerships to eliminate a community's food desert or welcoming a 100-year-old black woman as she opens her first bank account, Bynum's actions are rooted in the belief that solutions to entrenched poverty and economic inequity lie in comprehensive community development, access to affordable financial services and the creation of opportunities for economic self-sufficiency. This mission is accomplished through Hope



Bynum

Enterprise Corporation, Hope Credit Union and the Hope Policy Institute, collectively known as HOPE.

HOPE began in 1994 as the Enterprise Corporation of the Delta with a fund originally designed to provide capital and technical assistance to businesses in the Mississippi Delta region. Around the same time, Bynum was approached by his pastor to start a credit union for the congregation in response to lenders who preyed on low-income neighborhoods.

Recognizing a need to innovate, Bynum worked to bring the two entities together, and in 2001 ECD became the credit union's primary sponsor. In the two decades since, HOPE has grown into a \$300 million community development financial institution with more than 38,500 members, providing more than \$406 million in business loans. Since 2007, HOPE has provided more than \$163.3 million in mortgage loans.

HOPE has financed medical centers, schools and manufacturing facility ex-



pansions. Most importantly, these doors were opened in a region where 37 percent of its members were unbanked before they joined HOPE.

"The region we serve has a painful past of racial injustice with vestiges that continue to deny too many people the tools they need for economic mobility. HOPE fills the gap," Bynum said. "For some, a car loan may not seem significant, but in a persistently poor community, where there is no public transportation, receiving a car loan can help a person keep a job or see a doctor or purchase healthy food. It makes all the difference."

In the impoverished Delta regions of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and parts of Tennessee, HOPE has touched the lives of more than one million people, offering them access to capital to start or expand businesses or to build wealth through homeownership. In the Delta, where the scarcity of resources hampers economic growth, HOPE has invested in the creation of an infrastructure designed to place dying communities on a path to revitalization.

While other financial institutions across the nation are closing in low-income communities, particularly communities of color, HOPE has bucked the trend. In 2015, HOPE completed an expansion into the Mississippi Delta that included the opening of four full service branches in small towns facing significant economic distress. The move immediately expanded access to financial services and served as a catalyst for local engagement and community infrastructure development.

HOPE also played a crucial role in the Hurricane Katrina recovery in New Orleans and on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. In New Orleans, HOPE opened thousands of accounts that enabled people to access insurance, public and philanthropic support for immediate needs. On the Mississippi Gulf Coast, where thousands of homes were destroyed, HOPE responded by launching a financial recovery counseling program that benefitted nearly 9,000 residents.

Prior to his arrival in Mississippi, Bynum was a founding member of the Center for Community Self-Help in the

1980s, where he directed legislative relations, community outreach and fundraising in the organization's early years. He was also the principal organizer of Self-Help Credit Union, which would become the nation's first statewide development bank. Bynum later founded the North Carolina Microenterprise Loan Fund, a statewide network for providing financing and technical assistance to entrepreneurs who lacked access to capital and grew it into the largest micro enterprise loan fund in the U.S.

Bynum is a member of the US Partnership for Mobility from Poverty, funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and serves on the boards of the Aspen Institute, Corporation for Enterprise Development, Fannie Mae Affordable Housing Advisory Council, NAACP Legal Defense Fund, National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy, and the William Winter Institute for Racial Reconciliation. Bynum previously chaired the Treasury Department's Community Development Advisory Board (as a presidential appointee), and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Consumer Advisory Board.

Among his honors are the Aspen Global Leadership Network John P. McNulty Prize, Credit Union National Association Herb Wegner Award, Opportunity Finance Network Ned Gramlich Award, National Rural Assembly Rural Hero Award, National Federation of Community Development Credit Unions Annie Vamper Award and Ernst & Young/Kauffman Foundation National Entrepreneur of the Year.

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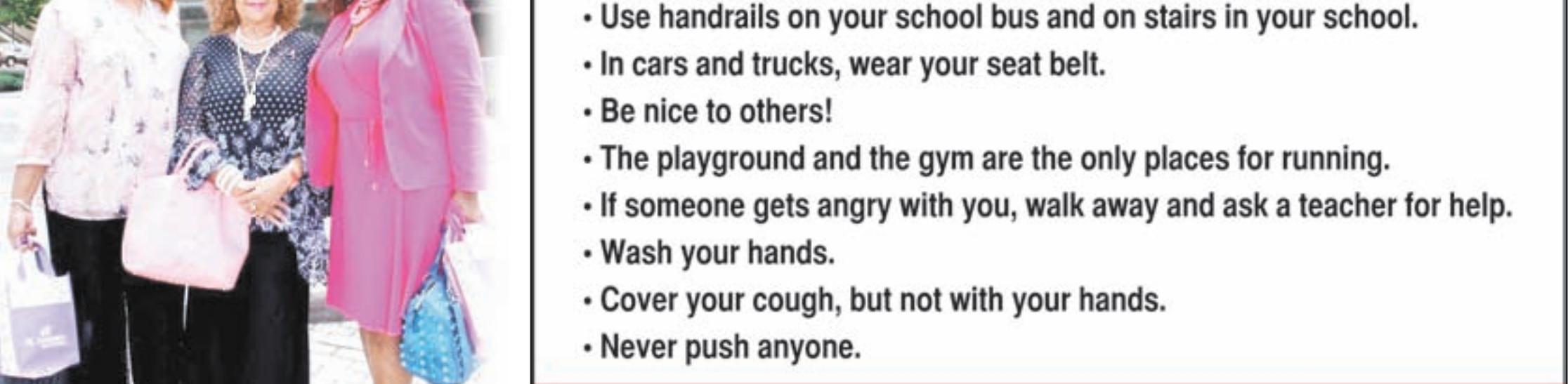
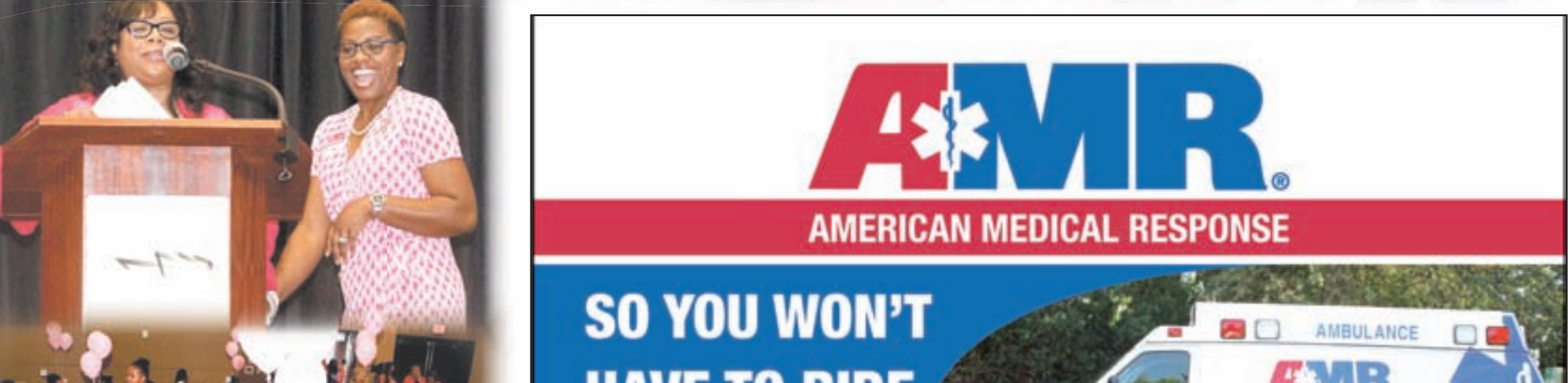
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City of Jackson Business of the Quarter July 2017

Dependable Source Corp. of MS

Mississippi Link Newswire

Dependable Source Corp. of MS has been named the City of Jackson's "Business of the Quarter." Founded in 1995 by Willie Jones, the business produces workforce solutions to the transportation industry by providing experienced, professional and Department of Transportation certified commercial drivers to manufacturers, distributors and motor carriers throughout the south.

The drivers, employees of Dependable Source, are leased to the clients for short or long periods, depending on need. This is the only business in the area that provides exclusive staffing for truckers.

In addition to the staffing, the business also contracts with companies to complete the highly regulated industry documents, which can be very troubling for a business if not done correctly.

From 2000 to 2012 Dependable Source operated DSC Training Academy, at one time operating three locations, Greenville, Tupelo and Jackson, Miss.; but when tuition financial assistance avenues were curtailed it was no longer feasible.

In 2011 Dependable Source began offering home health staffing assistance. Through Jones' advocacy work she discovered in conversation with several people that there was a need to provide better care for senior citizens, disabled, and veterans. In establishing this unit, Jones' idea was to assist the health care industry and extend decent wage employment



FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT:

Robert Blaine, City of Jackson - CAO, Rod Marion, Dependable Source - HR director, Willie Jones, Dependable Source - CEO/president, Eric Jefferson, City of Jackson - director of Planning & Development, Vic Sexton, City of Jackson - Small Business Outreach coordinator, Teresa Thomas, Dependable Source - office clerk

BACK ROW LEFT TO RIGHT:

Margo Matthews, Dependable Source - Home Health supervisor, Rick Clark, Dependable Source - director of Sales/Dispatch, Tiffany Hathorn, Dependable Source - payroll supervisor

opportunities to women through providing competent CNAs (certified nursing assistants) and personal care assistants needing home health care.

Dependable Source provides, without charge, home health services to some seniors, the disabled and veterans. The client list includes State of MS Medicaid, Veterans Administration and private clients.

Although Dependable Source's name has been made primarily in the transportation industry and home health services is a small percentage of Dependable Source's business, Jones takes great pride in addressing the needs of the health care industry. Her future plans are to advocate through the legislature to improve processes to gain access to available assistance programs for the aforementioned groups of citizens.

Dependable Source Corp. of MS has been recognized for outstanding achievement in

many ways. In 2016 it was listed as one of the largest minority owned businesses in Mississippi by MS Business Journal magazine. The business has also been recognized as a top 10 minority business for the last two years. In 2013 Jones was tabbed as one the 50 Leading Business Women in Mississippi, being a top 10 finalist.

Because of the business' success Jones is viewed as an invaluable resource by the business and overall community support entities in Jackson. She serves as an active member in several organizations, many in a leadership role. The one that she presently devotes more time to is The Women for Progress of MS, a community service organization of which she is president.

Under her leadership the organization created a radio show seven years ago that airs each Thursday from 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on WMPR 90.1. The

show's content inform and educate on policies that affect communities, cities and the state. Recently the organization began another radio show on WJNT that focuses on women and economic development. In addition to her participatory role in community contribution, Jones makes many corporate monetary donations to charitable organizations.

Jones said, "I appreciate all the notoriety accorded the business, and me personally, but that's not what drives the business; the desire to provide good customer service to clients and treat all employees (80 plus) fairly and pay them market wages, and the love and passion for the city of Jackson and its people is my total focus."

Jones said Dependable Source was built on and is sustained by providing quality customer service. She said many of the Dependable Source clients have been with them since incep-

tion. "The ultimate testament to how we treat the employees is that in several instances former employees say how good the experience was working at Dependable Source." Several of her employees leave in good standing and they are allowed to return.

As for Jackson, she views the city as great place to do business and she is taking advantage of its offerings. Dependable Source's future is bright, as the business continuously looks for additional economic and community development opportunities.

Jones said there are good people in Jackson, who just want to be in an environment where they can thrive economically and socially and she is happy to be able to do her part in providing these avenues.

Jones' husband, Harold Tyree Jones, points out positives in Jackson such as the higher education institutions, the hospitals,

restaurants and night life are good selling factors for potential businesses. Together they have two children and five grandchildren.

Every opportunity she gets she lets potential business owners know her view from experience. She thinks the city administration should have a business owner ambassador program, similar in structure, to the Chamber of Commerce model, whereby business owners are ambassadors and meet with potential businesses coming to Jackson.

The City of Jackson Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba is excited to recognize Dependable Source Corp. of MS as the "Business of the Quarter" for July 2017.

Jones, a Jefferson Davis County native, has exhibited a great business acumen that has made Dependable Source a model business for economic and community development.

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Backpack buddies get school year off to a great start for scholars

Mississippi Link Newswire

The Junior League of Jackson (JLJ) delivered 500 backpacks before the start of school. Through Backpack Buddies, the JLJ gave the backpacks to K-5 students at five JPS elementary schools. Clausell Elementary was one of the first recipients of the book bags. Latoya Blackshear is the principal.

“We are so thankful to Backpack Buddies for choosing the Provine Feeder Pattern to donate backpacks,” said Blackshear.

The other four elementary schools receiving backpack donations were Raines, French, Pecan Park and Lake. The League provided all of the school supplies for students as well as classroom supplies for teachers.

Backpack Buddies has become a welcome tradition for the back-to-



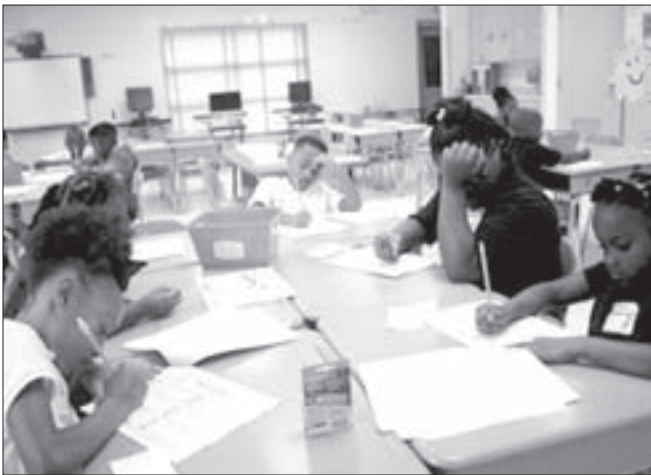
Junior League of Jackson volunteers delivered backpacks filled with school supplies to Clausell Elementary and five other elementary schools in the Provine Feeder Pattern.

school season in JPS.

The Junior League of Jackson supports 30 community projects throughout the Jackson Metro area

including Backpack Buddies. It contributes more than 50,000 volunteer hours towards community and fund development projects.

JPS Back to School Highlights



Jackson Public Schools

2017-2018 School Supply List

For Kindergarten – Second Grade Students

Kindergarten


- ☐ Crayons (pkg. of 8 large) and
- ☐ Crayons (pkg. of 16 regular)
- ☐ Washable Markers
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ School Glue (8 oz.)
- ☐ Glue Sticks
- ☐ Manila Paper (12" X 18")
- ☐ Scissors (blunt, Fiskars preferred)
- ☐ #2 Pencils
- ☐ Manuscript Tablets (8 line)*
- ☐ Primary Pencils
- ☐ Manuscript Tablets (6 line)*
- ☐ Pocket Folders (2)
- ☐ Change of clothing (in a plastic bag, all clothing labeled with child's name)

Grade 1

- ☐ Crayons (pkg. of 24)
- ☐ Washable Markers
- ☐ School Glue (8 oz.)
- ☐ Glue Sticks
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ Manila Paper (12" X 18")
- ☐ Scissors (blunt, Fiskars preferred)
- ☐ #2 Pencils
- ☐ Manuscript Tablets (8 line)*
- ☐ Erasers (Pink Pearl or art gum)
- ☐ Pocket Folders (6, assorted colors)
- ☐ 12" Plastic Ruler (should have lines of differing lengths indicating 1/4 inch, 1/8 inch and 1/16 inch markings)

Grade 2

- ☐ Crayons (pkg. of 24)
- ☐ Washable Markers
- ☐ Colored Pencils
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ School Glue (8 oz.)
- ☐ Glue Sticks
- ☐ Manila Paper (12" X 18")
- ☐ Scissors (Fiskars preferred)
- ☐ #2 Pencils
- ☐ Notebook Paper (wide-ruled) *
- ☐ Spiral-bound Notebooks or Composition Tablets (2, wide-ruled, standard paper size)
- ☐ Erasers (Pink Pearl or art gum)
- ☐ Pocket Folders (6, assorted colors)
- ☐ 12" Plastic Ruler (should have lines of differing lengths indicating 1/4 inch, 1/8 inch and 1/16 inch markings)



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Students will need pencils and paper every day.

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2017-2018 School Supply List

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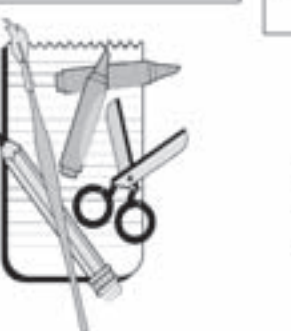
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- ☐ Colored Pencils
- ☐ School Glue (8 oz.)
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- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ Manila Paper (12" X 18")
- ☐ Scissors (Fiskars preferred)
- ☐ #2 Pencils
- ☐ Notebook Paper (wide-ruled) *
- ☐ Spiral-bound Notebooks or Composition Tablets (4, wide-ruled, standard paper size)
- ☐ Erasers (Pink Pearl or art gum)
- ☐ Pocket Folders (6, assorted colors)
- ☐ 12" Plastic Ruler (should have lines of differing lengths indicating 1/4 inch, 1/8 inch and 1/16 inch markings)

Grade 4

- ☐ Crayons (pkg. of 48)
- ☐ Washable Markers
- ☐ Colored Pencils
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ School Glue (8 oz.)
- ☐ Glue Sticks
- ☐ Manila Paper (12" X 18")
- ☐ Scissors (Fiskars preferred)
- ☐ #2 Pencils
- ☐ Notebook Paper (wide-ruled) *
- ☐ Spiral-bound Notebooks or Composition Tablets (4, wide-ruled, standard paper size)
- ☐ Erasers (Pink Pearl or art gum)
- ☐ Pocket Folders (6, assorted colors)
- ☐ 12" Plastic Ruler (should have lines of differing lengths indicating 1/4 inch, 1/8 inch and 1/16 inch markings)
- ☐ Protractor

Grade 5

- ☐ Crayons (pkg. of 48)
- ☐ Washable Markers
- ☐ Colored Pencils
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ School Glue (8 oz.)
- ☐ Glue Sticks
- ☐ Manila Paper (12" X 18")
- ☐ Scissors (Fiskars preferred)
- ☐ #2 Pencils
- ☐ Notebook Paper (wide-ruled) *
- ☐ Spiral-bound Notebooks or Composition Tablets (4, wide-ruled, standard paper size)
- ☐ Erasers (Pink Pearl or art gum)
- ☐ Pocket Folders (6, assorted colors)
- ☐ 12" Plastic Ruler (should have lines of differing lengths indicating 1/4 inch, 1/8 inch and 1/16 inch markings)
- ☐ Protractor
- ☐ Pkg. of Grid Paper (1 centimeter square grids)



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Mississippi College family members expressed their deep thanks to President Lee Royce for his exceptional leadership as the university’s chief executive since 2002.

From alumni leaders to members of the Clinton community and award-winning educators, Royce’s many admirers give him high marks following his retirement announcement August 7.

“I have so admired our president’s steady, cheerful spirit of leadership during the 15 years I have been privileged to know him,” says Ridgeland attorney Andy Taggart. “It is difficult for me to imagine a more fitting leader and servant for God to have provided for us the past 15 years or a better example for men.”

An MC graduate, Taggart speaks for many who say his alma mater is a far greater institution due to Royce and his wife, Rhoda.

From the academic world to athletic fields, Royce has touched many lives in the Blue & Gold community since arriving. The 65-year-old Vanderbilt University alumnus plans to retire in May 2018.

His job approval rating is through the roof, with admirers stretching



Royce

from the Golden Dome to Nelson Hall and over to MC Law in downtown Jackson. He’s a gifted people person who never seems to forget a name or face. He comes to tons of Choctaws sporting events year-round.

Royce was among the leaders making the successful push for the school’s 17 sports teams to return to NCAA Division II and the Gulf South Conference a few years ago.

Athletic Director Mike Jones ap-

preciates the support coming from Team Royce.

“We are extremely thankful for the service Dr. Royce and Rhoda have provided to Mississippi College over the past 15 years,” Jones said. “He has been a tremendous supporter of Choctaw athletics. He has been a wonderful mentor to me, and he will be truly missed.”

Putting into words what Royce has meant to the university’s athletic department is nearly impossible, Jones added.

Tremendous improvements for MC Choctaws sports facilities have ranged from the A.E. Wood Coliseum to Robinson-Hale Stadium to the university’s soccer fields. The list goes on with the baseball stadium upgrades and work on the track.

At the School of Education, Dean Cindy Melton worked with Royce during his entire tenure in Clinton and comes away impressed.

“Dr. Royce is very forward thinking and very fiscally responsible,” says Melton, an MC graduate. “He is genuine, engaging and personable. He knows his faculty and staff members across campus by name. He keeps his finger on the pulse of campus life.”

It’s not just a Mississippi College administration that’s primarily interested in developing partnerships in Central Mississippi.

“He has certainly helped MC to be a beacon in this community, state and in our world,” Melton said.

When Royce began his presidency in 2002, there were just nine international students enrolled. Today, there are more than 300 from nearly 40 nations. Overall enrollment has risen from 3,200 students in 2002 to about 5,200 in 2017.

One of Royce’s strengths is his quick wit. It’s evident when he speaks to large gatherings of faculty and staff at Swor Auditorium or in smaller, more intimate settings at the school cafeteria.

“Dr. Royce is able to address difficult situations with humor and helps to ease the tension,” says Jim Turcotte, vice president for enrollment services and dean of students. “I find myself working even harder for him because he knows how to treat everyone with dignity and respect.”

“The Mississippi College leader taught me the most of what it means to be a Christian university and how to create an environment that points to God’s leadership in their lives,”

says Turcotte, a MC graduate.

Royce worked closely with Dr. Stan Baldwin as the new Medical Sciences Building construction project went up along College Street. The two men worked well as a new physician assistant program opened at Mississippi College in 2011, and now is nationally accredited.

The dean of the MC School of Science and Mathematics, Baldwin salutes Royce for his ability to reach out to the entire university family. “Dr. Royce has been a faculty oriented president from the outset. I have always appreciated his humility and kindness in dealing with students and employees at MC.”

The new superintendent of the Clinton Public School District, Tim Martin, earned several MC degrees. He’s proud of the job President Royce has done to cement vital partnerships with the Clinton district. It’s a strong relationship, he said, that benefits the entire Clinton community.

Enrollment growth combined with a renaissance of the university’s physical plant have revitalized the Hinds County community. Said Martin: “We have been truly blessed to have a man of Dr. Royce’s caliber leading Mississippi College.”

Mississippi undergraduate students get hands-on research experience

The Mississippi Link Newswire

This summer, 61 of the best and brightest undergraduate students from across the state of Mississippi were able to experience hands-on biomedical research through the Mississippi INBRE Scholars program.

The Mississippi INBRE Scholars program is divided into two tracks: research and service. These programs allow students to train under some of the most highly qualified mentors in the state. The Research Scholars program places students into labs to gain experience in biomedical research while the Service Scholars tie their biomedical research to public health practices by serving the Mississippi Gulf Coast and Jackson communities alongside My Brother’s Keeper, Inc.

“The highlight of the Service Scholar internship was community outreach. My Brothers’ Keeper hosted an amplitude of events to promote health awareness that targeted marginalized genders and sexualities,” Service Scholar Tracey Le from the University of Mississippi said.

“My work in the lab has taught me hard work coupled with patience. It has also taught me to be an analytical thinker and a researcher,” Tougaloo College student, Abednego Nii Adom Commey added.

The summer research experience concluded with the Mississippi INBRE Annual Symposium July 27 in Jackson, Miss. At this symposium, each student was able to present his or her research, a first for many of the students.

“The students demonstrated ownership of their projects and were clearly proud of the work they’d accomplished,” mentor Beth Hussa from Millsaps College stated. “I enjoyed watching the young researchers interact with one another and learn how to present their work in the context of a friendly, supportive audience.”

The symposium keynote speaker



More than 60 undergraduate students from across the state participated in the Mississippi INBRE Scholars program this summer.

was Rafael Luna from the National Research Mentoring Network. Luna taught students, their mentors and family members to turn research into a narrative through his method of “scientific storytelling.”

“I was quite impressed with the academic partnerships, representation, and ‘buy-in’ from universities across every part of the state of Mississippi,” Luna said. “I am confident in the current state and future generation of Mississippi biomedical scientists, since the Mississippi INBRE merges the perfect blend of excellence in biomedical research and training with diversity.”

This was the 14th year that Mississippi INBRE has provided internships for undergraduate students pursuing biomedical careers and the second year in which students were able to present their research at the Mississippi INBRE Annual Symposium.

“I am happy to see the continued growth of the annual symposium which allows undergraduate students from all over the state to showcase their work in biomedical

research. The training opportunities provided by Mississippi INBRE and our partners throughout the state are making a significant impact on the workforce in the health-related fields,” Mississippi INBRE director, Dr. Mohamed Elasri said.

Mississippi INBRE, directed by Dr. Mohamed Elasri, associate dean and professor in The University of Southern Mississippi’s College of Science and Technology, is a state-wide program that is supported by an award from the National Institutes of General Medical Sciences. Their mission is to enhance the biomedical foundation in Mississippi and to reach out to Mississippians in order to improve health throughout the state.

Mississippi INBRE seeks to engage talented researchers and students in biomedical research projects that will increase the state’s research competitiveness as well as impact the health of citizens of Mississippi.

For more information about Mississippi INBRE, check out their website, msinbre.org.

CCC/ Tri-County Workforce Alliance to host ACT workshop Aug. 19

The Mississippi Link Newswire

CLARKSDALE – Coahoma Community College Division of Enrollment and Student Services and the Tri-County Workforce Alliance are teaming up once again to offer a free ACT workshop to local high school students and adults.

The latest workshop is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 19, in the Magnolia Room of the Zee A. Barron Student Union.

According to organizers, the event is open to anyone interested in learning to ace the college-entrance exam.

“This workshop is a great test prep opportunity for those who have never taken the ACT and for those who want to increase their score,” said CCC coordinator of Career Services Trina Cox. The workshop will cover all sections

of the test, including math/problem solving, science, English and reading comprehension.

Those in attendance will also receive practical tips regarding test-taking skills, confidence building, memory association and tips for preparing the day before the test.

The event will conclude with a mock test that will be scored so that participant can identify their strengths and weaknesses prior to taking the real test.

Space is limited, so those interested are encouraged to register at www.coahomacc.edu/act-prep-workshop-registration

For questions or more information, contact Cox at (662) 621-4674 or (662) 621-4155, or Josephine Rhymes, director of Tri-County Workforce Alliance, at (662) 627-3011.

New degree from Belhaven prepares students for public relations

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Students who want to pursue a career in public relations, journalism, sports broadcasting and electronic communication can now earn a Bachelor of Arts in Public Relations from Belhaven University.

“Public relations is among the fastest-growing career fields, and we’re excited to be helping prepare the next generation of PR professionals,” said Bill Moak, chair and assistant professor of public relations. Majors transition into careers that specialize in social media, television or radio management, marketing, advertising or journalism. Graduate will handle communications for a wide spectrum of companies and organizations.

“With our society’s current focus on the role of the media and discussions about authenticity and trustworthiness, the PR field needs people with a solid professional and ethical foundation,” Moak comments. “We believe that the

best source of a professional and ethical framework in the communications field is a strong set of Christian values. With Belhaven’s focus on delivering a Christ-centered education, students will be uniquely prepared for a fulfilling and rewarding career.”

This program starts students with the basics and then builds a comprehensive understanding of the profession that will then give them the opportunity to apply their skills and knowledge. Moak believes the learning opportunities, work experience, personalized instruction, career advisement and a network of communications professionals set Belhaven apart from other universities.

Additionally, internship experiences, networking events, special speakers and trips to media outlets and public relations agencies are some of the ways the department incorporates opportunities for students to grow in their studies at Belhaven.

Hinds CC Utica campus offers SummerPrep program for pre-teens

The Mississippi Link Newswire

UTICA – Nayla McClure had a productive summer attending SummerPrep at Hinds Community College’s Utica Campus.

McClure, an eighth-grader at Utica Middle School, spent the month of June in the program instead of doing what she believes most other kids do.

“They’re sitting around watching television,” she said. “Attending this program is important because during the summer most kids are not really doing much with their time.”

And not only that, she had an opportunity to learn a few things in a different environment.

“SummerPrep is preparing us for our next grade. During the regular school year, classes are 18 to 20 kids deep. One-on-one time is unheard of; with SummerPrep, the classes are smaller so your teacher can help you individually if you’re struggling,” she said.

The SummerPrep enrichment program for students in seventh through ninth grades is a part of the TRIO/Talent Search program.

This summer’s program, called “Preparing a Rigorous & Educational Persistence Program,” was designed to give students extra help with courses they would face in the upcoming



Utica Middle School eighth-grader Nayla McClure attended the 2017 TRIO/Talent Search Summer Enrichment Camp held June 19-30 on the Utica Campus of Hinds Community College.



Bria Thomas, standing, gives a presentation to cohort participants, from left, Asia Taylor, Marzavier Willis, Travaughnia Bingham, Ar'Mond Abram, instructor Kedra Harris-Pope and Minn'Quaila Fair.



Pamela Williams, program director for TRIO/Talent Search on the Utica Campus

ing school year as well as reinforce skills already acquired.

Students were taught proper techniques in scientific notation, two-step equations, essay writing and art styles. The program offered courses in art, math, English and science. It also encouraged teamwork, positive debating and goal-setting.

“This program is very rigorous and focused on raising seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders to a higher level,” said Pamela Williams, director of Talent Search. “Our goal is to prepare them for what they will face in the upcoming school year. That

age group sometimes face challenges. Kids often get lost in the shuffle. Our program gives them support and strengthens them for the challenges to come.”

The program is under the TRIO (Teaching, Reaching and Inspiring Our Youths) umbrella, which also includes Talent Search, Students Support Service and Upward Bound. Talent Search focus mainly on middle school and high school students, and the overall purpose of the program is to help students get to a post-secondary education.

The program is offered yearly on the Utica Campus and ac-

cepts around 40 students from surrounding schools. TRIO programs are federal outreach and student services programs designed to identify and provide services for individuals from disadvantaged backgrounds. TRIO includes eight programs targeted to serve and assist low-income individuals, first-generation college students, and individuals with disabilities to progress through the academic pipeline from middle school to post baccalaureate programs.

Low-income, first-generation students take priority; they

make up about two-thirds of their population. The focus is to get those students from middle school, to high school, to college and to complete college. The program incorporates a mixture of tutorial, workshops and motivational speakers to engage their middle school audience, Williams said.

Hinds Community College is celebrating its 100th year of Community Inspired Service in 2017. Hinds opened in September 1917 first as an agricultural high school and admitted college students for the first time in 1922, with the first class grad-

uating in 1927. In 1982 Hinds Junior College and Utica Junior College merged, creating the Hinds Community College District. Today, as Mississippi’s largest community college, Hinds Community College is a comprehensive institution with six locations. Hinds offers quality, affordable educational opportunities with academic programs of study leading to seamless university transfer and career and technical programs teaching job-ready skills.

To learn more, visit www.hindscc.edu or call 1.800.HindsCC.

Building renovation adds classrooms at Eastside

The Mississippi Link Newswire

CLINTON — Eastside students will have more room this spring, thanks to a building addition adding four new classrooms.

“The new classrooms will be on the green hall,” said Clinton Public School District Facilities Director James “Bo” Barksdale. “They will mirror existing classrooms, and be the same size and have the same technology.”

CPSD is working with contractor England Enterprises on the project. Its expected completion date is in December.

Classrooms accommodate about 25 students each, so the new addition will hold approximately 100 students.

“Because of the increased enrollment and programs, we have run out of places to have instruction,” said Eastside Principal Cindy Hamil. “The district has placed portable classrooms on the back side of our campus in the past, but found this year it would be cost effective to build the four new classrooms on the end of one of the fifth grade hallways.”

Eastside currently has four classes in trailers and hopes to move them into the main building once construction is complete, she said.

CPSD summer projects

Over the summer, CPSD facilities crews have completed more than 300 work orders, including electrical upgrades, plumbing, painting and even remodeling a few classrooms. This number does not include preventive maintenance work orders.

“Preventive maintenance includes the things that nobody sees, but if they’re not done they can cause a lot more problems,” Barksdale said.

Significant projects this summer include the construction of a batting cage at the CHS softball field, also with England Enterprises as the contractor.



Clinton Public School District shows work of contractor England Enterprises.



Four new classrooms will house 100 students at Eastside School in Clinton.

“It will be just like the batting cage for the baseball team,” Barksdale said.

At Clinton Junior High, significant work was done in the auditorium, including new stage lighting, sound system, the stage wood floor and work in the front foyer area.

“We removed the old asbestos tile and replaced it,” Barksdale said.

Future work at the CJHS Auditorium could include replacing the seating and flooring and adding a new curtain.

At Clinton Park Elementary, visitors will notice a newly cleaned and

repainted entrance.

“It looks better now than when it did when it first opened,” he said.

The exterior at Sumner Hill also got a facelift.

“We pressure washed the front of the building and the canopy,” he said.

At Lovett, there is a new portable building that holds two classrooms.

“Along with the portable, we added concrete sidewalks, canopies, an entrance ramp and all the fire and safety required items to include a fire sprinkler system,” Barksdale said.

Local, national, international issues to be featured topics of 2017-18 University Forum Series

The Mississippi Link Newswire

“Saving the Enlightenment, One Speaker at a Time” is the theme for this year’s University Forum at The University of Southern Mississippi, featuring speakers and performers addressing issues that make up our nation’s ongoing discourse.

University Forum’s fall 2017 programs will examine the legacy of slavery, immigration and the intersection of politics and public policy, including the following:

- Author James McBride and the Good Lord Bird Band will launch the University Forum series Tuesday, Sept. 5, with their talk/musical presentation “The Good Lord Bird: Faith and American Slavery.” McBride, a National Book Award winner, blends music and lecture in his presentations on his work about the nation’s painful legacy regarding slavery from his book *The Good Lord Bird*, a *New York Times* bestseller and recipient of the 2013 National Book Award. This program will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Bennett Auditorium on the Hattiesburg campus.

- On Tuesday, Oct. 24, Dan-el Padilla Peralta, a professor at Princeton University, will share his perspective on being an undocumented immigrant in America in his presentation, titled “Undocumented,” while also discussing the role immigrants have played in building America. Peralta’s family came to the U.S. in 1989 from the Dominican Republic. After the family’s temporary visa expired, his father returned to the Dominican Republic, but the rest of the family remained in New York where his mother raised him as they moved from one homeless shelter to another until he enrolled as a student at Princeton. Peralta’s presentation will be at 6:30 p.m. in Bennett Auditorium.

- Yuval Levin will present “Our Fractured Republic,” Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 6:30 p.m. in the Thad Cochran Center Ballrooms on the Hattiesburg campus. A renowned conservative intellectual, Levin is the founding editor of *National Affairs*, contributing editor at the *National Review* and author of *The Fractured Republic: Renewing America’s*

Social Contract in the Age of Individualism. His University Forum presentation will focus on the relationship between political philosophy and public policy.

University Forum’s spring 2018 schedule includes Harvard University astronomer and diversity advocate Josh Asher Johnson, who will present “Discovering our Scientific Potential Feb. 20 in Bennett Auditorium; the annual Armstrong-Branch Lecture Feb. 27 in Bennett Auditorium, featuring Wil Haygood, journalist and bestselling author of *The Butler*; Mississippi native Angie Thomas, a *New York Times* bestselling author of young adult fiction, who will present “The Hate U Give: Finding Your Activism” March 6 in Bennett Auditorium; and “Reporting Sex Trafficking, Genocide & Other Truths of the World” presented by Pulitzer prize-winning columnist Nicholas Kristof April 10 in Bennett Auditorium.

“The University Forum is one of the oldest and most distinguished speaker series in Mississippi,” said Andrew Haley, associate professor of history and director of University Forum. “Along with this year’s Armstrong-Branch Lecture, the 2017-18 Forum features some of the finest writers, thinkers and performers in the series’ history.”

Since 1974, University Forum has been the premier speaker series at Southern Mississippi. Sponsored by the Southern Miss Honors College with support from the Office of the President, University Forum has brought some of the most respected and innovative cultural, scientific, and artistic voices in the world to Southern Miss. Past speakers have included Stephen J. Gould; Gloria Steinem; Bryan Stevenson, Russell Means, Lilly Ledbetter, Susan Sontag, G. Gordon Liddy, Kurt Vonnegut, Barbara Ehrenreich, E.O. Wilson, Art Spiegelman, Antonin Scalia, Carl Bernstein and Sebastian Junger.

Admission to university forum is free; members of the campus community and public are invited.

For more information about University Forum, email forum@usm.edu or call the USM Honors College at 601.266.4533.

Mary Church Terrell Literary Club continues its mission, “Lifting As We Climb” through partnering and donations of school supplies



On Saturday, August 5, 2017, Mary Church Terrell Literary Club participated as a vendor with AARP Mississippi back to school give away and neighborhood block party. This event was held for returning students of Baker Elementary School located on St. Clara Street in Jackson. The organization provided school supplies with emphasis on supplies for students in Kindergarten through Second grade.



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posed to 19 under the previous year’s ranking. If the new plan is approved, that number jumps to 22 failing districts across the state.

This data indicates that at least seven school districts were able to move out of the “F” category per baseline scores that were set last year.

This is particularly troublesome for districts like Canton Public Schools and Jackson Public Schools where district leaders say they’ve made significant progress towards improvement. “This is tough, moving from 12 to 22, but we can’t make any formal comment until we’ve had a chance to look at the data and see where we will land,” said Jackson Public Schools Superintendent Fredrick Murray. “It’s disheartening.”

The commission decided to cut the districts and schools a little slack. Officials recommended that the schools and districts that would have been rated a “D” based on current standards, but, forced into the “F” ranking based on new guidelines, not face any penalties or sanctions by the state this year.

Changing the standards and ultimately changing the letter grade for districts for the 2016-17 school year is also bothersome for the organization Parent’s Campaign. “The hurdle isn’t being lowered for all school districts. It appears that the hurdle will be raised for those at the lower end of the accountability spectrum,” the group shared in its news release after the meeting.

Ultimately, if this measure is passed, the state will maintain a predetermined number of districts in each rating category: exactly 14 school districts will be rated A, 38 B, 36 C, 34 D and 21 F, regardless of their performance.

The majority of the 19 public-school districts in Mississippi that were rated as failing in 2015-16, and the 12 rated as failing in 2016-17, under the current rankings have majority African-American student populations. This means that seven of those highly populated African-American districts made significant gains.

Carey Wright, Mississippi’s superintendent of education ad-

ressed the results and rankings based on changes implemented last year in a press release. “These results represent a new starting point for measuring the progress of schools and districts across the state,” she said. “Superintendents, principals and teachers have all worked diligently to implement higher academic standards and help students achieve better outcomes. Our students’ significant gains on the National Assessment of Educational progress, their rising graduation rate and their achievements in Advanced Placement all show that students are rising to higher expectations.”

Tuesday, however, Wright said in a press release, “If we don’t make this change now, school and district grades this year and in the future will not give a true picture of their performance.” “With the recommended changes, the accountability system accurately portrays performance for 2017 and allows for year-to-year comparability in the future.”

What a difference a year makes.

Reeves

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proposed, and she accepted.

After multiple surgeries and months of daily radiation treatments, Lora and Carlton were married August 4, 1990. Their lives were enhanced immeasurably after the birth of their miracle daughter in 1994.

Lora gave up her career as a social worker to devote her time, energy and love to Chanda. Reading to her. Talking to her. Playing games with her. Teaching her the lessons of life. Loving her unconditionally. Making sure that Chanda understood the importance of character, moral responsibility, and the obligation we all have to serve others. Lora supported her in all of her activities and made sure Chanda had everything to be successful in life. And still, Lora had time to support and encourage her husband in whatever he did. She was his rock, and she kept him grounded.

Lora’s twenty-five years of remission came to an end in 2015, when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. On the last weekend of her life, Lora celebrated her twenty-seventh wedding anniversary with her husband and daughter.

Lora waged a valiant fight and took her last breath Thursday night, August 10, 2017.

At no time during her battles

did Lora ask, “Why me?” “Why not me?,” is what she explained. Now with the angels, Lora is watching over Chanda and still supporting her husband.

Those who continue to celebrate Chanda’s mother include her husband, United States District Judge Carlton W. Reeves, Chanda and Lora’s siblings, Ike Moseley Jr., Dorothy J. Gainwell, Arthur McGee, Jessie J. Mosley, Bessie M. Cage, Catherine Singleton-Walker (Anthony) and Diane Jiles (Howard Jr.).

Others who have been blessed to experience her love include her brothers-in-law, Anthony Reeves and Calvin Reeves and her sisters-in-law, whom she affectionately referred to as her sisters-in-Christ, Carolyn Reeves Johnson (Earnest), Catrina Reeves-Hansberry (Tim) and Christy Reeves, and scores of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Lora has now joined her mother, her sister, Bettie Bell, and two brothers, Lawrence Mosley and Jerry Mosley, her father-in-law, Jessie W. Reeves Sr., her mother-in-law, Wilhelmina G. Reeves and her brothers-in-law, Jesse W. Reeves Jr. and Andrew Taylor.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to all those who

participated in Lora’s miraculous journey: Dr. Anncey Campbell, Dr. Gerry Ann Houston, Dr. David Wahl, Dr. Guangzhi Qu, Dr. Sidney A. Johnson Jr., Dr. Reginald Martin, Dr. Songcharoen Somprasong and all the nurses at Jackson Oncology. We thank the countless number of people everywhere who prayed for us; those who have been here with us; and those who have called, written and reached out to express their love for Chanda’s mom and Carlton’s most amazing and precious wife.

Finally, the family will have a private graveside ceremony Thursday, August 17, at 10 a.m. to be followed by a repast, for those who wish to attend, at College Hill Missionary Baptist Church, 1600 Florence Avenue, Jackso, Miss.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Jackson State University Development Foundation – Social Work Dept. Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 17144, Jackson, MS 39217; UNICEF’s The K.I.N.D. Fund; Catholic Charities, Therapeutic Foster Care Program, 850 E. River Place, Jackson, MS 39202; No Kid Hungry; or any charity of your choice.

Westhaven Memorial Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

IMMC receives W.K. Kellogg Foundation grant

Mississippi Link Newswire

Seated in the fertile south and in the heart of Jackson, the International Museum of Muslim Cultures (IMMC) is expanding its reach through “Bridging Cultures: Working for Equity across Race, Class, Religion and Ethnicity.”

IMMC is pleased to announce a grant of \$600,000 from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) to utilize the power of museums as a mobilizer for cross-racial healing, justice and human dignity. The grant will cover a three-year period from May 2017 through April 2020, wherein IMMC will engage and educate the community nationwide in understanding that “human dignity is fundamental to combating injustice and achieving racial equity and healing.”

Since its inception in April 2001, IMMC has worked across the divide of race, class, culture and religion to bring people of different backgrounds together to understand their “shared humanity.”

It has accomplished these goals through its physical museum in downtown Jackson and its traveling exhibits which incorporate robust programming and education opportunities.

IMMC targets issues faced by vulnerable children and

families who are exposed to inequities, bigotry, racism, Islamophobia and Xenophobia, using history as a mobilizer of community to influence awareness, knowledge and action. The question to answer: “What does it mean to be human?”

Over the next three years, IMMC will engage with local and national partners, including partners Tougaloo and Millsaps Colleges, launching its Islamic Thought Institute (ITI), to host a national conference in March 2-4, 2018 on “Race, Class and Religious Intersectionality in America: An Ongoing Struggle for Human Dignity.”

Its new traveling exhibit to premiere November 30, 2017, titled “Muslims with Christians and Jews: An Exhibition of Covenants and Coexistence,” will first debut in Jackson, and then travel to six major metropolitan cities around the country. It will introduce the “peace-building leadership of Muhammad, the prophet and head of state, who prepared the first constitution in history for his multiethnic, multiracial, multilingual and multi-religious commonwealth.” The constitution, which may have influenced that of the U.S., will be on display as will the covenants of protection extended to Jews, Christians, and others.

By the year 2020, it is anticipated that more than 250,000 visitors will have been exposed to these teachable moments, as the ITI develops curriculum to be used with students of all ages.

The Covenants Exhibit will launch IMMC’s national traveling Exhibition Program, which will be followed in 2020 with the touring of the Legacy of Timbuktu Exhibition, currently featured at IMMC since 2006. The WKKF funding will assist in the design of a traveling version of this exhibit.

This exhibit emphasizes Islamic West Africa’s sophisticated, highly literate culture of great wealth and empire-building, which contrasts significantly with the predominant historic narrative that begins, most often, with African enslavement in America.

These two IMMC signature exhibitions will be featured at the National Race and Class in America Conference coming in March 2018.

Co-founders of IMMC are Emad AlTurk, chairman, and Okolo Rashid, president, who is also director of ITI.

To see “The Legacy of Timbuktu Exhibit,” visit IMMC at 201 E. Pascagoula St., Jackson, MS 39201. Call for opening times, 601-960-0440.

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Her participation on the proposal writing team for JSU’s AAC&U project, “Preparing Critical Faculty for the Future” was valuable in winning the award to support Women of Color Faculty in STEM to become academic and administrative leaders.

In her last appointment, Leggette oversaw academic and budgetary policy and priorities, ensured the quality of the academic programs, and

maintained an environment for educational excellence through faculty involvement in teaching, research and service. All academic and related units reported to her.

Leggette earned her B.S. degree in English at Rust College; her M.S. degree in reading at the University of Southern Mississippi; her Ph.D. degree in curriculum, instruction/media-reading at Southern Illinois University-

Carbondale; and has completed postdoctoral studies at Jackson State University.

Leggette has logged 40 consistent years of poised, professional fellowship and leadership at JSU.

A tip of the hat to this gracious hardworking highly focused servant leader. She is the real deal. I salute her.

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Employees honored for service at Mississippi State Hospital



Mississippi State Hospital August service award recipients include Stephen Ken Strong of Pearl, 10 years; Holly M. Haralson of Pearl, 10 years; Melonda T. Quinn of Brandon, 25 years; Tess Jones of Brandon, 20 years; and Tameka N. Banks of Jackson, 5 years.

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WHITFIELD – Mississippi State Hospital recently honored employees with August anniversaries for their years of service to the hospital. Service awards are given to

MSH employees in the month of their date of hire, beginning with one year and followed by every fifth anniversary year. Employees receive a certificate of appreciation and a service award pin.

The program is sponsored by Friends of Mississippi State Hospital, Inc. MSH, a program of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and helps the individuals it

serves achieve mental wellness by encouraging hope, promoting safety, and supporting recovery. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.

Senator David Blount (MS) elected to serve on National Conference of State Legislatures’ Executive Committee

The Mississippi Link Newswire
Boston - At the National Conference of State Legislatures’ (NCSL) 2017 Legislative Summit in Boston, lawmakers from around the country elected Mississippi State Senator David Blount to serve on the 2017-2018 NCSL Executive Committee. “I am proud to be a part of the leadership of a well-respected organization like the National Conference of State Legislatures,” said Blount. “Our country needs to see that elected officials from both parties can work together to solve problems. NCSL is the go-to resource for state legislators from around the country. I’m glad to give Mississippi a voice



Blount

on this important national committee.” The NCSL Executive Committee is the governing body of the National Conference of

State Legislatures. Comprised of 63 elected members, the Executive Committee drives the organization by supervising and controlling the affairs of the conference, its committees, and publications, as well as deciding the organization’s ultimate positions on matters of public policy. “We are pleased to have Senator Blount’s expertise on NCSL’s Executive Committee,” said NCSL President and South Dakota Senator Deb Peters. “Senator Blount’s participation in NCSL over the years has been a key part of the organization’s success.” The Executive Committee meets four times a year to oversee the development and imple-

mentation of NCSL policies. Blount has been an active member of the National Conference of State Legislatures throughout his tenure as a state legislator and has served on NCSL’s committee on elections and redistricting. The National Conference of State Legislatures is the bipartisan organization that serves the legislators and staff of the states, commonwealths and territories. It provides research, technical assistance and opportunities for policymakers to exchange ideas on the most pressing state issues and is an effective and respected advocate for the interests of the states in the American federal system.

Hinds County School District thanks residents for overwhelming support of bond issue

Eighty-four percent of voters vote yes on Hinds County School Bond

The Mississippi Link Newswire
Hinds County residents overwhelmingly supported the Hinds County School District (HCSD) bond, passing the measure with nearly 85 percent of the votes cast Tuesday. “I would like to thank Hinds County residents for displaying their overwhelming supporting for our children and our schools by passing this bond,” said Superintendent Delesicia Martin. “This investment will allow us to continue our journey to excellence by creating twenty-first century learning spaces, enhancing classroom instruction with new technology and providing more opportunities for students to participate in the arts.” The bond will fund for innovative programs like the 1-to-1 Technology Initiative, the addition and renovation of

athletic fields, and the construction of performing arts facilities, providing access to state-of-the-art technology and programs for Hinds County students. The potential addition of career technical center classrooms, also included in the proposed plan, will enhance the employability of HCSD graduates and better prepare students for postsecondary STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) programs and careers. The district will also address critical safety and security issues at several schools, including improvements to access roads, the addition of new signage and fences and improvements to parking and lighting. “This is a victory for all of the communities the district serves, and every single person will be positively impacted by the projects we have been discussing over the

past few months,” said Martin. “We’re excited about the long-term impact upgraded classrooms and state-of-the-art technology will have for our students’ ability to excel in an increasingly competitive economy.” Hinds County School District is a collaborative environment where we explore the world, experience authentic learning, enhance our character, envision our dreams, pursue excellence and celebrate success. HCSD serves more than 6,000 students from the communities of Bolton, Byram, Edwards, Raymond, Terry, Learned and Utica. For more information on the projects this bond will support or about Hinds County School District, contact John Neal, associate superintendent of community relations, at 601-857-7008 or jneal@hinds.k12.ms.us.

Congressman Thompson calls for removal of confederate symbols on MS Flag and U.S. Capitol

The Mississippi Link Newswire
Washington – Today, U.S. Representative Bennie G. Thompson (MS-02) calls for the removal of all confederate monuments and emblems in the United States Capitol and on the Mississippi state flag. “Confederate memorabilia have no place in this country and especially not in the United States’ Capitol. These images symbolize a time of racial discrimination and segregation that continues to haunt this country and many African Americans who still to this day face racism and bigotry.” “In Mississippi, the confederate emblem continues to be flown on the state flag and was used as a rallying prop during the events that occurred in Charlottesville. The confederate flag was seen in almost every video image taken last Saturday. It is



Thompson

past-time for action to remove all confederate symbols in the U.S. Capitol and on the Mississippi state flag. I urge my colleagues, both Republican and Democrat, to work with me to ensure the permanent removal of all offensive and despicable confederate imagery.”

Thompson to participate in car seat safety event

The Mississippi Link Newswire
Congressman Bennie G. Thompson (MS-02) will serve as guest speaker during the Safe Kids Mississippi Car Seat Safety Event in Hazlehurst, Miss. WHO: Congressman Bennie G. Thompson

WHAT: Safe Kids Mississippi Car Seat Safety Event WHEN: 11 a.m. (CST) until 1 p.m., Saturday, August 19, 2017 WHERE: Copiah County Ministerial Alliance, 17160 HWY-51, Hazlehurst, MS 39083

Stand with the Mississippi NAACP against hate and bigotry

The Mississippi Link Newswire
The ugly faces of hate and bigotry have shown themselves once again with the recent acts of white supremacists in Charlottesville, Virginia. The past few days sadly affirm what many Americans already know, that racial prejudice is still alive and well in the United States. The racial prejudice flaunted by participants at the white supremacy rally displayed two powerful symbols of hate: the Nazi Swastika and the Confederate battle flag. Mississippi remains the only state that continues to fly the Confederate battle flag of stars and bars over its capitol, a stark reminder of division, racism and discrimination. The use of the Confederate flag as Mississippi’s official state flag remains a dark cloud that looms over the state and it is a source of power to those who wish to spread the message of hate and prejudice. The Mississippi NAACP State Conference’s prayers are with the families of those who lost their lives in Charlottesville and with all those who stand for peace and love. We remain committed to the removal of the

Confederate emblem from Mississippi’s state flag. We must all continue to stand against symbols of hate and acts of bigotry like those displayed in Charlottesville. We ask you to stand with us. Help us to put out the flames of hatred that have engulfed our country. Join us to push back against the Confederate flag – a symbol with a disgusting history of hate that still flies in Mississippi. The moment is now and the time is now. Stand with the Mississippi NAACP. Founded in 1909, the NAACP is the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities, conducting voter mobilization and monitoring equal opportunity in the public and private sectors. For more information about the Mississippi NAACP or news stories, call 601-353-8452 or log on to www.naacps.org. Like us on Facebook by searching Mississippi NAACP and follow us on Twitter @MSNAACP

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The Gospel brings hope

PART 2

By Pastor Simeon R. Green III
Special to The Mississippi Link



When the Gospel is preached, it bears Good News. We read in Colossians 1:23 these words, “If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the Gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister.”

The Gospel brings hope to a hopeless soul. The way to be free from sin is to trust Jesus Christ to take it away. We must remain “grounded and steadfast” in the truth of the Gospel, putting our confidence in Jesus alone to forgive our sins, to make us right with God and to empower us to live the way He

desires.

The Gospel is called the Gospel of Peace. Do we really have peace in our soul? Do we really have peace with God? Nothing is more critical than a true understanding of the Gospel. The Bible declares that the Gospel is the Power of God unto salvation. It is only by the Gospel that we come into fellowship with God. Apart from the Gospel, we are all left destitute and without hope.

As Christians, we must remain faithful to the Gospel in order to grow. The Bible also describes our walk of faith as a constant holding onto the Gospel message that we believed unto salvation. Therefore, there is nothing more important in our life, whether we are a Christian or not, than a true understanding and belief in the Gospel.

With the Gospel comes the

grace of God. The Gospel gives grace to walk away from our sins and come to Jesus Christ. We cannot do that in our own strength; it takes the grace of God. We are saved by grace. Acts 20:24 reads, “But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God.”

The Gospel begins with God. There is only one true and living God. He is the loving, gracious and merciful Creator of this world. He created the world and all things within the world, including man. He created man to rule the world under His authority and enjoy fellowship with Him forever.

Many people are wearing themselves out trying to get

ahead in life, but they are leaving God out of the equation. Disobedience loves more disobedience. Some people have backed away from the stand that they once had for the truth. That is a shame because what comes with it is a spirit that will justify themselves in doing so.

What is troubling is that once people get under that spirit, they are actually convinced that they are right. When a person starts down the road of disobedience, a spirit will convince that person that they are on the right road, but they are getting further and further away from God.

Rev. Simeon R. Green III is pastor of Joynes Road Church of God, 31 Joynes Road, Hampton VA 23669. He is a member of the National Association of Evangelism Church of God, Anderson, Ind.

PRESERVED Level 2 Christianity

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“I’m going to show you level 1 first, then the next verse we’ll do level 2.” The first time I heard these words in one of my cardio dance classes, I thought “There’s a level 2! I thought level 1 was hard enough.” Since I was new to working out, the thought of level 2 quite frankly scared me.

However, when I saw the more intense moves of level 2 on some songs, I finally built up my confidence to try them. Eventually, I was able to try level 2 and do a deeper squat and a higher jumping jack. As intimidating as level 2 looked and as much as I thought that I wasn’t ready for it, once I actually tried them, I realized that I could do level 2 and get the physical benefits of working out harder.

The mental and physical challenges to getting to level 2 came to mind as I thought about the sermons that would be preached on this past Sunday after the deadly racist violence in Charlottesville, Virginia. I wondered how many would keep it at level 1 and focus just on getting people saved or how many would take it one step further to level 2 by teaching their members to live victoriously in our complicated world.

Level 2 Christianity might look harder but in the end, it’s better that believers be taught how to have an effective Christian witness in addition to being taught the importance of being saved.

We should not only follow the Great Commission in Matthew 28:16-20 but also Micah 6:8 which says “He has told you, O man, what

is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?”

Looking at just a few social media accounts of pastors, a few decided to change what they were going to preach so that they could focus on social justice and the racial trauma that happened in Charlottesville. Speaking as a lay person who has much respect for the hard work that pastors do in weekly speaking God’s truth to their congregations, I admire pastors who are willing to lead the difficult conversations about issues like racism.

However, there were some pastors who did not address Charlottesville during their worship services. And not just white, conservative pastors but also African-American pastors did not address Charlottesville either.

Some pastors have expressed that the reason these things happen is because people don’t know Jesus and need to get saved. Honestly, I think in some cases the problem is that they do know Jesus but still justify their racism.

I saw a few social media postings of pastors that mentioned the purpose of Christians at this crucial time was to merely pray and restore those that are hurting. But how do you do that if you don’t speak the truth about the root cause of why prayer is needed and folks are hurting? It’s racism, plain and simple!

Shewanda Riley is a Dallas, Texas based author of “Love Hangover: Moving From Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends” and “Writing to the Beat of God’s Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers.” Email her at preservedbypurpose@gmail.com or follow her on Twitter @shewanda.

REIGNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Providence Baptist Church, 8108 Highway 28 West, will host its annual summer revival Sunday, August 20 - Wednesday, August 23, 2017. The theme is “Stay Woke” (1 Thessalonians 5:6). Pastor Frank L. Curtis, Sr. will deliver the message on Sunday, at 11:00 a.m. and Pastor Nathan Stevenson of Jackson, pastor of Mount Calvary M.B. Church in Tchula, will deliver the message Monday – Wednesday. Service will begin each night at 7:15 p.m.

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After Charlottesville, push for real reforms

By Rev. Jesse Jackson Sr.
Founder and president of
Rainbow PUSH Coalition



Racism, exposed once more in the terror visited on Charlottesville, Va., still scars America. Hundreds of neo-Nazis, white supremacists, klansmen and other fervid racists gathered – some armed with assault rifles, wearing camouflage, they marched with lit torches, yelling Nazi slogans, looking for trouble. They provoked the violence, terrorized a city, and took the life of Heather Heyer and injured many more. In the reaction to those horrors, character is revealed.

For Heather Heyer, the neo-Nazi assault revealed her passion for justice. She died standing for what she believed in, and her sacrifice helps to redeem an America that is far better than the haters.

She joined a peaceful demonstration against the neo-Nazis, standing with African Americans and people of conscience unwilling to be intimidated by the mob. She was crossing an intersection when a 20-year-old man plowed his car into the peaceful demonstrators and took her life, injuring 19 others.

She now joins the blessed martyrs of America's long struggle for equal rights. She stands with other angels who sacrificed their lives: Viola Liuzzo in Selma, Ala. in 1965; James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner near Philadelphia, Miss. in 1964; the four little girls – Addie Mae Collins, Cynthia Wesley, Carole Robinson and

Denise McNair – blown up in the Birmingham, Ala. church bombing in 1963.

As Heyer's mother stated, "Heather's life was about – passionately about – fairness and equality and caring, and that's what we want people to take away from this."

Donald Trump's reaction to Charlottesville will be etched in infamy. He refused to condemn the neo-Nazis and white nationalists, choosing only to decry the "egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides." The haters heard his message. The Daily Stormer, a white supremacist website, exulted that Trump "did not attack us. ... No condemnation at all."

His campaign for the presidency purposefully stoked the forces of bigotry and intolerance. Now, as president, he has failed a test of simple decency. He shames a nation that is far better than that.

Some Republicans showed they know better. Conservative Sen. Orrin Hatch tweeted simply, "My brother didn't give his life fighting Hitler for Nazi ideas to go unchallenged here at home." Sen. Marco Rubio spoke forcefully against the haters. Some Republicans even rebuked the president for his failure.

Decrying racism is necessary. Words are important, but actions are needed. Dr. Martin Luther King always warned against being satisfied with words: "Loose and easy language about equality, resonant resolutions about brotherhood fall pleasantly on the ear, but for the Negro, there is a credibility gap he cannot overlook. He remembers that with each modest advance the white population promptly

raises the argument that the Negro has come far enough. Each step forward accents an ever-present tendency to backlash."

The terrible church bombing in Birmingham was denounced, but King pushed us to keep our eyes on the demand for civil rights reform. The hoses and clubs of Selma were decried, but King kept his focus on pushing for the Voting Rights Act. Denouncing hatred is important, but we need to focus on who is prepared to act.

Gov. Terry McAuliffe of Virginia denounced the haters that terrorized Charlottesville, and did so with a record of action. As governor of a Southern state, he pushed for voting rights reforms. He called on his legislature to accept the expansion of Medicaid under Obamacare that would have provided health care to poor working people of all races. He personally signed some 200,000 clemency grants of those who had served their sentences so that they could regain the right to vote and be reintegrated into the political community. His denunciation was important; his actions even more so.

We applaud Republicans who, unlike Trump, call out the neo-Nazis and the Klansmen. But the measure of their sincerity is how they act. The Trump Department of Justice, under former Alabama Sen. Jefferson Beauregard Sessions, has moved consistently to reverse and weaken civil rights. He's turned away from reforming discriminatory practices of police departments, even as Trump has celebrated police brutality. He's turned civil rights

laws on their head, gearing up to investigate university affirmative action programs that allegedly discriminate against whites. He's backed off enforcement of the Voting Rights Act, which he has called "intrusive," opening the door to more efforts to suppress the vote.

Trump has pushed for a selective ban on Muslim travelers to the U.S., and he continues to prey on immigrants and posture on his "wall." The Republican Congress, with its push to strip millions of health insurance to pay for tax breaks for millionaires, and its budget plans to cut top-end taxes while gutting funding for education and for food and housing programs that support the most vulnerable, only adds to our entrenched injustice. The Republicans' actions speak much louder than their words.

America has come a long way from the horrors of slavery and segregation. We are a better people and a better country for that struggle. Yet, as Charlottesville revealed once more, hatred and racism still fester. Unprincipled politicians can still play on race and intolerance for their own purposes. Violent hate groups are literally on the march.

These must be denounced, even as we celebrate Heather Heyer and the forces of conscience. We must also act. A good response to Charlottesville would be a massive voting coalition to drive out the forces of division and push for a new era of reform. We must act, change the institutionalization of bias, protect and extend the right to vote, and fight to ensure equal justice and opportunity for all.

Trump Admin proposes slashing Affirmative Action benefitting marginalized groups

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League



"You do not wipe away the scars of centuries by saying: Now you are free to go where you want, and do as you desire, and choose the leaders you please. You do not take a person who, for years, has been hobbled by chains and liberate him, bring him up to the starting line of a race and then say, 'You are free to compete with all the others,' and still justly believe that you have been completely fair. Thus it is not enough just to open the gates of opportunity. All our citizens must have the ability to walk through those gates." – President Lyndon B. Johnson, commencement address at Howard University, "To Fulfill These Rights," June 4, 1965

In a perfect America founded and operating on colorblind meritocracy, admission to selective institutions of higher learning, boardrooms of Fortune 500 companies and access to federal contracts would be determined solely by ability, skill and talent, never having to take into consideration race or gender – and certainly never having to take into consideration a moral, national imperative to redress wrongs rooted in a long history of slavery, sexism, structural racism and prejudice. But as we all know, that is not the America we call home.

We live in an America that has (at some points more fervently than others), perpetually strived for the elusive ideals of freedom, liberty and justice – for all.

But as we collectively labor through the mud of inequality and the residue of injustice that disproportionately effects communities of color and women, it is at best cynical and at worst callous that the very federal agency charged with addressing the impact of discrimination on historically disadvantaged groups is now under the direction of Attorney General Jeff Sessions who is preparing to attack those laws, policies and guidelines.

According to a leaked memo, the Department of Justice is planning to redirect resources from its civil rights division to investigate and sue universities that use "intentional race-based discrimination" in their admissions process because of its purported negative effects on Asian-American applicants. But let's be clear, this is an attack on equality and education for marginalized groups.

This brazen, transparent, counterproductive assault on affirmative action, coupled with other proposed initiatives, would seal the door of opportunity shut for millions of Americans.

The Trump administration has proposed slashing the Department of Education's funding by over \$9 billion; withholding much needed federal money from high-poverty public schools; and reducing

funding for federal work-study and Pell Grants, making it harder for lower income and black and Hispanic students to afford higher education.

In a nation where education is the most effective tool most of us have to climb the American ladder of success, and is practically synonymous with opportunity and achievement, the executive branch of our government appears driven to keep those who can least afford it away from a quality education at all phases of schooling.

There are a lot of myths out there about affirmative action. The most prevalent one – the one that fires up the aggrieved Trump base – is that hordes of black and brown applicants are taking away opportunities rightfully earned by better-qualified white applicants. The truth is, according to the latest data, the primary beneficiaries of affirmative action have been white women. And though the administration insists it is motivated by a sense of fairness, no attention is being paid to the growing advantage socioeconomic and legacy status play in college admissions.

Like race or gender, many selective universities consider an applicant's legacy status as a factor in the admissions process, which puts students from marginalized, low-income and underrepresented communities at a distinct disadvantage.

A 2011 Chronicle of Higher Education study found that a legacy connection gave an applicant a 23.3 percentage point advantage over a non-legacy applicant. And applicants whose parent attended the school gained an average advantage close to 50 percentage points.

That our universities and workplaces review candidates through a race- and/or gender-conscious lens is an acknowledgement of the outsized role racism and sexism currently plays and has historically played in our nation's history.

The Supreme Court has ruled – time and again – that schools, in particular, have the right and "compelling interest" to use race in a limited way to achieve a diverse student body. The goal is not to disadvantage any group, but to recognize and attempt to remedy centuries of injustice.

The National Urban League unequivocally condemns any effort by the Department of Justice to undermine the still necessary role of affirmative action in college admissions, taking us back to a time when African Americans, women and other marginalized groups did not have equal and fair access to higher education or employment.

I look forward to the day when a man or woman will neither be preferred nor penalized based on gender, color or socioeconomic class. Perhaps affirmative action, as a lasting solution, is complex and imperfect, but so is the nation we call home.

Is poor a choice? Think again.

By Jay Hughes
State Representative, Dist. 12



Governor William Winter was correct when he said: "The only road out of poverty runs past the schoolhouse door." This still rings true today, since it is no secret that the poorest schools in Mississippi have the lowest graduation rates. Unfortunately, this does not stop some people from attacking the poor. They say: "Poor people are poor because they made bad choices," or, "They aren't trying hard enough." While those are convenient talking points, they are simply not true.

Having visited so many areas of our state, I can certainly say that Mississippians are great. However, my travels have also confirmed that those struggling the most in our state are actually the working poor. These are people that get up every single day, work tireless hours,

and yet must still deal with the daily challenges of trying to make ends meet. Living like this, day to day, leads to extreme anxiety, stress, and hopelessness.

Most surprising is how many of our neighbors with jobs live in houses without things we take for granted: Internet, cable, air conditioning, washers and dryers, dishwashers or microwaves. They sometimes even go to bed hungry so their children don't have to. These neighbors also suffer higher rates of sickness and addiction.

Appalachian author Joshua Wilkey recently wrote about his mother's life and death, which echo life experiences of my family and those I knew and have come to know. Wilkey notes that many people think that the only barriers to achievement are laziness and stupidity. That is simply not true.

Again, we are talking about the tens of thousands of people in our state that are the working poor. They do

work hard, yet are struggling just to get by, often working more than one job and a lot more than forty hours. Most poor people are not poor because they are inherently stupid, or lazy, or irresponsible. They are poor because of a severe lack of quality education, training, and real job opportunities, all of which doom them to a lifetime of perpetual hard work with little or no reward.

To understand our neighbors we must understand that many of them have broken minds, broken hearts, and broken homes. They do nothing more than survive, because that is all they have ever known.

Those of us who grew up poor and were able to escape it, know that we are the exception, not the rule. We understand that mental illness, poor health and addiction are symptoms of poverty rather than causes. This is difficult to understand for someone who has never gone to bed with hunger pains, never had

their electricity or water shut off, or never been unable to afford gas to get to work. And let's be honest: do we really expect children who are forced to grow up in this type of chaos to be able to break the cycle of poverty on their own?

We must try to find common ground so we can address the very real problems that keep us from improving the lives of every person in Mississippi. I believe that the only way to break the cycle of poverty is through quality education and training, and seeing our neighbors as people instead of stereotypes. This is not something that can be done before the next election. It is something that will take a generation. But it can happen. And it must happen. It starts with opening our eyes to the reality of our neighbor's struggle, and having the heart and courage to do something about it.

In the end, education is the single most powerful tool that can change Mississippi.

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Notice of Sale is hereby given in accordance with the Mississippi Statutes governing the sale of abandoned motor vehicles that the following vehicle will be sold for repair and storage charges and for costs of this sale.

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Date of Sale: September 1, 2017

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Jackson, Mississippi will host a public hearing to be held in the Andrew Jackson Conference Room of the Hood Building, 200 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201 at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. The City of Jackson has prepared a Facilities Plan for proposed improvements to the Savanna Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 3810 I-55 South, Jackson, MS. The Facilities Plan will be presented at the public hearing to explain the current facilities planning effort, the proposed improvements to be constructed, why the improvements are needed, environmental assessment of the proposed improvements, and the three phases of the proposed project. The first two phases will be constructed in 2018-2019 and are estimated to cost \$30,000,000. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the Facilities Plan, receive further suggestions and comments, and answer questions.

The City of Jackson will begin a public comment period on September 12, 2017. The comment period will allow citizens to review the Savanna Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities Plan and offer additional comments.

A copy of the Savanna Wastewater Treatment Plant Facilities Plan is available for review at the Eudora Welty Library. Written comments, suggestions, and questions may be submitted to Clyde Burnett at cburnett@ajaservices.com until October 12, 2017.

Jerriot Smash, Interim Director of Public Works

Terry Williamson, Legal Counsel

Dr. Robert Blaine, Acting Chief Administrative Officer

8/10/2017, 8/17/2017, 8/24/2017

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to Section 77-3-16 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, requesting names to be added to a list of contractors and suppliers qualified to perform contracts within the scope of proposed utility projects concerning construction, extension, and/or repair of electric public utility facilities for or on behalf of Entergy Mississippi, Inc. Names of qualified contractors or suppliers desiring to be added to such list may be submitted to supplierqualification@entergy.com.

Please include contact information, type of contractor or supplier and a description of qualifications. Questions Call 1-844-387-9675.

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ZONING CASE NO. 3977

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Billy McQueen has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C80-C2 (Limited) Commercial to C80-C3 (General) Commercial to allow for the operation of an automotive service and repair center on property located at 4665 Hwy 80 W., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

A. OLD BUSINESS

- NONE

B. NEW BUSINESS

1. CASE NO. 2017-24, REQUEST BY: CENTURY CONSTRUCTION/ HELM PLACE III, LLC (APPLICANT: STUART POVALL), TO CONSTRUCT UP TO 70 NEW HOMES FOR PHASE III OF HELM PLACE DEVELOPMENT AT MULTIPLE LOCATIONS, LOCATED IN THE FARISH STREET HISTORICAL DISTRICT.
2. CASE NO. 2017-29, REQUEST BY: BEVERLY AND DAVE FULCHER (APPLICANT: JOHN WEAVER) TO DEMOLISH A NON CONTRIBUTING NEW STORAGE BUILDING, AND ADD A TWO STORY BEDROOM AND PLAYROOM AT 1343 ST. MARY ST., LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORIC DISTRICT.
3. CASE NO. 2017-30, REQUEST BY: JENNIFER WELCH TO REMOVE BRITTLE VINYL SIDING AND REPLACE WITH 8.25" HARDIEPLANK AT 1107 BELLEVUE PLACE, LOCATED IN THE BELHAVEN HEIGHTS HISTORIC DISTRICT.

II. OTHER ITEMS

DISCUSSION

1. NOTICE OF PROPOSED RAILROAD COMMUNICATION TOWER BY GOLDER ASSOCIATES INC.
2. MR. WILLIAM MCCLAIN WOULD LIKE TO MAKE AN AMMENDMENT TO HIS ORIGINAL COA 2017-20 FOR 149 E COHEA ST.
3. JAYE COLEMAN TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSED DEMOLITIONS OF 1609 ST. ANN ST. AND 1925 LAUREL STREET IN THE BELHAVEN HISTORICAL DIST.
4. NEW COA FOR JOEL FYKE AT 1335 LINDEN PLACE TO ADD A DECK, LANSCAPING AND FENCE
5. CBRE REQUIRING INPUT ON ATT&T PROPOSED COLLOCATION OF ATTENNAS AT 6021 RIDGEWOOD ROAD.

III. ADJOURN

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FOR A REZONING

ZONING CASE NO. 3977

By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Billy McQueen has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C80-C2 (Limited) Commercial to C80-C3 (General) Commercial to allow for the operation of an automotive service and repair center on property located at 4665 Hwy 80 W., in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FOR A REZONING

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By virtue of and pursuant to the authority and direction of that Ordinance by the City Council of Jackson, Mississippi, appearing in Minute Book 3G at page 115 thereof, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in or in any way affected thereby, that Heather Brewer/ Timothy Rhone has filed with the Planning Board for the City of Jackson, an application requesting a Rezoning from C2 (Limited) Commercial to C3 (General) Commercial with a Use Permit to operate a tattoo & piercing salon in Suite 102 of the property located at 5731 Old Canton Rd. – Suite 102, in the First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, and being more particularly described as:

PARCEL I:

A certain parcel of land being part of Lot 2, Block K, Club Park, Part 2, as recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Missis-sippi in Plat Book 6, Page 17, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Lot 2, run thence Southeasterly along the line between Lots 2 and 3 a distance of 200 feet to the Southeast corner of Lot 2, said point being on the North right of way line of Old Canton Road and on a curve bearing to the right, having a Delta Angle of 15 degrees 25 minutes and a degree of curvature of 1 degree 02.4 minutes, turn thence right, and run Southwesterly along said curve a chord distance of 45 feet turn thence right and run Northwesterly and parallel to the said line between Lots 2 and 3 a distance of 103.2 feet, turn thence left 87 degrees 31 minutes and run Southwesterly 55 feet to a point on the line between Lots 1 and 2, turn thence right 90 degrees and run Northwesterly along said line between Lots 1 and 2 a distance of 95 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 2, turn thence right 88 degrees 55 minutes and run northeasterly 96.33 feet to the point of beginning.

ALSO:

Part of Lot 1, Block K, Club Park, Part 2, as recorded in the office of the Chan-cery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 6, Page 17 and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the Northeast Corner of said Lot 1 and run thence Southeast-erly along the line between Lots 1 and 2 a distance of 95 feet to an iron pin; thence turn right 90 degrees 00 minutes and run Southwesterly a distance of 10 feet to an iron pin; thence turn right and run Northwesterly and parallel to the line between Lots 1 and 2 a distance of 95 feet to an iron pin; thence turn right 88 degrees 55 minutes and run Northeasterly 10 feet to the point of the beginning.

PARCEL II:

An easement for sidewalk purposes as set forth in Book 2312 at Page 638, on, over and across the following described property, to-wit:

Part of Lots 1 and 2, Block K, Club Park, Part 2, as recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk at Jackson, Hinds County, Mississippi and in Plat Book 6 at Page 17, and more particularly described as follows to-wit:

Commence at the Northeast corner of said Lot 1 and run thence Southeast-erly along the line between lots 1 and 2, a distance of 95 feet to the Point of the Beginning; thence turn right 90 degrees and run Southwesterly a distance of 10 feet; then turn left 90 degrees and run Northeasterly a distance of 65 feet; thence turn left 92 degrees 29 minutes and run Northwesterly 7 feet; thence turn left 87 degrees 31 minutes and run Southwesterly 55 feet to the point of the beginning.

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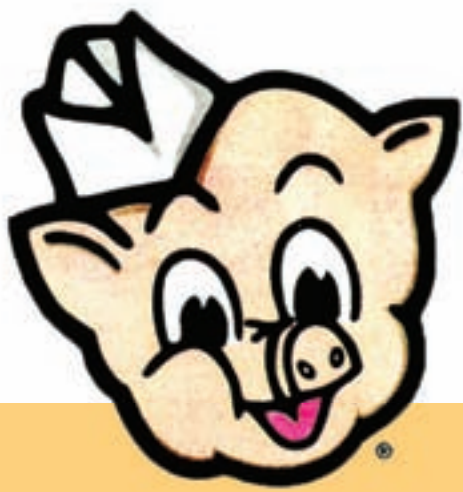
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