



Alcorn president named Commissioner of Higher Education



Rankins

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning appointed Alcorn State University President Alfred Rankins Jr. as commissioner of Higher Education at a meeting held earlier recently in Jackson. He will begin serving as commissioner July 1.

“Dr. Rankins has experience at both the system level and as a university president,” said Trustee C.D. Smith, president of the Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning. “In addition, he understands the important role higher education plays in our state and the lives of our students and their families. He also understands the challenges our universities face in today’s higher education landscape. He will provide excellent leadership to the university system.”

Named president of Alcorn State University March 4, 2014, Rankins is the 19th president of the university.

“It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as president of my alma mater,” said Rankins. “Alcorn State University is a special place that transforms lives and opens doors of opportunity for our students and the citizens we serve through research and outreach programs. My experiences at Alcorn will inform my decisions as commissioner, which will help me to serve all eight public universities in Mississippi as we work together to advance the system and the state.”

Alcorn State University is the nation’s oldest public land-grant HBCU. In addition to the Lorman campus, the

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Hundreds rally at Capitol for Head Start

By Othor Cain
Editor

To ensure everyone understands the significant impact Head Start has had and is still having on the state of Mississippi, advocates, lawmakers, parents, community leaders, students and friends gathered on the steps of the state capitol last week to raise their voices in collective praise.

A federal program that launched in 1965, Head Start serves children from birth to age five and focuses on language, literacy and social and emotional development for children from low-income families.

The program is federally funded but recently has faced stiff competition with the onset of federal and state funded Pre-K programs. Still, advocates and allies say the program is undaunted with its core mission and that the children of Mississippi are succeeding because of Head Start.

Nita Norphlet-Thompson, the executive director for the Mississippi Head Start Association, said the rally and press conference were organized in an effort to bring together advocates of Head Start to share evidence of the program’s effectiveness. “For more than half a century, Head Start has been a vital part of the early childhood landscape in Mississippi, preparing children and strengthening families,” Norphlet-Thompson said. “Statewide research proves that Head Start is helping children in Mississippi make significant gains in language development, literacy, physical development and math skills. Head Start is putting children on a lifelong path to success, and we’re here in Jackson today to make sure our lawmakers know that!”

One particular Head Start agency is having enormous success in Central Mississippi. Friends of Children of Mississippi, Inc. (FCM) under the leadership of its Executive Director Marvin Hogan. According to the FCM website, it is a highly efficient, team-based, non-profit human service organization. During the past 50 years, FCM has successfully served over 149,000 children and families.

This agency has expanded its scope of work and according to Norphlet-Thompson, they are equipping families to succeed and have created successful partnerships with job centers and workforce programs in Madison County. “Over the past 15 years, FCM has provided child care services for over 5,000 parents who were engaged in job training, early childhood

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Advocates of Head Start raise their voices and signs at downtown rally. PHOTOS BY OTHOR CAIN

Black Press Week: Publishing Truth to Empower

By Jackie Hampton
Publisher

Members of The National Newspaper Publishers Association came together March 14-16 in Washington D.C. to celebrate 191 Years of the Black Press, ‘Publishing Truth to Empower.’ Live streaming of many of the events throughout the four day celebration allowed viewers

to celebrate with the African-American publishers, editors, writers, photographers, sponsors, speakers and special guests from across the country to be a part of this birthday celebration held at the DuPont Circle Hotel.

Dorothy Leavell, chairman of NNPA reminded participants that Black Press Week is in commemoration of the first black

newspaper, ‘Freedom’s Journal’ which was founded March, 16, 1827. It is also a time in which NNPA honors individuals that have made significant contributions to the country in various areas.

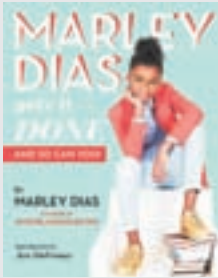
A welcome reception and the presentation of the NNPA 2018 Newsmaker of the Year award took place at the Rayburn House

Office Building Wednesday evening with music by the Earl Carter Trio.

Amelia Ashley-Ward, chairman of the NNPA Foundation, presented the Honorable Kamala Harris, United States Senator (D-CA) with the Newsmaker of the Year award. Harris is the second African-American woman and first South Asian-American

senator in history. She has spent a great deal of her life fighting injustice. Harris stated, “We are a great country but this is the moment in time we must fight for the best of who we are; we must fight for the meaning of those ideas that were behind the writing of the Constitution, and

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Linda Brown, symbol of landmark desegregation case, dies at 75

By Neil Gunslinger
Associated Press

Linda Brown, whose father objected when she was not allowed to attend an all-white school in her neighborhood and who thus came to symbolize one of the most transformative court proceedings in American history, the school desegregation case *Brown v. Board of Education*, died Sunday in Topeka, Kan. She was 75.

Her death was confirmed Monday by a spokesman for the Peaceful Rest Funeral Chapel in Topeka, which is handling her funeral arrangements. He did not specify the cause.

It is Brown's father, Oliver, whose name is attached to the famous case, although the suit that ended up in the United States Supreme Court actually represented a number of families in several states. In 1954, in a unanimous decision, the court ruled that segregated schools were inherently unequal. The decision upended decades' worth of educational practice, in the South and elsewhere, and its ramifications are still being felt.

Linda Brown was born Feb. 20, 1943, in Topeka to Leola and Oliver Brown, according to the funeral home. (Some sources say she was born in 1942.)

Cheryl Brown Henderson, Linda's sister and the founding president of the Brown Foundation, an educational organization devoted to the case, recalled her parents and others being recruited to press a test case.

"They were told, 'Find the



Linda Brown in 2004 during a 50th-anniversary commemoration of *Brown v. Board of Education* in Topeka, Kan.



Linda Brown in 1964 outside the Sumner School, which had denied her enrollment in 1950.

nearest white school to your home and take your child or children and a witness, and attempt to enroll in the fall, and then come back and tell us what happened," she said in a video interview for History NOW.

The neighborhood the family lived in was integrated.

"I played with children that were Spanish-American," Linda

Brown said in a 1985 interview. "I played with children that were white, children that were Indian, and black children in my neighborhood."

Nor were her parents dissatisfied with the black school she was attending. What upset Oliver Brown was the distance Linda had to travel to get to school – first a walk through a rail yard

and across a busy road, then a bus ride.

"When I first started the walk it was very frightening to me," she said, "and then when wintertime came, it was a very cold walk. I remember walking, tears freezing up on my face."

In an interview with The Miami Herald in 1987, she remembered the fateful day in Septem-

ber 1950 when her father took her to the Sumner School.

"It was a bright, sunny day and we walked briskly," she said, "and I remember getting to these great big steps."

The school told her father no, she could not be enrolled.

"I could tell something was wrong, and he came out and took me by the hand and we walked

back home," she said. "We walked even more briskly, and I could feel the tension being transferred from his hand to mine."

In its ruling, the Supreme Court threw out the prevailing "separate but equal" doctrine, which had allowed racial segregation in the schools as long as students of all races were afforded equal facilities.

"To separate them from others of similar age and qualifications solely because of their race," the court said, "generates a feeling of inferiority as to their status in the community that may affect their hearts and minds in a way unlikely ever to be undone."

By the time of the ruling, Brown was in an integrated junior high school. She later became an educational consultant and public speaker.

Her family was among several that reopened the original *Brown* case in 1979 to argue that the job of integration in Topeka remained incomplete. The case resulted in the opening of several magnet schools.

Brown was married several times. The funeral home said her survivors include a daughter, Kimberly Smith, although it did not have a complete list of survivors.

As for her role in the landmark case, Brown came to embrace it, if reluctantly.

"Sometimes it's a hassle," she told The Herald, "but it's still an honor."

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Under Rankins' leadership, Alcorn has strengthened its academic programs, improved campus infrastructure, initiated and completed major capital projects, increased fundraising and expanded its footprint as a premier comprehensive land grant HBCU. This past fall, Alcorn enrolled its largest freshman class in the history of the institution and the university has risen in national rankings. The university has established new academic programs and made important discoveries through its research.

The Mississippi Board of Trustees of State Institutions of Higher Learning governs the public universities in Mississippi, including Alcorn State University; Delta State University; Jackson State University; Mississippi State University including the Mississippi State University Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine; Mississippi University for Women; Mississippi Valley State University; the University of Mississippi including the University of Mississippi Medical Center and the University of Southern Mississippi.

The Honorable Barbara J. Lee (D-CA) was pre-

Rev. Dr. Amos C. Brown was presented the "Outstanding Leadership & Achievement Award" for over 60 Years in Civil Rights and the NAACP. Brown, a longtime social visionary and strategic promoter of freedom, justice and equality, was one of only eight students who took the only college class ever taught by Dr. Martin Lu-

- \$260 million for partial day, partial-year programs to extend the duration of their services to better meet the needs of working

At the rally last week, some members of the Mississippi Legislative Black Caucus were on hand to lend their voices in support of the work. “We stand with you today and will continue to stand with you because the work you do is important and extremely valuable to this state,” said State Representative Sonya Williams Barnes who serves as chairperson of the caucus and represents District 119.



It's a Family Affair



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"It's A Family Affair" was the theme of Homecoming 2017 at Jackson State University for the Barnes Family of Pascagoula, Miss.

The family has a legacy of Jackson State College (JSC) and Jackson State University (JSU) graduates, beginning with the Class of 1955 when Geraldine Barnes of Pascagoula graduated

until the Class of 2016 when Jonathan Louis Coleman, the grandson of Lenora Barnes Reed of Jackson, Miss., Class of 1957, graduated.

The other family members who graduated were in the Classes of '62, '64, '66, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '78, '79, '86, '87, '91, '92, '96, 2003, 2012, 2015, and 2016. "HAIL, HAIL, TO THEE."

Local sorority chapter encourages green lifestyle

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In partnership with The Home Depot, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc., Rho Lambda Omega Chapter, and the Ebony Pearls Foundation will host A Pretty Girl's Day. The theme for this workshop/service project is: By Any Greens Necessary: Going Green From The Inside Out.

A Pretty Girls Day Out will be held Saturday, April 21, 10 a.m. at the Home Depot located at 6325 I-55 North, Jackson. The deadline to register is April 16.

During the event, participants will learn how to go green within their bodies and within their homes.

Activities will include instructional learning and interactive demos. Topics will include: eco-friendly gardening and kitchen container gardening. Wholistic health consultant, Dr. Willie Bell, ND will discuss whole food, plant based vegan diets. Sorority members who've been vegan since February 18



will share the information regarding their vegan journey.

Refreshments will be provided by organic eatery, Crossroads Café.

The sorority has sponsored Pretty Girls Day Out since 2011. The workshop is free and open to ladies and men.

Please register at www.eventbrite.com.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Marilyn Reed at 601-624-3825.



Bunnies & Butterflies abound at Mississippi Children's Museum

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Join us for live bunnies, butterfly releases and spring celebrations in our beautiful garden spaces at the Mississippi Children's Museum

When: Saturday, March 31, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Where: Mississippi Children's Museum 2145 Museum Blvd. Jackson, MS 39202

What: Bunnies & Butterflies and all things spring will be celebrated at the Mississippi Children's Museum! Children will get to experience live bunnies up close, decorate and plant their own potted plants, and watch the release of newly emerged butterflies. Lots of hands-on crafts and

activities are planned for museum visitors including creating a unique set of bunny ears and whimsical insect wings, learning about the science of bubbles in our newly planted Pollinator's Garden, and imitating bunnies and butterflies through creative movement.

Bring your family and experience the magic of Bunnies & Butterflies at the MS Children's Museum! Event will take place indoors in the event of rain.

All activities are included in general admission (\$10 per person) and museum membership.

For more information, visit www.mschildrensmuseum.org.



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Flonzie Brown-Wright honored in MS House of Representatives



Pictured with Brown-Wright (center): Friends, family and Speaker of the House Philip Gunn, Representative Kathy Sykes, Representative Debra Gibbs and Representative Greg Snowden

Annual Women’s Day at Farish Street Baptist Church

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The Woman’s Missionary Society of the Historic Farish Street Baptist Church located at 619 North Farish Street will celebrate its 66th Annual Woman’s Day Program Sunday, April 22, at 11 a.m. “125 Years of Empowering and Celebrating Women of Faith” is the theme.

The guest speaker will be Juanita G. Floyd of the CREATE Foundation, vice-president of finance and administration.

Floyd is an inspirational and motivational speaker and has co-authored a children’s book entitled Summer of 1969.

For additional information, please contact Ivy Lovelady at 601.832.0289 or Juanita S. Brown at 601 918-5137.



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Mission First Legal Aid Office to hold free legal clinic at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church



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Mission First Legal Aid Office will hold a free legal clinic March 31 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church located at 903 West Pearl Street in Jackson. This clinic is designed to assist low income people with family law matters, including child support, visitation, name change and other simple civil legal matters.

Individuals interested in attending should call 601 608-0056 to register and schedule an appointment. The deadline to register is Thursday, March 29.

Volunteer lawyers will be available to assist self-represented litigants in reviewing,

drafting and correcting paperwork associated with the legal proceedings. Attorneys will explain the proceedings, provide general information and answer questions. The attorneys are not obligated to accompany clinic participants to court and file documents for them. The expectation is that individuals will be able to represent themselves in court.


Self-represented litigants often struggle to meet all of the requirements for properly drafted legal documents. If they come to the court for a hearing and their documents do not meet court requirements, their hearing have to be rescheduled. This clinic is designed to prevent that.

“I agree that it is important for a church to have a positive impact on the community around it. Through sponsoring the legal clinic, St. Mark’s can help local residents get assistance they need,” said Minister Elliott Gates of St. Mark’s Episcopal Church.


Those who wish to participate in the legal clinic cannot have annual incomes that exceed 200 percent of federal poverty guidelines. Individuals are encouraged to call to see if they qualify.

Clinic appointments are required and must be made by Thursday, March 29.

To register, contact Mission First Legal Aid Office at 601 608-0056.



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Kindergarten Roundup

Jackson Public Schools will have Kindergarten Roundup Day Friday, April 6, from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. All parents and their children who will be entering kindergarten in Jackson Public Schools for the 2018–2019 school year are invited to participate.

This event will give participants who currently attend local child care facilities, Head Start Centers and elementary schools in the city of Jackson a chance to experience a day in kindergarten in an elementary school setting.

JPS elementary schools will host Kindergarten Roundup Day events for the families in their area. All participants are welcome to dress as cowboys or cowgirls.

For more information call (601) 960-4002.

JPS teacher honored as 2018 mississippi art educator at national convention

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Moore

The National Art Education Association has named Renna Moore of Forest Hill High School to receive the 2018 Mississippi Art Educator Award. This award honors an outstanding member from each state or province association whose service and contribution to art education merits recognition and acclaim. The award was presented at the NAEA National Convention held March 22-24 in Seattle, WA.

“This award is being given to recognize excellence in professional accomplishment and service by a dedicated art educator,” said NAEA President Kim Huyler Defibaugh. “Renna Moore exemplifies the highly qualified art educators active in education today: leaders, teachers, students, scholars and advocates who give their best to their students and the profession.”

This award was first presented when Moore was honored as the Bill Poirier Art Educator of the Year by the Mississippi Art Education Association in the fall of 2017. It is the top award presented to art educators in the state.

Moore has been an art teacher at Forest Hill for four years and has been teaching for 13. She completed degrees in Art Education and Gifted Learn-

ing at Mississippi College. She has led the school’s art students to outstanding individual achievements. In 2018, 13 of her students were recognized with Scholastic Art Awards. For the past three years, one of her art students has been the overall state winner of the Youth Art Month competition.

NAEA is the professional association for art educators. Members include elementary, secondary, middle level and high school art teachers; university and college professors; education directors who oversee education in our nation’s fine art museums, administrators and supervisors who oversee art education in school districts, state departments of education, arts councils; and teaching artists throughout the United States and many foreign countries.

Forest Hill High School scholastic art winners

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Student-artists from Forest Hill High School were recognized as Scholastic Art Awards winners for 2018. The school had four Gold Key winners, five Silver Key winners and a number of Honorable Mentions.

Senior Brandon Miner received two regional Gold Key awards, one in photography for a work titled Proud and Bold in Monochromatic and one in mixed media for a work titled Speak, Hear, See. His mixed media piece has garnered a National Gold Medal. It will be on display in New York City in the month of June. As a National Medal winner, he and a guest will receive tickets to the National Ceremony at Carnegie Hall to be held June 7, 2018.

The works of the regional Gold Key winners were on exhibit at the Mississippi Museum of Art through March 25. An Honors Reception was held at the museum to celebrate the achievements of all of the student artists.

The Scholastic Awards presents three levels of regional awards for works submitted to local programs. The Gold Key is for the very best submissions. These works are automatically considered for national-level recognition. The Silver Key is given for stand-out works that demonstrate exceptional ability. Honorable Mention is awarded for accomplished works submitted to local programs showing great skill and potential.

The winners from Forest Hill are students of 2018 Mississippi Art Educator Renna Moore.

2018 Gold Key Winners

Brittany Bradley, 10, Moore, Painting, Tatu Kanya or Perplexed Beauty

Brandon Miner, 12, Moore, Photography, Proud and Bold in Monochromatic

Brandon Miner, 12, Moore, Mixed Media, Speak, Hear, and See

Ashley Thurman, 10, Moore, Photography, Innocence almost lost

2018 Silver Key Winners

Brittany Bradley, 10, Moore, Mixed Media, I Dream of Africa

Sondron Brown, 11, Moore, Drawing and Illustration, I turn toward the light

Michaela Jacobs, 10, Moore, Mixed Media, Connected

Antwion Leflore, 10, Moore, Mixed Media, Escaping from the Hive

Devinn White, 12, Moore, Editorial Cartoon, A Visit to the Violent Carnival

2018 Honorable Mention

Jordan Harper, 11, Moore, Painting, Watch Your Words

Antwion Leflore, 10, Moore, Drawing and Illustration, Lose the noise, embrace the color

Brandon Miner, 12, Moore, Art Portfolio, Beautiful Goddess

Brandon Miner, 12, Moore, Photography, Pondering and Curious

De’niha Smith, 12, Moore, Digital Art, You talk just like a white girl?

Kiara Thompson, 12, Moore, Mixed Media, Koi Adventure

Amber Wheat, 10, Moore, Mixed Media, African Sun

Brandon Minor of Forest Hill stands beside his National Gold Medal winning art piece on display at the Mississippi Museum Art.

Brittany Bradley, a 10th grader at Forest Hill, stands beside her Gold Key winner, Tatu Kanya.

Forest Hill 2018 Scholastic Art Awards winners

Multiplication challenge is a win-win for Walton

Mississippi Link Newswire

Are you smarter than Mountain Dew? Walton Elementary fourth graders answered that with a resounding “yes” as they faced employees from Brown Bottling Group for the ninth year of the school’s Multiplication Challenge. The event was held February 23 just before the start of state tests.

The school holds the event with Brown Bottling to boost students’ enthusiasm for math and help them prepare for upcoming state tests. It is a school-wide affair, with students from lower grades cheering on their school team.

“We find this is a great way to get students fired up about math, and the students take the



Walton fourth-grade students faced employees from Brown Bottling Group for the annual Multiplication Challenge held February 23 in the school’s auditorium.

tiplication Challenge. It drives them to really learn their multiplication facts in a fun way. Celebrating 30 years as a partner is a true testament of Brown Bottling and Walton’s commitment to collaborate and support the entire school community.”

Brown Bottling Group has been an adopt-a-school partner with Walton Elementary for more than 30 years. The company celebrated this milestone in September 2017 during its annual “Pete the Cate” book giveaway when it donated \$1,000 to the school.

At this year’s multiplication challenge, Brown Bottling presented another \$2,500 to the school for improvements to the auditorium.

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MDE announces 2018 State Teacher of the Year, Administrator of the Year finalists

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The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) announced this week the finalists for the 2018 Administrator of the Year and the 2018 Teacher of the Year.

The Mississippi Administrator of the Year program honors an administrator who demonstrates superior ability to inspire teachers, employs exemplary leadership practices and participates as an active member of the community. The recipient will receive a \$5,000 stipend and will share expertise through various presentations, professional development and activities for the improvement of education in the state.

Likewise, the Mississippi Teacher of the Year program recognizes exemplary teachers in the state. The award recipient will be asked to share expertise through various presentations, professional development and activities for the improvement of education. The recipient also will receive a \$5,000 stipend and will represent Mississippi in the National Teacher of the Year competition.

Mississippi's 2018 Administrator of the Year and the 2018 Teacher of the Year will be announced on April 13 beginning at 11 a.m., at the Old Capitol Inn in Jackson.

Administrator of the Year finalists:

Congressional District 1 finalist: Bradley Roberson, principal, Oxford High School, Oxford School District

Personal philosophy snapshot: Roberson believes that "the lives of young people and the well-being of their communities, state and country are too valuable for failure to be an option."

Congressional District 2 finalist: Kathleen Grigsby, principal, Davis Magnet Elementary School, Jackson Public School District

Personal philosophy snapshot: Grigsby believes that "educators must desire to reach and lead each child to his or her maximum potential through a whole child approach."

Congressional District 3 finalist: Charles Frazier, principal, Brandon High School, Rankin County School District

Personal philosophy snapshot: Frazier believes that "education is the foundation by which we build our successes in life and teaching is how we ensure the educational system is sustainable."

Congressional District 4 finalist: Howard Savage Jr., principal, Quitman High School, Quitman School District

Personal philosophy snapshot: Savage believes that "professional learning is essential to building capacity to improve student achievement."

Teacher of the Year finalists:

Congressional District 1 finalist: Whitney Drewrey, teacher, (3rd-5th grade Mild/Moderate and Severe/Profound students), Lafayette Upper Elementary School, Lafayette School District

Personal philosophy snapshot: Drewrey believes that "all students can learn if given the appropriate environment and they need to be nurtured in order to see growth."

Congressional District 2 finalist: Malaika Quarterman, teacher, (4th - 12th grade Theatre/Arts), Power Academic Performing Arts Complex (APAC), Jackson Public School District

Personal philosophy snapshot: Quarterman believes that "her mission for every class is to transform each scholar's book knowledge and understanding of academic material into a personal reflective work of art that will



Roberson



Grigsby



Frazier



Savage



Drewrey



Quarterman



Comer



Davis

fuel their desire to learn more."

Congressional District 3 finalist:

Jana Comer, teacher, (8th grade English/Language Arts), Brandon Middle School, Rankin County School District

Personal philosophy snapshot: Comer believes that "all students deserve a secure learning environment where the development of a growth mindset and the concept of being a lifelong learner are fostered."

Congressional District 4 finalist:

Leigh Ann Davis, teacher, (Middle School ICT II, Computer Discovery, and Science), Middle School of Poplarville, Poplarville School District

Personal philosophy snapshot: Davis believes that "as individual needs evolve, the students' ability to transfer independently between chosen assignments and assessments cultivates an atmosphere of relevance and student ownership."

High school students offered multiple pathways to graduation

By Rosemary G. Aultman

Chair, Mississippi State Board of Education



There are no exit exams required for graduation in Mississippi. Yet there seems to be confusion or simply mis-information that continues to persist around this topic. I'm hopeful this information will provide clarity around the issue of end-of-course assessments in high school.

The Mississippi Department of Education (MDE) administers assessments in four subject areas upon completion of the courses. Subject areas are algebra 1, biology 1, English II and U.S. history. Tests for mathematics, science and English are required by state and federal law. The U.S. history test is established by policy of the Mississippi State Board of Education (Board).

In 2013, state law required students to pass the end-of-course assessments in order to earn a diploma. However, that is no longer the case. In 2014, the board adopted a policy that provides alternate routes to graduation. Therefore, a passing score on each assessment is **not** the **sole** requirement for graduation in Mississippi. However more than 80 percent of high school students in the state meet graduation requirements by passing the end-of-course exams. The remaining 20 percent meet the requirements through an alternate pathway.

Because we realize that all students have academic strengths and weaknesses, providing multiples options for showing mastery has proven beneficial for the students. These options include scoring a 17 or better on the ACT in core areas of the college entrance exam, scoring C or better on college courses taken while in high school, and certain scores on military entrance of career technical exams.

As a result of providing multiple pathways to earn a diploma, and contrary to some mis-information, graduation rates have risen. In fact, Mississippi's graduation rate has reached an all-time high of 83 percent, just one point shy of the national rate of 84 percent. Since the policy change, drop-out rates have declined for the fourth consecutive year to 10.6 percent, down from 13.9 percent in 2014.

School districts across the state are working diligently to provide support for students who need additional help in order to receive a traditional diploma. Mississippi is being recognized nationally for the hard work taking place in classrooms across the state.

Every indicator the board and the MDE monitors is on the rise, from kindergarten readiness and literacy to student academic performance, and yes, graduation rates. We have set more rigorous learning standards which are comparable to many high performing states and we are reaping the benefits. And yes, progress is measured through challenging assessments at the end of course, but when students understand the expectations and are provided the support and resources, they will rise to meet those expectations.

The board and MDE will continue to set high goals but in doing so will also provide professional development to teachers and administrators to ensure the rigor in the classroom reflects the learning goals for the state.

If Mississippi's educational system is to reach its full potential of producing young people who can meet the challenges of college or a highly skilled job, we must continue to offer students multiple paths for reaching their full potential. Our state's future depends on it.

Hinds CC Phi Beta Lambda at JATC recognized by state chapter



Linda Pates and Phi Beta Lambda Club members

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The Phi Beta Lambda Club at the Hinds Community College Jackson Campus-Academic/Technical Center attended the Spring 2018 State Phi Beta Lambda Leadership Conference at Mississippi University for Women Feb. 21-23.

The club was presented with a \$750 check for having the largest increase in membership in the state. The club has 25 members for 2018-19, said Linda Pates, club advisor.

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Azariah Foster is SWAC athlete of the week

The next 10 universities in the National Science Foundation rankings were all large, predominately white institutions. The only other historically black university in the top 20 producers of African-American doctorates was Morgan State University, which solidified the 14th spot by awarding 113 doctorates to African Americans during the same span.

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Black cop involved in deadly shooting of unarmed Stephon Clark

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TriceEdneyWire.com

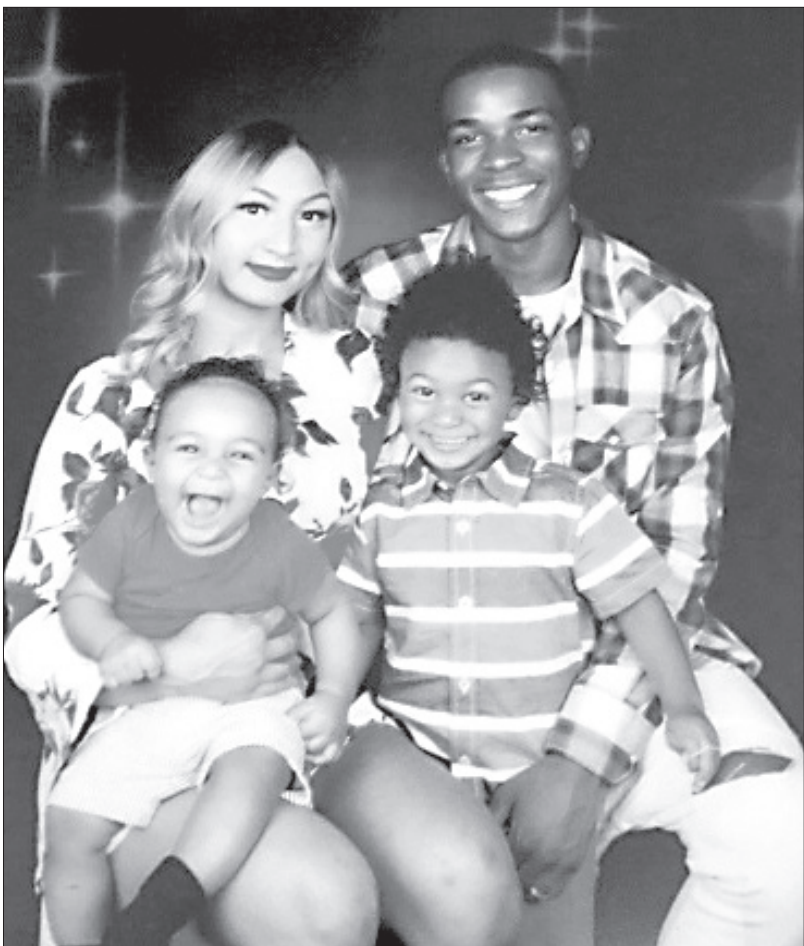
A black Sacramento, Calif., police officer and his partner shot to death a 22-year-old unarmed African-American man whose killing has sparked protests, more unanswered questions about deadly police shootings, the reliability of witness identification and whether the police killed the wrong man for a property crime.

The office of John Burris, a prominent civil rights attorney based in Oakland, California, Friday identified the officers as Jared Robinet and Terrence Mercadal. They have been assigned to desk duty, following the deadly shooting of Stephon Clark. Mercadal is black.

A protest march in the aftermath of the shooting shut down Interstate 5 and almost disrupted the game between the Sacramento Kings and the Atlanta Hawks. Angry protestors chanting Clark's name and "Black Lives Matter" also blocked Golden 1 Center's entrances, the Kings' home court. This forced employees to lock the doors, preventing most of the fans from getting inside. Nonetheless, a small number of fans did get inside, and the game went on though it was delayed. Sacramento won.

Vivek Ranadive, the Kings' majority owner, spoke to the crowd from center court after the game. Ranadive called for unity. NBA Hall of Famer Shaquille O'Neal also owns a piece of the Kings.

Sacramento residents were protesting the March 18 deadly shooting of Clark in his grandmother's backyard. The two police officers each fired 10 shots at Clark, claiming he was armed with a gun. He was holding only a cell phone. After the shooting, the police officers reloaded their guns and waited five minutes for other cops to arrive before administering CPR. The cops also switched off their microphones and body cameras.



Stephon Clark and family

Police were dispatched to the 7500 block of 29th Street after a caller claimed a man was breaking car and truck windows. The caller said the alleged thief was a man about 6'1" to 6' 3" inches tall and thin. He did not mention the person's race. The caller said the burglar was wearing a hooded sweatshirt with white dots and stripes on the front.

The Sacramento Sheriff's Department helicopter trailed the suspect in the air, leading police to Clark's grandmother's backyard where Robinet and Mercadal confronted him. Clark approached them with his cellphone in one hand. The cops started shooting, later claiming that they believed he was armed and that

they feared for their lives. Clark was wearing a hooded sweatshirt, with a "North Face" logo on its front. Clark's brother said Stephon was either 5'8" or 5'9." The right man or not?

On Wednesday, a reporter asked Sacramento Police Chief Daniel Hahn, who is black, if he believes Clark was the man neighbors reported was breaking car windows. "Do I believe he was the one based on what we know now? I believe that, yeah, but can we factually say it yet? No. But when and if we can, we will put that out," Hahn told The Sacramento Bee newspaper.

In the book "Chokehold: Policing Black Men," author Paul Butler points out that the most-common fear about



Clark

African-American men is that they are responsible for committing most crimes. "For young black men, this stereotype is so deeply entrenched that unless they affirmatively demonstrate they are not criminals, people assume they are," Butler wrote. For example, a white woman in Evanston, Illinois, near Chicago, saw a black man getting into a car. She called police and said he was trying to steal it. Four Evanston cops rushed the man, later identified as Lawrence Crosby, a Ph.D student at Northwestern University, and violently threw him to the ground. It was later learned that the 25-year-old Crosby was getting into his own car.

Butler added another surprising fact. Although most deadly shootings of black men by white cops receive a lot of media attention, studies show it is more likely for a black cop to shoot a black person.

A study by ProPublica, referenced in Butler's book, analyzed federal data from deadly shootings from 2010 to 2012. Seventy-eight percent of people African-American officers shot were black compared to 46 percent of the people killed by white cops.

The deadly shooting of Clark occurred in Sacramento where Advance Peace, a civic organization, and police have developed a unique program to reduce shootings and deadly shootings.

We must revive King's campaign against poverty

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



April 4 will mark the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., shot down on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee. At the time, we had come to Memphis to support striking sanitation workers seeking a living wage and a union. Dr. King was focused on organizing a Poor People's Campaign, an effort to bring people together across lines of race, religion and region to call on the country to address the grinding poverty of the day. Fifty years later, poverty remains unfinished business.

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In Memphis, according to the authoritative 2017 Memphis Poverty Fact Sheet compiled by Elena Delavega of the University of Memphis, nearly 27 percent of the population – more than one in four – is in poverty. A horrifying 45 percent of children live in poverty. They suffer from inadequate food, health care, insecure housing and impoverished schools. Poverty has been going up among all races, except for people over 65, protected a bit by the earned benefits of Social Security and Medicare.

Memphis is the poorest metropolitan area with a population over 1 million in the United States.

In the last years of his life, Dr. King turned his attention to the plague of war, poverty and continued racial injustice. He understood that the war on poverty had been lost in the jungles of Vietnam. The Civil Rights Movement had successfully eliminated legal segregation and won blacks the right to vote. Now it was time to turn to this unfinished business. We should not let the trauma of his death divorce us from the drama of his life; nor the riots that came in reaction to erase the agenda that he put forth for action.

Dr. King took up residency on Chicago's West Side in the summer of 1966, carrying his movement to the North. At the center of that agenda was a call grounded in the economic bill of rights that President Franklin D. Roosevelt put forth coming out of the Great Depression and World War II. Americans, he argued, had come to understand the need for a guarantee of basic opportunity: the right to a job at a living wage, the right to health care, to quality public education, to affordable housing, to a secure retirement. Now, 50 years later, we should revive Dr. King's mission, not simply honor his memory.

In the course of those years, African Americans have experienced much progress and many reversals. Over the last decades, blacks have suffered the ravages of mass incarceration and a racially biased criminal justice system. In 2008, African Americans suffered the largest loss of personal wealth in the mortgage crisis and financial collapse. Schools have been re-segregated as neighborhoods have grown more separated by race and class. New voter repression schemes have spread across the country. Gun violence wrecks the biggest toll among our poorest neighborhoods.

Through his life, Dr. King remained committed to non-violence. He sought to build an inter-racial coalition, openly disagreeing with those who championed black separatism or flirted with violence. He would have been overjoyed at the young men and women organizing the massive protests against gun violence, building a diverse movement, making the connection between the horror of school shootings in the suburbs and street shootings in our cities. And he would have been thrilled to see his 9-year-old granddaughter, Yolanda Renee King, rouse the crowd with her presence and her words: "My grandfather had a dream that his four little children would not be judged by the color of their skin, but the content of their character. I have a dream that enough is enough and this should be a gun-free world, period."

Now as we mark the 50th anniversary of his death, let us resurrect the mission of his life. Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland set the tone, when he announced that the city would offer grants to the 14 living strikers from that time, and establish a matching grant program to subsidize the retirement savings of active sanitation workers. He hopes to expand this to all city workers not covered by the public pension plan.

At the national level, we should act boldly. Social Security and Medicare have dramatically reduced poverty among the elderly. With a jobs-guarantee policy, a Medicare for All program, a \$15 minimum wage, debt-free college and affordable child care, we could slash poverty, open up opportunity and lift hope across the country. We have the resources; the only question is whether we have the will. That will take organizing, non-violent protests, voter registration and mobilization – a modern-day poor people's campaign. "We will not be silenced," said the young leaders at the March for Our Lives. That surely is a necessary first step.

Fifty years later, Fair Housing Act has failed to deliver full justice

By Charlene Crowell
NNPA News Wire Columnist



Although golden anniversaries are often considered milestone moments accompanied by festive celebrations, two such observances in April 2018 are bittersweet memories for much of black America. One took the life of an unparalleled preacher, orator, author, activist and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. The other marks the enactment of what many would argue is the strongest of the civil rights laws enacted during the 1960s: The Fair Housing Act.

As observances begin across the country, now is an appropriate time to recall how fair housing was a key issue for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. In fact, Chicago became his chosen battleground for fair housing, bringing a national spotlight to the multiple ills of segregated and sub-standard housing. In early 1966, Dr. King moved his family into one of the city's ghetto apartments to dramatize how people were forced to live.

On August 5, 1966 during a march through an all-white neighborhood, a riot exploded with racial taunts and hurled bricks. Remarking on the hostility encountered, Dr. King said, "I have seen many demonstrations in the South; but I have never seen anything so hostile and so hateful as I've seen here today."

By the time Dr. King's life was snuffed out by a sniper's bullet in Memphis April 4, 1968, the cause of fair housing was also on the minds of Congress. The same day Dr. King was martyred, the U.S. Senate passed a fair housing bill and sent it to the House of Representatives for further consideration. On April 10,



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Oval Office with President Lyndon B. Johnson

the House passed the measure.

With a signing ceremony the following day, April 11, President Lyndon B. Johnson's signature enacted a federal law that banned discrimination in the sale, rental and financing of housing. Legally, no longer could people be rejected due to their race, religion, or ethnicity.

In his remarks, President Johnson said in part, "With this bill, the voice of justice speaks again. It proclaims that fair housing for all – all human beings who live in this country – is now a part of the American way of life. We all know that the roots of injustice run deep."

Unfortunately, 50 years of legal roots supporting fair housing has failed to deliver full justice. For many blacks and other people of color, fair housing today remains just as elusive as it was in 1968.

A year-long analysis of 31 million records by the Center for Investigative Reporting found that:

The homeownership gap between blacks and whites is now wider than it was during the Jim Crow era. Another independent research report by the Economic Policy Institute found

that the difference in black homeownership between 1968 and 2018 is virtually the same – 41.1 percent (1968) compared to 41.2 percent (2018);

In 61 metro areas across the country, blacks were 2.7 times more likely than whites to be denied a conventional mortgage loan;

As the number of non-bank mortgage lenders rise, these businesses are not required to adhere to the Community Reinvestment Act that requires lending to low-income borrowers and in blighted areas.

Each year, the Center for Responsible Lending (CRL) releases an analysis of the annual Home Mortgage Disclosure Act, the most comprehensive mortgage lending report, and the only one that includes data on lending by race and ethnicity. CRL's most recent analysis found that in 2016, conventional mortgage lenders continue to serve white and wealthier borrowers. Despite broad support for large banks following the most recent housing crisis, blacks, Latinos and other borrowers of color are mostly accessing government-insured mortgage programs such as FHA or VA.

Even upper income blacks are over-represented in FHA.

In plain English, that means fewer banks offer mortgage loans to average Americans and talks about the future of mortgage lending fail to provide for greater access. Once again, the same communities that suffered the worst losses during the Great Recession remain at a financial disadvantage. Homeownership is still a solid wealth building block. As home values appreciate, financial gains are achieved. But for those shut out of these opportunities, the chance to safely build family wealth is denied.

Further, a recent report by CRL and the National Urban League analyzing a proposed draft of legislation from Senators Bob Corker (TN) and Mark Warner (VA) to reform the nation's housing finance system found it will harm access to affordable mortgage loans and the overall housing market. The proposal removes key affordability mechanism such as the broad duty to serve, including affordable housing goals. It also weakens fair lending enforcement under the Fair Housing Act by inserting business judgment protection for guarantors' decisions on access – despite the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that such claims are permissible under the Fair Housing Act.

Just as President Johnson stated 50 years ago, "We have come some of the way, not near all of it. There is much yet to do."

Despite the passage of a half century, our journey towards fair housing remains unfinished.

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MS House of Representatives holds to solid road plan

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Today, House leadership stood firm during negotiations with Senate leadership over an infrastructure bill.

Over the last few years, the House has consistently sought

ways to effectively address Mississippi's infrastructure needs. One of the primary goals of the House has been to assist local cities and counties by providing them real money for road and bridge repair and maintenance.

"We did not believe the proposal presented by the Senate resulted in real dollars to the cities and counties," said Speaker of the House Philip Gunn. "City and county leaders supported the House's efforts and were en-

couraged with the direction the house was moving. We believe our proposal actually met the needs put forth by the cities and counties, along with the state as a whole.

"The house refuses to adopt

a bill that does nothing to fully address the needs of cities and counties," he continued "I am proud of the house for being serious in its quest of finding a solution to the funding needs of our roads and bridges in Missis-

issippi. We will continue to work toward a solution we feel is both useful and real."

The house was able to secure \$50 million in bonds for the Local System Bridge Replacement and Rehabilitation Program.

Pastor Tanner opens Senate with prayer



Elder Nicholas Tanner (left), pastor of Collis Hill Church of Christ Holiness in Terry, delivered an opening prayer to the State Senate March 22, at the invitation of Senator David Blount, who led the Pledge of Allegiance before Lt. Governor Tate Reeves led lawmakers into the day's business.

Brandon C. Fisher of Jackson recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate



Brandon C. Fisher of Jackson recently served as a page for the Mississippi Senate. Pages generally run errands for officials and Senate staff. Brandon is pictured with Lt. Governor Tate Reeves, who sponsored his visit. Brandon is the son of Christopher and Grace Fisher and attends Murrah High School. When asked about the week, Brandon said, "The Senate is like your mom... it always watches over you."

Raymond Boys Basketball Team honored with HR 56



Representatives Jarvis Dortch, Deborah Dixon, Edward Blackmon and Greg Holloway presented the Raymond High School Boys Basketball Team with House Resolution 56 in the House Chamber March 22. The resolution commends the team for winning the 2018 MHSAA Class 4A State Basketball Championship.

First African-American female orthodontist commended



Representative Greg Holloway presented Dr. Chandra Minor of Hazlehurst with House Resolution 52 March 21, in the House Chamber. The resolution commends Dr. Minor for being the first African-American female orthodontist in the state of Mississippi.

The greatest invitation

PART 1

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



Jesus said in the latter part of John 10:10, “I am come that they might have life, and that they might

have it more abundantly (or in the fullest measure).” We read in Isaiah 55:1-2 these words, “Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? And your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness.”

Some individuals have said that if they could live in a different area, had a different spouse, had more money, could attend a different congregation, or had a different

pastor, then they would be contented and happy. However, that is not true. What they need to do is give up self and their own ideas and accept God’s way. Only then will they be fully contented, happy and fulfilled.

If you are unhappy, you need to be honest with yourself. The reason you are discontented and unhappy is that you are struggling with your own self-will. A child of God is truly contented, satisfied and fulfilled. Nothing in this world can satisfy the cravings of the soul. If you will not give up self, you are making yourself miserable and keeping yourself from being contented, fulfilled and happy with life.

Friend, you need to be honest. Are you truly happy? Most people today are not really honest. They blame this one or that one for their own unhappiness, but the real reason for it is their lack of submission to God and His will.

My friend, if you are in a congregation where truth is preached, yet you are unhappy with the congregation and your pastor, then you are hindering yourself from enjoying God’s blessings. If that is the case, you would not even be happy under Moses’ leadership, Jesus’ leadership or any one of the Apostles’ leadership. If you wrestle with your own thoughts and the thoughts of others, you need to give yourself to God; then you can enjoy life to its fullest.

There are things that you cannot buy with money. How rich is God? The Apostle Paul wrote in Philippians 4:19, “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” The God is the richest one in the world. We are unable to calculate how truly wealthy God is; there are not enough digits out there. God, through the Psalmist, said in Psalms 50:10-12, “For every beast of the forest is mine, and the cattle

upon a thousand hills. I know all the fowls of the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are mine. If I were hungry, I would not tell thee: for the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.” No bank in the world could hold all the riches that God possesses.

Jesus said in Luke 12:15. “...Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man’s life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.” Some of the wealthiest people in the world are the most discontented and dissatisfied. Happiness and contentment are not contingent upon worldly possessions. The things of this world cannot satisfy the soul.

Next week, Part II, “The Greatest Invitation”

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A spoonful of sugar

By Shewanda Riley
Columnist



“A spoonful of sugar helps the medicine go down...in a most delightful way” are lyrics from one of my favorite songs from the Mary Poppins movie soundtrack. Maybe it’s because I have a sweet tooth and believe that **everything** is better with chocolate but I’ve always thought there was an interesting truth in that phrase. I like the idea that adding a little something sweet to life can make even the most challenging situations tolerable.

Teaching college English gives me many opportunities to practice adding that little bit of “sugar” to some difficult situations. For example, there are times when I have to give constructive feedback on my students’ papers. The challenge is how to be truthful without “killing” their confidence in writing. I always try to find a way to show them grace and love as I make comments on their papers. One way I’ve done this is to grade their papers in purple ink instead of red ink. I think that seeing soothing purple instead of glaring red might help to soften the impact of my comments on their papers.

I also try the sandwich method that a co-worker shared with me about four years ago. Like a sandwich, I start with positive comments, add a constructive one, then finish with a positive one. I start with something good “like great opening sentence,” then add “this is a confusing, run on sentence” then finish with “you make some good points about your topic in your paper.” This way, I am speaking truth

about where they need to improve while, hopefully, building confidence in their writing.


In the past nine months, I’ve experienced deaths of loved ones, broken relationships and lost friendships. Those were some very hard truths to accept. However, what made this sometimes terribly bitter medicine easier to swallow were a few things: the support of friends and the wisdom in God’s word. Hebrews 13:5 reminds us that God will never leave us nor forsake us. That’s the unconditional love that we sometimes have a hard time accepting.

Sometimes I get it so wrong but I still believe that you can say just about any hard truth to someone as long as you say it the right way. Some people say that they are just “keepin’ it real” when really they are just “keepin’ it cruel.” My mama always says, “It’s never what you say, but how you say it.”

We should strive to put into action the words of Ephesians 4:15, “Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.” Jesus was the perfect example of one who showed how to speak truth while showing love. He started with God’s love, added the truth our need for redemption and topped it off with the ultimate sign of love for us: his death on the cross and resurrection.

Happy Resurrection weekend...celebrate Him because He lives!

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Bipartisan energy for HBCUs

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Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC) ain't nothing but the truth. From the time she was elected to Congress in 2014, she was committed to making a difference. One of her early acts was the founding of the Congressional Bipartisan HBCU Caucus, which she co-chairs with Alabama Republican Bradley Byrne. She has grown the caucus to a bipartisan, bicameral group of 74 members, including an array of Democratic Congressional Black Caucus members like Karen Bass (D-CA), Eddie Bernice Johnson (D-TX), GK Butterfield (D-MO), HBCU champion Jim Clyburn (D-SC), former Delta Sigma Theta Sorority President Marcia Fudge (D-OH), and many others. Many of the HBCU members aren't African-American or Democrat but understand the value of HBCUs, like Adams' fellow North Carolinian Mark Walker (R), Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO), Trent Kelly (R-MS), Jared Polis (D-CO), and others.

Adams has also attracted 13 senators, of both parties, to the HBCU Caucus, including Cory Booker (D-NJ), Richard Burr (R-NC) Tim Scott (R-SC), Kamala Harris (D-CA), David Perdue (R-GA) and others. Alma Adams has done an outstanding job in making the case for HBCUs with her colleagues.

I'm not surprised. Adams is a double dipping HBCU graduate, having earned an undergraduate degree and a master's degree from North Carolina A&T State University. (She earned her doctorate in art education and multicultural education from the Ohio State University). She spent nearly 40 years as a professor at Bennett College (she was a faculty member when I was president of Bennett), while simultaneously serving on the Greensboro City School Board, the Greensboro City Council, the North Carolina State Senate (and chair of the Legislative Black Caucus).

After she retired from Bennett College, she ran for Congress and prevailed through gerrymandering to be elected to a second term in 2016. Through it all, she has been a champion for HBCUs, using her platform through the North Carolina Legislature to provide scholarship opportunities for students and infrastructure provisions for campuses. Steele Hall, Bennett's art gallery, would not be there were it not for Adams' advocacy and her acumen for collaboration.

Now, as a member of Congress, she has assembled a coterie of HBCU advocates to lobby for HBCUs, even as higher education authorization is being considered. Between a breakfast sponsored by Lyft, a lunch sponsored by Intel, and a reception at Google headquarters, three hundred or so people, including members of Congress, HBCU presidents (I saw FAMU President Larry Robinson and the first woman to lead Bowie State University, Andrea Hawkins Breaux at lunch), and other stakeholders challenged themselves to think about ways HBCU can both attract more resources and prepare themselves for the evolving world economy.

They've thrown a gauntlet out

for HBCUs because too many are so busy replicating the PWI model of higher education that they've forgotten part of our original purpose.

HBCUs were founded to educate African-American people, but they were also founded to liberate us from the shackles of enslavement and economic disparity. This can be done both by educating professionals – lawyers, doctors, teachers, engineers, and the like, but also by preparing freedom fighters. In recent years, the focus has been more on the former than the latter.

Harvey and Nelms suggest that a “woke” HBCU has a curriculum that focuses on Afrocentric education, global education, and community education. While much of the conversation at the luncheon I attended focused on engineering and STEAM (with Oregon Democrat Suzanne Bonamici, STEAM Caucus co-chair focusing on the balance that comes when STEM is paired with the arts), one of the more poignant moments was Alabama Congresswoman Terri Sewell's plea for financial support for HBCUs as she lamented the projected closing of Selma's Concordia University at the end of this academic year.

Her plea made me wonder why there aren't more members of the Congressional HBCU Caucus. Every Southern Republican Senator ought to be HBCU advocates. Why? HBCUs are economic drivers for their states. They provide education, generate jobs, and are engines of local economic development.

While most African Americans are Democrats, few are indifferent to Republican support of HBCUs that is transformative. Instead, at about the same time that Congresswoman Adams' luncheon was taking place, Congresswoman Barbara Lee (D-CA) was forced to take Miseducation Secretary Betsey DeVoid (of good sense) to school for her apparent indifference to the racism that young black and brown students experience in school.

Regardless of political affiliation, everyone who spoke at the Adams/Intel luncheon was clear about the value that HBCUs bring to our nation, even as some made the case that HBCUs must step up with innovation, certificate programs, community college partnerships and more.

As Harvey and Nelms point out, there are many ways we can improve HBCUs, but we can't afford to lose them. Christian Josi, former executive director of the American Conservative Union and former board member of the Jesse Helms Center is alarmed at the frailty of our HBCUs. Lamenting the closing of Concordia University, he said, “Historically, culturally, morally, we have an obligation to ensure that our HBCUs thrive. If Concordia fails, it is on all of us.” Yet tragically, despite the energy of legislators like Adams, there are too many southern senators who are prepared to turn their backs on HBCUs.

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OPINION

The Obama leadership still matters

By E. Faye Williams
TriceEdney Newswire



President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama did not go into seclusion and act like the rest of the world did not exist or impact them. They have made very important appearances on issues and on occasions that really matter.

It was their last message that really shows what they are made of and they received the kind of praise due real leadership. They've been called America's favorite first couple. No sensible person could rightly disagree with that.

Just a few days ago, they sent a message of gratitude to the students in Florida as the students from Parkland and many other areas across the nation began their trip to the nation's capital to express their opinions on gun control and what should be done about it. They've brought on a true revolution on gun control. They've turned

around many politicians who were formerly immovable. They've been criticized by the usual suspects – but the good part is that the students are immovable in their position to make changes for their protection. They are rightly admired by many.

The Obamas have shown them what true adult leadership and first class look like in the following message:

“To the students of Parkland –

We wanted to let you know how inspired we have been by the resilience, resolve and solidarity that you have all shown in the wake of unspeakable tragedy.

Not only have you supported and comforted each other, but you've helped awaken the conscience of the nation, and challenged decision-makers to make the safety of our children the country's top priority.

Throughout our history, young people like you have led the way in making America better. There may be setbacks; you may sometimes feel like progress is too slow in coming. But we have no

doubt you are going to make an enormous difference in the days and years to come, and we will be there for you.”

Barack Obama
Michelle Obama

There is no way the current White House occupants could top that. My good friend, the late Dick Gregory, often reminded us that the only president and first lady young people today have ever known were Barack and Michelle. They inspired a lot of young people to want to go into politics or community service.

When #45 finally leaves the White House, we are going to need these same young people to show the world what America really looks like. They will have quite a job to do to untangle the sorry state of where #45 has taken us in a few months; but just like the young civil rights workers who braved painful water hoses, vicious dogs and evil bigots, I believe young people today are showing us they, too, are up to the challenge.

They grew up with eight years of inspiration and they

are showing a lot of adults who do or say nothing when they see wrong what it's like to be a leader. I am proud to say it was someone who looks like me who still is a great inspiration to all of us – especially to our young people.

By the time you read this, more than one half million young people and a lot of sensible adults will have marched on Washington and other locations around the nation to say that time is up for gun advocates who refuse to support sensible gun control.

A lot of individuals and groups will be actively registering new voters, and I have a feeling these young voters will have a lot to do with who represents them in the next city, county, state and national elections.

E. Faye Williams is national president of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc. and is host of WPFW 89.3 FM's radio program called Wake up and Stay Woke. 202 678-6788 www.nationalcongressbw.org.

March For Our Lives follows a venerable American tradition of student social activism

By Marc H. Morial
President and CEO
National Urban League



“By our readiness to allow arms to be purchased at will and fired at whim, by allowing our movie and television screens to teach our children that the hero is one who masters the art of shooting and the technique of killing, by allowing all these developments, we have created an atmosphere in which violence and hatred have become popular pastimes.” – Martin Luther King Jr.

When the nation's students march to protest gun violence in their schools, they are following in a proud tradition of student leadership in social justice in America.

By early May 1963, the series of civil rights protests known as the Birmingham Campaign had been ongoing for more than a month. National attention generated by Martin Luther King Jr.'s arrest

– which resulted in his Letter from a Birmingham Jail – had begun to fade. It was only when the children marched that America's attention would riveted, and stay riveted.

Images of school children – mostly teenagers, but some as young as 7 or 9 – attacked by dogs and blasted with firehoses dominated the front pages of newspapers and television news broadcasts. The Children's Crusade, as the student march was called, marked a stark turning point in Birmingham and galvanized the effort to pass the Civil Rights Act.

The Children's Crusade is among the best-known student acts of social activism, but was by no means the first. In 1924, students at Fisk University staged walkouts to protest efforts by its white president to steer the curriculum away from liberal arts toward industrial education. In the throes of the Great Depression, the American Youth Congress formed to advocate for young people and led to the estab-

lishment of the National Youth Administration jobs program.

The student activism of the 1960s helped bring about the end of the war in Vietnam, lowered the voting age to 18, and fueled the emerging movements for women and LGBTQ people. In the 1980s students successfully pressured their universities to divest from companies profiting from apartheid in South Africa. The rise of the internet has given socially-active young people a critical organizing tool, which they've used to elevate hashtags like #NeverAgain, #VoteThemOut and #MarchForOurLives.

The young people of the Urban League Movement, about 700 of whom are joining the march in Washington, D.C., are marching to end not only the epidemic of mass shootings in schools, but the plague of gun violence in our communities. In 2014, the year 12-year-old Tamir Rice was killed by police while playing with a toy gun, black people died at a rate of about 17 per

100,000 people, compared with 10 per 100,000 white people. Black men are 17 times more likely than white men to be shot and killed with guns. In 2012, the year Marissa Alexander was jailed for defending herself against her abuser, black women were murdered at a rate two-and-a-half times higher than their white counterparts; 56 percent of them by domestic partners or boyfriends and nearly 60 percent of them with guns.

With the committed help of our youngest Urban Leaguers, we will continue to fight for common-sense reforms like universal background checks, limits to magazine capacity, and muzzle speeds, keeping guns out of the hands of domestic abusers and a strong federal gun trafficking law.

The eyes of the nation are on the March For Our Lives, and our hearts are with the hundreds of Urban League youth who are marching and fighting for their own lives, not only in Washington, but in every community in the nation.

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McDonald's reinforces its commitment to the community through 12th Annual Inspiration Celebration Gospel Tour

The Mississippi Link Newswire

McDonald's USA announced the return of one of its staple events, the 12th annual Inspiration Celebration Gospel Tour. The longest-running, brand-owned gospel tour of its kind is back with an award-winning talent line-up sure to please fans nationwide. This free concert tour begins May 17 and runs until October 22.

The 2018 nationwide concert series appeals to a wide range of gospel music lovers with its lineup of award-winning talent, including urban contemporary gospel artist and preacher Deitrick Haddon, choir master Ricky Dillard, contemporary artists, JJ Hairston, LeAndria Johnson and Todd Dulaney, as well as hip-hop gospel artist Canton Jones.

The tour is just one way that McDonald's displays its commitment to changing for the better. In fact, for nearly 50 years, the National Black McDonald's Operators Association (NBMOA) has given back to the communities they serve by providing scholarships, donating time and money to local schools and hiring minority youth.

As with previous years, the tour will celebrate McDonald's continued devotion to Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®). At each stop, the national tour will raise a love offering to support families



served by the Charity. In just the last five years, the love offering has raised nearly \$800,000 to aid in helping families stay close when their children are ill, raising nearly a quarter of a million dollars in 2017 alone.

"The annual Inspiration Celebration Gospel Tour is so important to us as a brand. It allows us to further connect with the community as we empower

one another to make a difference," said McDonald's owner/operator, Hazel Smith. "Plus, we create a platform for our neighbors to join us in helping families stay close when their children are ill by raising donations for those served by local RMHC Chapters."

As a new part of the tour, McDonald's will award one HBCU college student with a

\$10,000 Thurgood Marshall College Fund Scholarship at a select tour stop during the tour. This is one of five scholarship McDonald's is sponsoring throughout the year. More information regarding the scholarships will be available on www.mcdonalds.com.

"It's a privilege to be part of the tour I've watched and admired over the years. McDonald's is doing something incredible by giving back to the community through a dynamic gospel tour. Getting behind this was a must," said JJ Hairston, an award-winning, first-time artist on the tour.

Legendary singer, songwriter and producer, Donald Lawrence will return as the tour's music director. Tour favorite, contemporary gospel artist and radio personality Lonnie Hunter resumes hosting duties. As always, all concerts are free of charge. Eager fans can visit www.365Black.com to secure tickets for any of the 12 stops.

Tour dates and locations include:

May 17 – Chicago, Apostolic Church of God

May 18 – Detroit, Greater Grace Temple

May 31 – Philadelphia, Enon Tabernacle Baptist Church East

June 1 – Washington, DC, City of Praise Family Ministries

June 8 – Raleigh, Wake Chapel Church

July 12 – Birmingham, Bill Harris Arena

July 13 – Atlanta, Word of Faith Family Worship Cathedral

August 9 – Memphis, Brown Baptist Church

August 10 – Jackson, Jackson Convention Complex

August 18 – New Orleans, TBD

August 31 – Dallas, The Potter's House

October 20 – Los Angeles, Taste of Soul Family Festival (TBD)

McDonald's Inspiration Celebration Gospel Tour is an extension of the brand's 365Black platform, an initiative that celebrates the pride, heritage and achievements of African Americans year-round. Dr Pepper® also returns as the tour's sponsor, showing its appreciation and commitment to the African-American community.

Visit www.365Black.com to learn more about the 12th annual tour and McDonald's scholarship opportunities. Follow @365Black on Twitter for tour updates and join the conversation using #365BlackGospel.

About McDonald's

McDonald's USA, LLC, serves a variety of menu options made with quality ingredients to approximately 27 million customers every day. Nearly 90 percent of McDonald's 14,000 U.S. restaurants are indepen-

dently owned and operated by businessmen and women. Customers can now log online for free at approximately 11,500 participating Wi-Fi enabled McDonald's U.S. restaurants. For more information, visit www.mcdonalds.com, or follow us on Twitter @365Black and Facebook www.facebook.com/mcdonalds. To learn more about the 365Black initiative, visit www.365Black.com.

About Ronald McDonald House Charities

Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®), is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation that creates, finds and supports programs that directly improve the health and well-being of children and their families. Through its global network of nearly 290 chapters in more than 64 countries and regions, and its three core programs: the Ronald McDonald House®, the Ronald McDonald Family Room® and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®, RMHC helps families with sick children stay together, and close to the medical care their child needs at leading hospitals worldwide. RMHC programs not only provide access to quality health care, they enable family-centered care ensuring families are fully supported and actively involved in their children's care.

For more information, visit rmhc.org.

Top Washington law firm opens Jackson office

Weisbrod Matteis & Copley deeply experienced in Mississippi insurance recovery

The Mississippi Link Newswire

Nationally acclaimed litigation boutique Weisbrod Matteis & Copley recently announced the opening of a new office in Jackson, Miss.

"I have personally spent a

good portion of the past decade litigating in Mississippi, so this feels like a natural move for our law firm," Weisbrod Matteis & Copley PLLC (WMC) Chairman Augie Matteis said. "With a large portion of our practice focused on insurance recovery after natural disasters, we will build a strong presence in coastal states beginning with this Mississippi investment."

WMC already leads major disaster-related litigations in Mississippi, like whistleblowers Cori and Kerri Rigsby, who

proved to a federal jury in Gulfport that State Farm committed fraud in handling claims after Hurricane Katrina. The case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, where the Rigsbys prevailed 8-0. WMC also represents the Attorney General of Mississippi in a number of cases in state court in Jackson that allege that various insurance companies defrauded the state after Katrina.

William Copley, who co-leads WMC's Mississippi litigations, notes the benefits of opening the

Jackson office: "WMC is very committed to serving our Mississippi clients and growing our practice in the state. Our Jackson lawyers are well positioned to provide even better service to our clients in Mississippi."

The new Jackson office will be the firm's second satellite office. WMC opened an office in Philadelphia in 2016.

WMC's Jackson office will be staffed with four attorneys: Chad Welch relocated from WMC's Washington, D.C. office; Missy Heidelberg joined

WMC from Watson Heidelberg PLLC; Jean Folsom joined WMC from Holland & Knight LLP; and Jan Gadow, who previously practiced law at Page Kruger & Holland, P.A., will join the new WMC office May 1.

About Weisbrod Matteis & Copley

Weisbrod Matteis & Copley is a nationally acclaimed litigation boutique and insurance recovery firm. It was named as one of only ten firms nationwide on the National Law Journal's

Litigation Boutique Hot List. WMC represents a wide array of plaintiffs in insurance recovery and other matters, including large private equity firms, Fortune 500 companies, the Attorney General of Mississippi, and more than 1,000 business and homeowners whose properties suffered flood damage from Hurricane Sandy and other disasters. Then new office will be located at 1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 203, Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157 and available at 601-966-1972.

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City of Jackson/Office of Transportation Annual Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal

In accordance with the regulations of the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), 49 CFR Part 26, the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation has created a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program. It is the policy of the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation to create a level playing field on which DBEs can complete fairly for USDOT assisted contracts, as defined in Part 26. In accordance to the required process and the latest Census Data, the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation proposes an annual overall DBE participation goal of 3.99 percent (3.99%). The City of Jackson/Office of Transportation will also impose project goals where applicable. The proposed overall goal and its rationale are available for inspection from 8 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday in the Office of Transportation for 30 days following the date of publication of this notice. Comments on the proposed annual goal will be accepted by the City of Jackson/Office of Transportation and USDOT's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Division 45 days from the date of publication of this notice. Comments should be directed to Christine F. Welch, Deputy Director of the Office of Transportation, at 1785 Highway 80 W, Jackson, MS 39204; the phone number is 601-960-1887.

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REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR JAN PERIMETER SERVICE ROAD REHABILITATION BY THE JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY JMAA PROJECT NUMBER: 003-18

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") requests Statements of Qualifications and Expressions of Interest (each, a "Statement of Qualifications") to provide design engineering services for construction of an approximately 5.4 mile perimeter service road at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN") to enable Authority-owned vehicles access to all areas of the airfield to support aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) functions.

JMAA will receive Statement of Qualifications to perform the Services at JMAA's administrative offices, Suite 300, Main Terminal Building, Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, Mississippi 39208, until 3:00 p.m. central time on Friday, May 4, 2018 (the "Deadline").

JMAA will not consider any Statement of Qualifications received after the Deadline for any reason whatsoever. Information for Respondents relating to this Request for Statement of Qualifications ("RFQ") is on file and open for public inspection at the offices of JMAA. The Information for Respondents contains a copy of the RFQ, General Information for Respondents, Information Required from Respondents, and Criteria for Selection.

Interested persons may obtain a copy of the Information for Respondents from JMAA by contacting Bonnie Spears, JMAA Procurement Specialist, as follows:

Jackson Municipal Airport Authority
100 International Drive, Suite 300 (39208)
Post Office Box 98109
Jackson, Mississippi 39298-8109
Attention: Bonnie Spears, Procurement Specialist
Telephone No.: (601) 939-5631, ext. 623
Facsimile No.: (601) 939-3713
E-Mail: bspears@jmaa.com

or from JMAA's website at www.jmaa.com/resources/rfprfb-center/.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Submission Conference at 1:00 p.m. central time on April 12, 2018, in the Community Room, 3rd Floor Mezzanine Level, at the Main Terminal Building at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport, 100 International Drive, Jackson, MS 39208. Attendance at the Pre-Submission Conference is highly recommended for all those interested in submitting a Statement of Qualifications as a Prime Consultant for the work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Consultant. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Consultant and Sub-Consultants, the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Submission Conference, the opportunity to received detailed scope related information from the project owner, and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Submission Conference.

Based on the Statement of Qualifications, JMAA will initiate negotiations with the Respondent ranked first on the list. If such negotiations fail to produce an agreement, in form and content, satisfactory to JMAA, within a reasonable period of time, then JMAA may reject the first-ranked Respondent.

In that event, JMAA will follow the same process with the other Respondents, in the order of their ranking, until a Respondent agrees to and enters into an agreement satisfactory to JMAA.

JMAA reserves the right to: (1) reject any and all Statement of Qualifications, for any reason, any time before execution of a contract with a Respondent selected by JMAA to perform the Services.

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 30% for the Services solicited by this RFQ.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY
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Advertisement for Bid
Bid 3069 - Roof Replacement for Davis Magnet Elementary School

Sealed, written formal bid proposals for the above bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office, 662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 10:00 A.M. (Local Prevailing Time) April 25, 2018, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read aloud. A Pre-Bid Conference concerning the project for Davis Magnet Elementary School will be held at 750 North Congress Street, Jackson, MS 39202, on April 10, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is non-mandatory but strongly suggested. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to reject any and all bids, to waive informalities, and to withhold the acceptance of any bid if approved for forty-five calendar days from the date bids are opened.

Plan holders are required to register and order bid documents at www.durrelldesigngroupplans.com. A \$100.00 nonrefundable deposit shall be required on each set of bid documents and must be purchased through the website. All plan holders are required to have a valid email address for registration. Questions regarding website registration and online orders please contact Plan House Printing, 607 W. Main Street, Tupelo, MS 38804, (662) 407-0193. Questions regarding bid documents please contact Durrell Design Group, PLLC, 500-G East Woodrow Wilson Ave., Jackson, MS 39216, Phone: 601-708-4788, Fax: 601-488-4717, Email: contact@durrelldesigngroup.com

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THE RESTROOM IMPROVEMENTS
AT THE
JACKSON-MEDGAR WILEY EVERS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
(JMAA PROJECT NO. 007-17)

The Jackson Municipal Airport Authority ("JMAA") will receive sealed bids at the Jackson- Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport ("JAN"), Main Terminal Building, Suite 300, in the City of Jackson, Rankin County, Mississippi, until 2:00 p.m. central time on April 27, 2018 (the "Bid Deadline"), for construction and related services in connection with the Upper Terminal Roadway Rehabilitation at the Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport (the "Work").

JMAA will publicly open and read aloud all bids at 2:05 p.m. central time on April 27, 2018 (the "Bid Opening"), in the Staff Conference Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN.

The outside or exterior of each bid envelope or container of the bid must be marked with the Bidder's company name and Mississippi Certificate of Responsibility Number and with the wording: "Restroom Improvements at JAN, JMAA Project No. 007-17." Bid proposals, amendments to bids, or requests for withdrawal of bids received by JMAA after the Bid Deadline will not be considered for any cause whatsoever. JMAA invites Bidders and their authorized representatives to be present at the Bid Opening.

JMAA will award the Work to the Lowest and Best most responsive and responsible Bidder as determined by JMAA in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Information for Bidders. The Information for Bidders contains, among other things, a copy of this Advertisement for Bids, Instructions to Bidders and an Agreement to be executed by JMAA and the lowest and most responsive and responsible Bidder. Any Addendums issued clarifying and/or changing plans and specifications; clarifying and/or changing instructions in the Instruction to Bidders; and/or answering questions in relation to the Instructions to Bidders, including plans and specifications, shall become part of the Information for Bidders. Plans and specifications related to the Work are considered part of the Agreement.

The Information for Bidders, including plans and specifications, is on file and open for public inspection at JAN at the following address:

Jackson-Medgar Wiley Evers International Airport
Suite 300, Main Terminal Building
100 International Drive
Jackson, Mississippi 39208
Telephone: (601) 939-5631 ext. 662
Facsimile: (601) 939-3713
Attention: Deuntagus Herndon, Procurement Specialist

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Notice of Sale
Abandoned Vehicle

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 cost of this sale.

2000 Chevy Imp – 2G1WF55E6Y9125363
Registered to Hargrave, Shanice A.
Pioneer Credit Company, Inc., Lien Holder
Date of Sale: April 13, 2018
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services;
6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

Sellers reserve the right to bid on the above property and to reject any and all bids.

Time: 10:00 A.M.
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A copy of the Bid Documents (including plans and specifications for the Work) may be obtained upon payment of a \$250.00 refundable fee per set. Bid documents must be returned to the printer in useable condition no later than thirty (30) days after opening of Bids for purchase cost to be refunded. The Engineer for this Project reserves the right to determine quality of plans upon return. Payment for the bid documents is to be in the form of a company or cashier's check made payable to AJA Management & Technical Services, Inc. The check may be presented upon pick-up of the Bid Documents at the following address or may be mailed to the following address:

AJA Management & Technical Services, Inc.
912 North West Street
Jackson, MS 39202
Telephone: (601) 352-6800
Facsimile: (601) 352-6807
Email: ajenkins@ajaservices.com

Bid Documents may be picked up or shipped to the person making the request. Documents will not be distributed or mailed, however, until payment is received.

JMAA will hold a Pre-Bid Conference at 10:00 a.m. central time on April 4, 2018 in the Community Room, Third Floor of the Main Terminal Building at JAN. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Conference is highly encouraged for all those interested in submitting bids as a Prime Contractor for the Work and persons seeking opportunities to provide work as a Sub-Contractor. The benefits of attendance include networking opportunities between Prime Contractors and Sub-Contractors, as well as the opportunity to be on a list of contacts that will be published to interested parties as part of the minutes from the Pre-Bid Conference; review of the plans and specifications; and a site visit of the area covered in the scope of work. No site visits will be scheduled other than the one provided during the Pre-Bid conference.

JMAA reserves the right to amend the plans and specifications for the Work by Addendum issued before the Bid Deadline; to reject any and all bids; to waive informalities in the bidding process; and to hold and examine bids for up to ninety (90) days before awarding the Contract to perform the Work.

If it becomes necessary to revise any aspect of this Request for Bids or to provide additional information to Bidders, JMAA will issue one or more Addenda by posting on JMAA's website (www.jmaa.com/resources/rfprfb-center/JMAA) will also endeavor to deliver a copy of each Addendum, to all persons on record with JMAA as receiving a copy of the Information for Bidders, via email.

JMAA has established a DBE participation goal of 23% for the Work solicited by this RFB.

JACKSON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY

DATE: March 21, 2018 /s/ Carl D. Newman, A.A. E.
Carl D. Newman, A.A. E., Chief Executive Officer

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2007 Toyota Camry 4T1BE46K38U791991
Registered to Matthew Nelson
Dealer Funding, Lien Holder
Date of Sale: April 13, 2018
Place of Sale: Archie Towing Services;
6700 Medgar Evers Blvd., Jackson, MS 39213

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Time: 10:00 A.M.
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Georgetown Area, Call Lee Lockett, 601-982-7934

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HINDS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE
ADOPTION OF THE MINOR CHILD
NAME HEREIN

CAUSE ACTION NO. AD 2018-11147 0/3

TO: THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF A
African-American Female child born on
November 25, 2014 at Central Mississippi Medical
Central in Jackson, Mississippi to a
Twenty-five (25) year old African American female,
An adult resident citizen of Hinds County, Mississippi

You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Shuntel
and Emmorita G. Sanders who is seeking Petition for Adoption.

THE Petition which has been filed in this matter is important and you
must take immediate action to protect your rights, if any.

You are summoned to appear and defend against said complaint or petition at
9:00 O'clock A.M. on the 2nd day of May 2018, in the courtroom of the Hinds
County Chancery Courthouse at Jackson, Mississippi, before Honorable De-
nise Owens. In case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment may be
entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the complaint
or petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if
you desire. If you file an Answer or other pleading, you are required to mail or
hand-deliver a copy to the attorney for the Petitioners, Damon R. Stevenson,
1010 North West Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, 769-251-0207.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 21st day of March, 2018.

Eddie Jean Carr, Clerk of Hinds County, Mississippi
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Advertisement for RFP

RFP 2018-02 District Benchmark and
Formative Assessment Services

Sealed, written formal rfp proposals for the above rfp will be received by the
Board of Trustees of the Jackson Public School District, in the Business Office,
662 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi, until 3:30 P.M. (Local Prevail-
ing Time) April 27, 2018, at which time and place they will be publicly opened
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Alison Kruse

A spirited tete-a-tete with New Jersey's best undiscovered artist

By Kam Williams
Columnist

In Classical music circles, they call to a kid with promise a prodigy. In Rock & Roll, the buzz is about the best unsigned bands. In Hollywood, they like to refer to an emerging young actress as an ingenue.

But I don't know if anybody ever coined a term for an up-and-coming painter with great potential. But if they did, that's what they'd be calling Alison Kruse, New Jersey's best kept secret. Until now.

Born and raised in Princeton, Alison's comes from a long line of Canadian artists. She ventured north of the border to get her BFA from Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario.

Her haunting paintings strikes this critic as heavily influenced by such masters as Edward Hopper, Andrew Wyeth and Edvard Munch. But she certainly has developed a unique style of her own reflecting a combination wisdom and talent carefully cultivated over many years.

Here, the unassuming, undiscovered artist talks about her life's calling.

Kam Williams: Hi Alison, thanks for the interview.

Alison Kruse: Thank you for having me, Kam.

KW: What is your earliest childhood memory?

AK: I remember going on car trips and being in the back seat with my sister and being snuggled into ten different blankets. I don't know how old I was, I just remember taking note how cozy I was.

KW: How old were you when you started painting?

AK: I can't tell you when I started painting. Maybe 4? I was more into drawing when I was young. I started drawing before I could talk. I was super into drawing sleeping people. And I learned how to oil paint when I was 11.

KW: Was there a particular moment in your formative years that inspired you to become an artist?

AK: I've been extremely lucky to have multiple moments. My mom started taking me to Philadelphia's, Princeton University's and other museums when I was a toddler. She loves art and is an artist herself. My grandmother was also an artist and encouraged me, too. So, at an early age, I was able to identify different painters and movements: Classical Realism, Impressionism, Cubism, Abstract, Art Deco, etcetera.

I started taking classes with Heather Barros, a Princeton artist, very early on, and she gave me a lot of confidence and introduced me to oil paint. And in my senior year of high school, I studied with John Kavalos who shared his boundless insights into the art world and inspired me to work hard at my craft and to and take art seriously.

KW: When I look at your paintings, I see the shadows of Edward Hopper and the angst of Edvard Munch. And I also see something new. How would you describe your work?

AK: Wow! Thanks, Kam. I would describe my work as emotional. It's very expressive and, although I'm experimenting with different styles, the undertone is always filled with some type of intense emotion.

KW: Who is your favorite artist?

AK: Currently, Cecily Brown and Lou Ros.

KW: What inspires you besides art?

AK: Film and entertainment. A good film inspires me because storytelling triggers my imagination. When I watch a movie, I'm especially noticing the color palate and tone. If I weren't a painter I would want to be working in the film industry because I'm so fascinated by moving pictures. With

my art, I want to transport you to a different place or make you feel an emotion, which is the same as what a great film does.

KW: What will you be doing in France?

AK: I'm going to a creative residency. I'll have two weeks of uninterrupted time where I can focus on my art and cultivating new ideas. I've devoted this year to traveling and this one will be my third residency.

KW: What was the last book you read?

AK: "The Tipping Point" by Malcom Gladwell.

KW: When do you feel the most content?

AK: At my easel.

KW: When you look in the mirror, what do you see?

AK: Dry skin.

KW: If you could have one wish instantly granted, what would that be for?

AK: Reversing climate change.

KW: Is there any question no one has ever asked you, that you wish someone would?

AK: Will you marry me? Just kidding.

KW: What was the last song you listened to?

AK: "Lemon Glow" by Beach House.

KW: If you could have a superpower, which one would you choose?

AK: Teleportation.

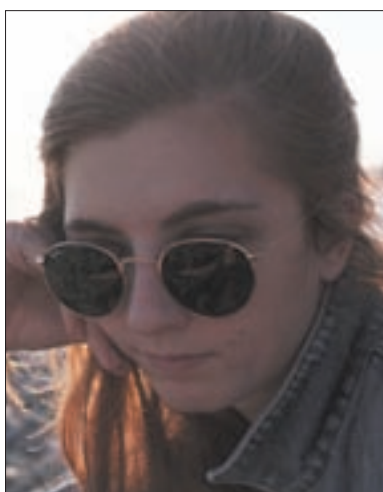
KW: Finally, as Samuel L. Jackson asks: What's in your wallet?

AK: An ID, a library card, credit, debit card, a Small World punch card and my health insurance card.

KW: Thanks again for the time, Alison, and have fun in France.

AK: My pleasure, Kam!

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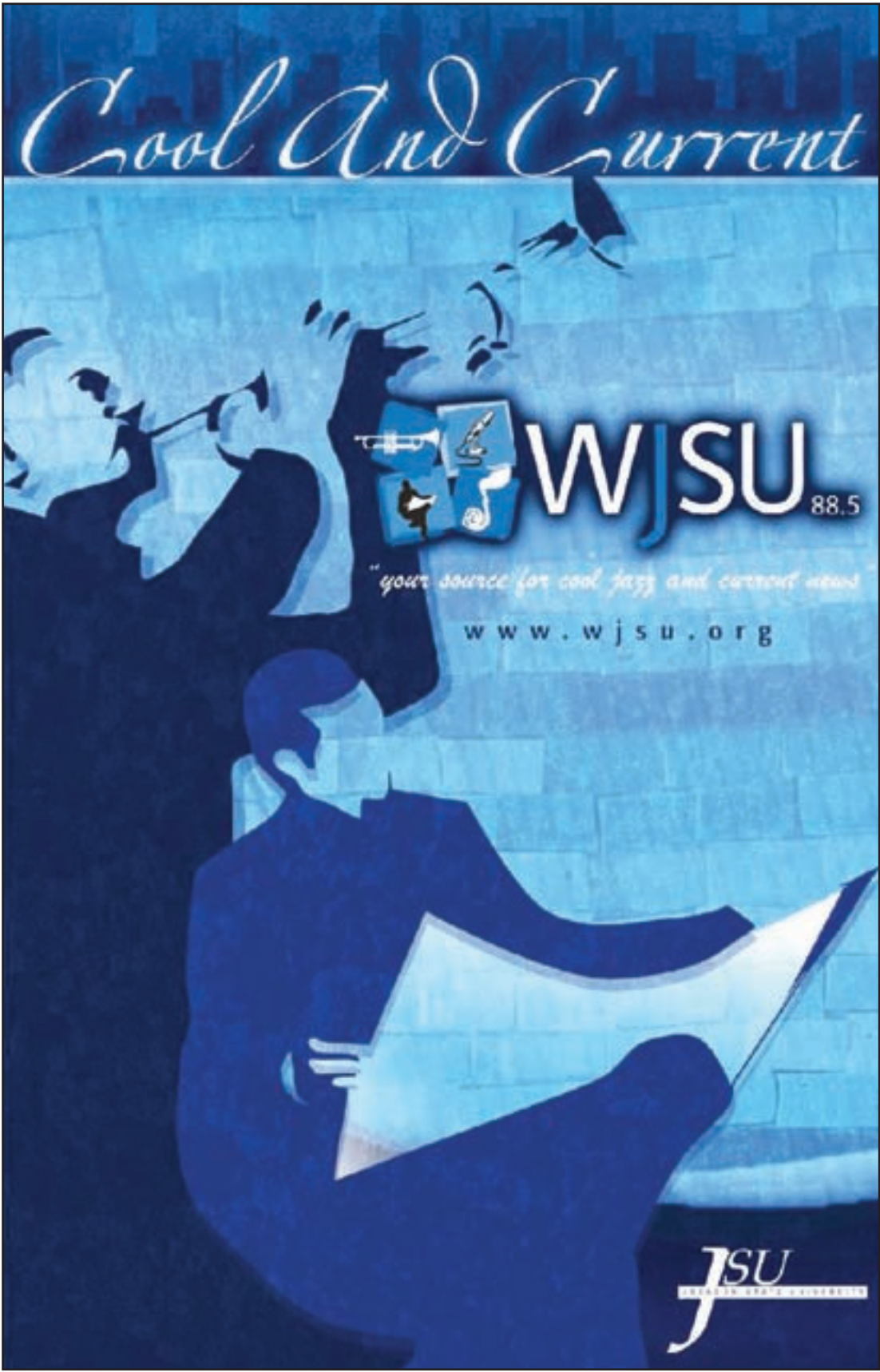
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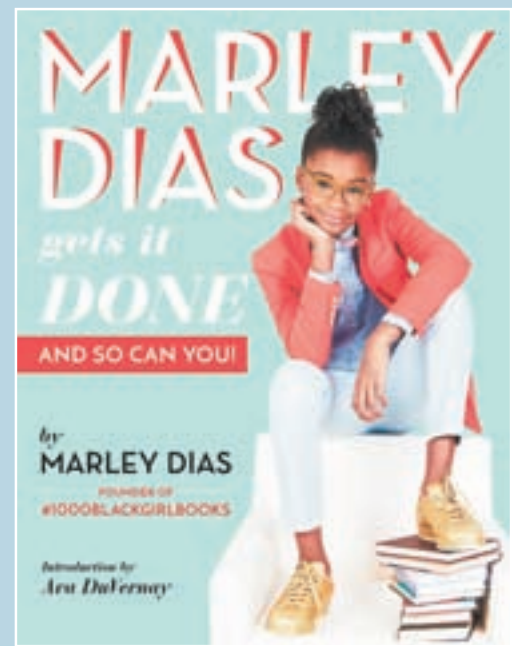


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By Terri Schlichenmeyer
Columnist

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It all started with a stack of pancakes.

Marley Dias and her mother were having breakfast one after-

noon, when Marley's Mom asked what one thing Marley would change in the coming new year.

It happened after Marley just had finished "a ridiculously amazing book" that "opened a whole new world..." That, and a required-reading list that was badly lacking in diversity led her to say that she would change how "classic" books are viewed in schools. To be exact, schools needed more black girl books on their shelves.

"How can educators expect kids to love, instead of dread, reading," she asks, "when they

never see themselves in the stories they're forced to read?"

And so, with the help of her parents, Marley created a hashtag (#1000blackgirlbooks) to match the idea she'd envisioned: to collect and donate to schools and libraries a thousand books featuring black girls in the stories.

Her parents started using the hashtag on their social media accounts and it spread. And spread, and soon, Marley's campaign really took off. By now, she's collected well beyond her original goal of 1000 books, and she's donated them all.

But there's more to this book, as you'll see by "the very last word: You!" Yes, you can make change, and the first step is "get woke." Look around: what are the biggest issues facing your community and how can you be the activist that's needed?

Then, learn to listen and respect others' thoughts. "Start small," says Marley, and "Pace yourself." Tell people about what you hope to accomplish and find your tribe. Ask your parents, teachers, and other trusted adults for help and counsel, please.

And finally, educate yourself by

reading. If you don't know what to read, ask. Librarians, says Marley, are "super-helpful partners."

Although the claim is that it's really, really not a memoir, "Marley Dias Gets It Done and So Can You!" is a memoir. But that's okay – its life-story theme doesn't detract one bit from the bubbly can-do attitude that oozes from its pages.

As we've seen lately, kids can make change and author Marley Dias is a great activist ambassador for that. Readers will not only get advice on getting involved,

they'll also get chipper, gossipy information that make Dias approachable, like any normal teen.

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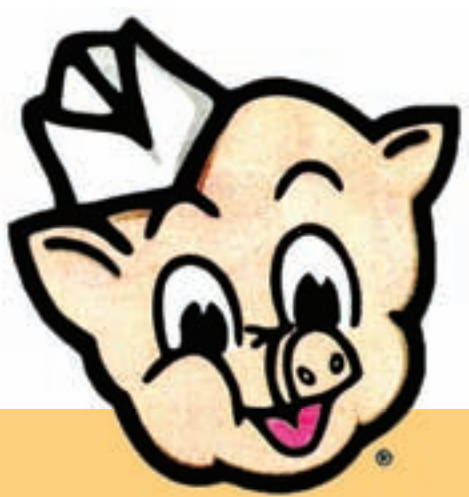
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